

Windy City Woodturners

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Welcome to 2021, we made it! 2020 is in the books, it's done, completed, "outta here", history, OVER!

I imagine that I am not the only one who has taken the time to review, remember and reflect on 2020 this week. Personally, I am extremely thankful for 2020, (which you may think is strange because it was possibly the worst year of my life). As I reviewed (and in some ways relived the year) certainly my personal losses, CoVid-19 and the political climate are front and center points but each of these has also shown me many, many blessings (all of you for example)!

I expect that many of you are wondering when things will return to "normal" or maybe you are settling in to what many are calling our "new normal". I have decided that I don't want my "old" normal back. I want to raise the bar and I'm going to encourage all of you to do the same. I mean, why not? We made it through what has been described as the worst year in recent history! We have a hobby that allows us to keep busy while we are safe at home. Almost all of us have had trees and/or branches come down during the storms this last year. Problem? Nope,



thanks to woodturning, we can look at this as a blessing, we have a ready supply of materials to use (even if small sized, it's free and available). We have been forced to social distance. Sure, but this too can be looked at as a blessing. We have used our collective creativity to find new and different ways to connect with people. In fact, we may actually be keeping in touch with family & friends more often (and even meeting new friends). Thanks to woodturning, and the wonder of the internet, many of us have learned new skills. Many of us have been forced to slow down — what's not good about that? We now have time to reconnect with those that matter most to us (and while this can be stressful, it is a blessing). We're getting back to the basics. You know, making shavings for the sake of making shavings. Do you remember when you first started woodturning? Standing at the lathe, waiting for that beautiful ribbon of curls to start when you found that sweet spot with the gouge? It's kinda like being a kid again (except now, when I end up standing in a pile of greenwood shavings up to my knees, I have to deal with the inevitable shavings in my socks rather than mom — but still...totally worth it!)

It takes volunteers giving of their time and talents to run this club. There are a lot of moving parts that need to fit together. Windy City Woodturners have been blessed with very talented and able volunteer leaders. Our leadership team have been good stewards so, our club is financially strong. Sometimes, like last year, we face challenges that require creating new ways of doing things. Our team met the challenge and I know we are all thankful for their efforts.

Specifically, thank you to our retiring club president, Jason Clark. Jason has given many things to this club, endless hours of his "spare" time; boundless energy; sharing his leadership abilities; doing many monthly demonstrations; always promoting safety and good tool techniques; upgrading our in-person audio system; hosting the monthly zoom meetings and so much more. Jason will be a big part of the leadership team as past president and I look forward to working with him. Thanks also to Pete D'Attomo - former Vice President who has been responsible for (among other things), a stellar line up of monthly demonstrators and recruiting people to do the monthly critique. Pete also led a committee to review the club by-laws this past year which will be presented in the coming months. He has assisted several members' families with estate sales and always has a smile ready to lift spirits. Thank you to Nick Page who has been the club treasurer and membership coordinator for years. (Footnote – if you haven't renewed your membership yet look for Nick's note in this newsletter for where to send your dues and if you need incentive). Thanks to Nick, we have accurate financial records of past club activities and you get discounts at local vendors just by showing the membership card that Nick prepares! Thank you to Mark Dreyer, club secretary. He has kept detailed records, written/edited newsletters, offered stellar input in board meetings, done demos, and even revamped our club website this past year. Thanks also to our supporting team of volunteers including Raffle Chairman, Rich Nye; the AV team of Mark Jundanian & Bob Bergstrom; Librarian, Rich Hall Reppen; Events Coordinator, Don Johnston; Photographer, Dave Burk and past webmaster Rich Rohrback.

This team has worked well together and I know with their help the new board will have continued success running this club. That said, we have more challenges to face in the coming months and there will be positions to fill. I will be asking others to assist this year so that we can spread the responsibilities out a little and allow everyone the opportunity to help make this club even better! Many hands make for light work.

I have many exciting ideas to try during this New Year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your next club President. I look forward to virtually seeing all of you at our first meeting of 2021 on January 19th which will be held via Zoom. Until then, get to your lathes and turn something to represent the blessings of 2020 in your life. I look forward to seeing your projects.

Marie



2021 Dues Are Due

- Remember That Your Dues Are Due For 2021
- If You Have Not Paid Yet
 - Individual Dues Are \$25
 - Family Membership \$40
- Make out checks for 2021 dues made out to Windy City Woodturners
- Send them as follows:

Nick Page 670 Welch St Gilberts IL. 60136

2021 Dues Are Due – From Nick

- It has been a tough year for all clubs so as a thank you for renewing your membership before the January 19th club meeting, anyone who renews before the meeting will have their name included in a drawing and have the opportunity to win a priceless work of wood-turned art by your new club president. As she says, it's priceless because she refused to put a price on it."
- Fellow Club Members, we as a wood turning club have a lot of things coming up this year that will benefit your wood turning.
 - Virtual meetings and demos by Zoom,
 - meetings at the Lisle Park District when they open the doors
 - Manufacturers and Suppliers Demos of product.
- Therefore, I am asking you to continue your membership for 2021.
- Send a check made out to Windy City Wood Turners and send it to

Nick Page, Treasurer 670 Welch St Gilberts IL. 60136

December Meeting - Michael Alguire



November Meeting - Marie Anderson

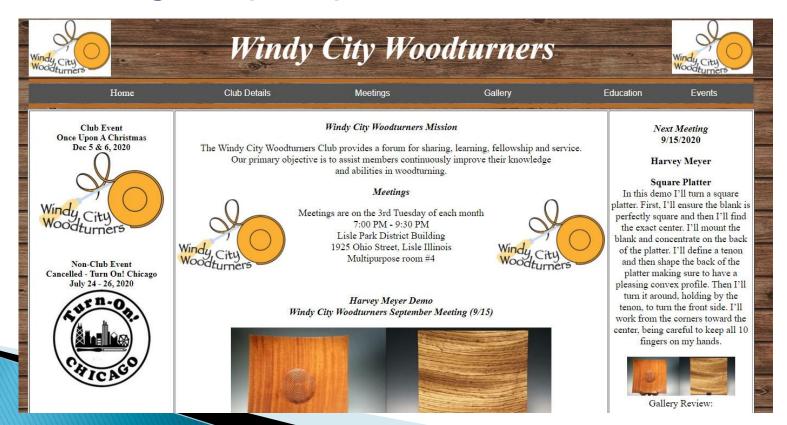
Small Piece – Excellent Demo





New WCWT Website

- windycitywoodturners.com
- Your comments are welcome
- Contact: mg_dreyer@yahoo.com



Newsletter Needs Your Help

 If you are involved in any demos, activities, or events that you would like to share with the group - please let me know

- We need
 - The activity / event
 - Location
 - Dates and time
 - Brief description
- Send this to mg_dreyer@yahoo.com and I promise I will get it in the next newsletter

WCWT - The Basics

- Next Meeting: January 19, 2021 (Virtual)
- Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
- > 7:00 PM 9:30 PM
- ZOOM Get the app (https://zoom.us/download)
- Lisle Park District Building
 - 1925 Ohio Street
 - Multipurpose Room #4



Call For Demonstrators



- Want to help out?
- Tell the world (or at least the club) about your talent and adventures?
- Maybe just what you have learned recently?
- WE NEED YOUR HELP VOLUNTEER TO DEMO
- Contact
 - Mark Dreyer I will forward to Nate

This Is Your Club – Please Help Out

Events You Should Know About





Live Online Event

Betty Scarpino Design and Inspiration for Woodturners

Saturday, January 23, 2021 - 3 p.m. Eastern Time

Kickstart your creative approach! Join us online for an extraordinary conversation with the remarkable Betty Scarpino, AAW Honorary Lifetime Member and acclaimed woodturning artist. Moderated by Cindy Drozda.

Betty will offer an in-depth exploration into woodturning design using a fastpaced PowerPoint presentation. From beginner to advanced, there will be inspiration for everyone.

- · Hear about ingrained concepts and pushing boundaries.
- Learn about the deconstruction process and how using this method can make additional design variations possible.
- Find out how to evaluate the success of surface design and embellishment combinations, from subtle to outrageous.

Cost: \$15 (\$10 for AAW Members)

Registration: Open thru Friday, January 22, at noon ET.

More information and to register, visit http://tiny.cc/AAWMasterSeries











WIT Presents – February

- WIT Presents: Sally Burnett
- The date will be February 20th and registration will be open about 2 weeks before the event.



PenMakers International MPG

- April 24 and 25 Virtual Symposium
- Registration Begins Next Week
- ▶ \$35 All In
 - 15 Demonstrators
 - Dozens Of Extra Videos
 - Vendors
- All videos pre-recorded and available for 30 days after

A Masters Degree In Pen Making



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- Using The NeJe Laser
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- Turning Using Carbide Tools
- Sales And Marketing
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- Beall Pen Wizard
- Using a 3D Printer In Pen Making
- From Beginner To Professional In 90 Minutes
- Pen Kit Modifications
- Turning a Closed End All Wood Executive Pen Using a Grabber Mandrel
- Color Casting

2021 WCWT - Officers

President – Marie Anderson danmar12@yahoo.com

Vice-President - Nathan Wick nwick@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer - Nick Page nicklpage@sbcglobal.net

Secretary/Editor - Mark Dreyer mg_dreyer@yahoo.com



WCWT 2021 Committee Volunteers

Photography - Dave Burke

Photograph club activities and events and make those photos available for the monthly presentation, club newsletter, email, website, and other forms of communication. Help maintain the club photo roster.



Webmaster -Rich Rohrback

Develop/maintain/update WCWT website and domain. Demonstrator schedule, photos, newsletter and other updates as required. If you have interest in this position please let us know.



Events- Don Johnston

Help coordinate and organize club events and activities including but not limited to Depot days, Once upon a Christmas, Rockler/Woodcraft events, ornament turning. Seek out opportunities for the club to further our mission to promote and educate the public about WCWT and woodturning in general.



WCWT 2020 Committee Volunteers

Raffle– Richard Nye

Source wood, tools, and woodturning related accessories from various sources including donations, discounts, and purchases to be used for the monthly raffle. Raffle tickets are sold at the beginning of each meeting and items are raffled off at the middle of the meeting. Proceeds from the raffle go back to the club to offset club expenses and to fund the raffle itself. Certain item(s) may require multiple months of selling tickets in order to cover the costs of the item(s) and provide adequate profit to the club. Receipts for items that have been purchased are expected to be provided to the treasurer whenever possible so that the purchases can be balanced against the raffle line item in the budget.



► A/V – Bob Bergstrom/Mark Jundanian

Research and make recommendations on audio/video decisions and purchases based on the club needs, bearing in mind possible future uses including remote video purchases and the ability to record demonstrations. Setup and run audio and video equipment at club meetings and presentations. Projector, screen, cameras, audio, and software. Recommendations should account for capabilities now and in the future, budget, and storage limitations.



Library- Rich Hall-Reppen

Organize and maintain the club's stock of books, magazines, DVDs, and other materials. Maintain records of items that have been borrowed by club members. Source additional/replacement materials for the library within the budget assigned. Provide relevant article about available library material for monthly newsletter.





20 Years of Turning Pens

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TURNING NATURAL EDGE BOWLS CLEANLY

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Ideas with Inside Out Turnings with Andy Kuby

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Turning a hollowed Christmas ornament with...

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Duel Bowl Gouge Cuts

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Inside Out Ornaments with Andy Kuby

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Turning a inlay in a inlay in a inlay

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TURNING A BOX WORTH ITS "SALT"

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Easy Finish for Pens, Bottle Stoppers and Boxes

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Easy threading of boxes and lids

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Designing and Turning Plates and Platters

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Dick Sing talks about his Sing Finishes

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Bowl turning 101with Jason Clark

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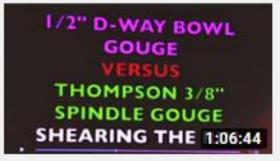
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