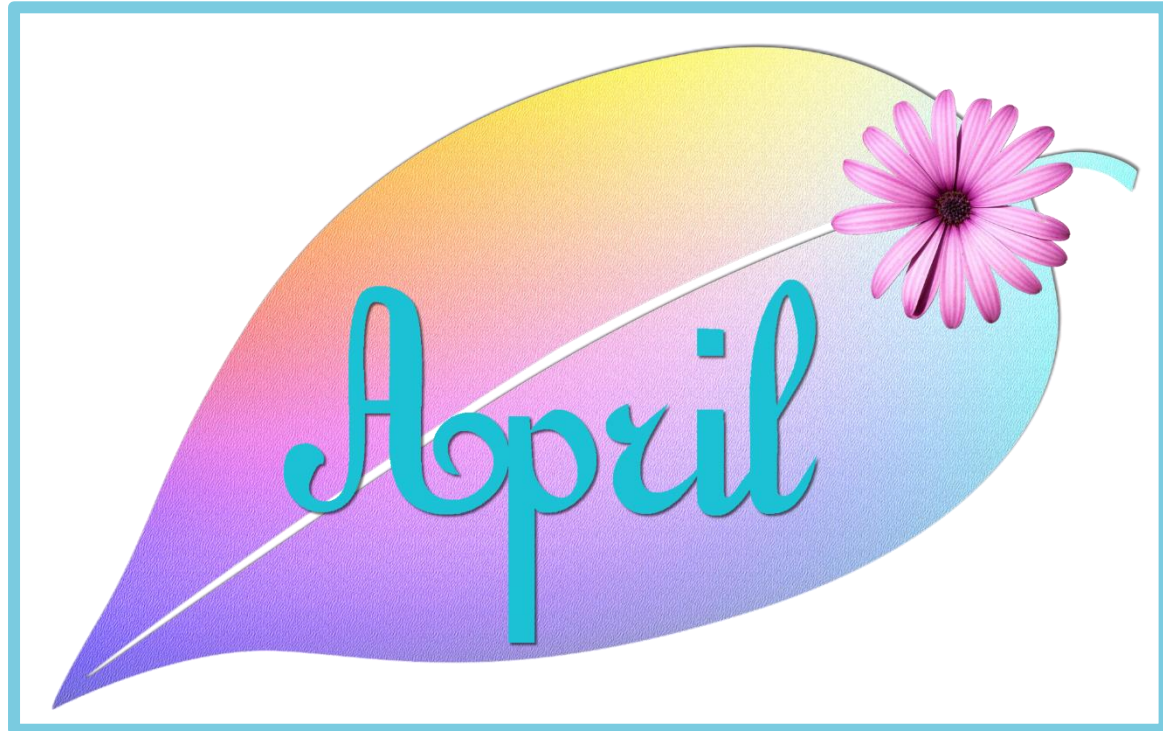


Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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April Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

*St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1313 N. Mill Street,
Naperville, IL 60453.*

*Doors open by 6:15 - 6:30 pm, so swing by early to
help set-up. Hope to see you all!*

CAUTION

The music students regularly cross the driveway near the church building in the parking lot.

EVERYONE PLEASE OBEY THE STOP SIGN (!) NEAR THE BUILDING AS YOU ENTER

Let's keep everyone safe!

The April Meeting will feature Al Miotke as the demonstrator. Al will be discussing the different finishes available for your woodturned pieces.

Details next page.....Not to be missed!



WCWT ENTRANCE - LOWER-LEVEL

**PARKING IS IN THE BACK
LOWER-LEVEL PARKING LOT**

1313 N Mill St, Naperville, IL 60563

April Mtg. Presentation

Al Miotke will be the presenter at the April meeting. Al is a former President of the Chicago Woodturners and currently President of the Segmented Woodturners, a chapter of the AAW.

Al's demonstration, at our April meeting, is titled: **Finishing Like a Pro**



Al Miotke

Finishing Like a Pro

The countless number of finishing products on the market can be very confusing. During this demo Al will take some of the mystery out of what is available and discuss some of the pro's and con's of each. There will also be a discussion on finding the right finish for your specific project, preparing the surface for your chosen finish, and getting to the smooth, silky finish that is pleasant to touch. Finally, Al will explain the process he likes to use to put a higher gloss finish on some of his pieces (photo at right).

Everyone has their favorite finish so be ready to share what you like to use and why.



President's Message

Mark Dreyer



April 2024 - Presidents Message

I sincerely hope the club is bringing you the same great value as it has me for years. When I offered to help out, I wanted to make sure I would be working with the leadership team and the members to keep the club enjoyable and something we all look forward to each month. I hope you can see that the leadership team is taking to heart the direction we set forth in January at my first meeting and we are meeting the expectations you set forth for us. This is a two-way street meaning my only ask is that you let us know where you want to see the club go, the demos, and the group activities. Let us know what you are doing and is there anything we can work on together. On that note I hope you continue the group conversation at the beginning of each meeting. It is literally my favorite part of the meeting. One thing I bring from my previous professional career is that I have no issue with bringing up ideas that any of us had and looking for the group to refine them. For that I thank you and hope we continue the meeting with this same pattern (and I have a goal to get everyone to talk – so be ready).

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Message From Our President (cont.)

My first order of business in this letter is the need to thank last month's demonstrator – Dick Sing for his journey through wood turning. As a side note I “really” met Dick a few years back when I started the pen makers Saturday club about five years ago. I had seen him many times before, but we never really spoke. When he came to the meeting I thought “what could I possibly teach him or entertain him with” at my meeting. I soon realized he was there to share. As mentioned in the open paragraph, that was the perfect fit. Thanks, Dick, for always sharing your knowledge and helpfulness. The club and the members appreciate it. And the same goes for all the demos we had this year – Don, Nathan, Bruce – we thank you,

I am excited for the next few months of demos as we move back and forth from non-members to members and back and forth. This month it is Al Miotke – Finish Your Turning Like A Pro. Al is a great demo and will also be demoing at the AAW in a few months. Glad we could get him. Then John Underhill on stabilization, our own Rich Nye might pitch a new topic (I hope someone gets my humor albeit slightly left-handed humor), and then Kurt Wolf-Klammer to end the next quarter.

All great demonstrators and I am happy Nate was able to secure such talent.

So, a couple of follow ups from the last meeting. I will be contacting the volunteers in the next week to start the picnic and Christmas talks. We will keep you up to date on our progress – but please remember this is your club so get us any ideas you have. I want these to be great family events. Also, I had a few more volunteers for the September “Turn Around And See Something Else” night. This will be fun. If you have a topic you want to see or even someone you want me to approach just let me or our team know. This will be new, so I really need your help.

Overall, I hope the year has been good to you, but with the weather cracking and the season peeking at summer (I know, I know as I wrote this it is literally snowing) it is time to get out into the shop and turning. Marie is going to make sure we have a fun and educational challenge. There are a few symposiums to take in. And most importantly I view the club as a way to inspire you to “take your turn” and show us something.

This summer is going to be fun...

Mark



March Meeting Recap

President Mark Dreyer called the meeting to order.

Mark mentioned Al Miotke will be the demonstrator at the April Mtg. and he reviewed the demonstrator schedule for 2024. It is being proposed that the September mtg. have a few different topics with multiple presenters. Some suggested topics/presenters included: Mark Dreyer-pens; Rich Nye-hollow form; Frank Pagura-spheres and John Dillon-finishes.

Mark mentioned upcoming woodturning events including the MPG; the AAW Symposium and Turn On Chicago.

Mark mentioned some of the volunteer opportunities including the annual picnic and Christmas party.

The 2024 budget was introduced and reviewed. There was a motion by Mark Jundanian to accept the 2024 budget as presented and the motion was seconded by Dawn Herndon-Charles. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mark reminded everyone about the Easy Woods Tools chuck that will be raffled at the end of the year.

Marie discussed her May **Presidents Challenge: "FLOWERS"**.

Marie will be posting some resources on our Windy City Woodturners website.

Membership dues are due for payment and all members were reminded to promote the club and try and recruit new members.

We had a few guests including Kim and Uriah from North Aurora (Uriah brought along some of his recent turnings) and our friend, John Underhill was also in attendance.

Birthdays included Dick Sing and John Dillon. Happy Birthday and thanks to all who brought treats!! (Apologies if I missed anyone's birthday)

Reminder that club members are eligible for discounts at woodturning stores including Rockler; Woodcraft and Owl Lumber.

At tonight's meeting, Dick Sing will be the demonstrator and Dick will be sharing his tips, tricks and jigs he's accumulated during his long career as a woodturner.

Paul Pyrcik assisted Rich Nye and they handled the raffle duties. Thanks guys!

Paul Pyrcik did the Gallery review. Thanks Paul! Great job.



March – Demonstration Recap

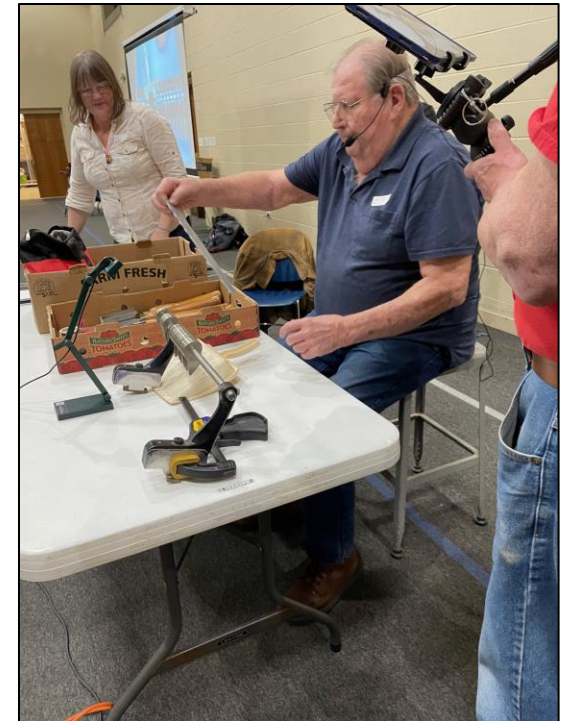
Dick “Father” Sing was the featured speaker at the March Mtg. Dick shared with us his **“Woodturning Tips, Tricks and Jigs”** that he has developed, and experienced, during his 59 years of woodturning and there was plenty to learn. In addition to (more than) a couple of boxes filled with tools and jigs, Dick also shared stories and experiences from his woodturning journey. Dick has written books about woodturning and has had the privilege of traveling the world sharing his woodturning talents with other woodturners.

There is a common element in the world of woodturning and that is information sharing. Dick embellishes this concept as he appreciates those professionals who he has learned from and he “pays it forward” by generously sharing and educating newer members of the woodturning community.

Thank you Dick Sing for your continued support and a great presentation at the March meeting.



Above – Dick Sing



March Gallery Photos

THANKS for the pics – DAVE BURK!

All this page
Bob Bergstrom



March Gallery Photos



Left - John Dillon

Below - Paul Pyrcik



Left - Don Johnston

March Gallery Photos



All this page
Bruce Metzdorf



March Gallery Photos



Left - Dave Neybert



Above - Rich Nye



Left - Roy Lindley

March Gallery Photos



Eggs by Dick Sing

Below – Dick Sing



Above – Uriah Bosman

CLUB NOTES



2024 Demonstrations Calendar

~~January – Don Johnston~~
~~Wooden Platter – Thank You~~

~~February – Nathan Wick/Bruce Metzdorf~~
~~Chainsaw Safety/Drying Bowls~~

~~March – Dick Sing~~
~~59 Years Of Tips/Tricks/Tools~~

April – Al Miotke
Finishing Your Turning Like A Pro

May – John Underhill
Stabilization

June – Rich Nye
Embellishing Your Turnings

July –

August – Paul Pyrcik
Quick Turns

September – All Club Members
5/6 Individual Sessions

October – Bill Witt
Inside Out Ornament

November – Jeff Hart
Casting And Turning Orbs

December – All
Holiday Party

CLUB NOTES



WCWT YouTube Videos Available

Did you know WCWT YouTube Videos are available to you thanks to Club Member Bob Bergstrom? Also included are videos from the Illiana Club and The Chicago Woodturners Club.

There are many videos that Bob has recorded, edited and published. Check out more than 60 different videos here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNkksA85ezhPM-W8uSfsL1Q>

Easy Wood Chuck Raffle Prize

Don't forget about your chance to win an Easy Wood Chuck. It's easy to enter the raffle. The criteria include:

1. Attend the monthly meeting for a chance
2. Sign-up a friend for a chance
3. Participate in the past-Presidents Challenge for a chance

Tickets will be available at the Treasurers table during each meeting. Good-Luck!

GRAND OPENING
MAY 4, 2024 – 9am until 3pm

Batavia Hardwoods

Club member John Dillon, and three (3) friends, have opened a retail hardwood store in Batavia, IL. The inventory includes hardwood lumber for furniture makers; turning stock for woodturners and a small wood gallery of finished products.

This venture is something John and his buddies have wanted to do for a while and when the space became available they grabbed it.

The store is located at 330 McKee St, Batavia, IL. 60510. The store hours are Saturday's from 9 am until 3 pm. And by appointment.

Phone: 630-761-5907

Email: bataviahardwoods@gmail.com

Website: www.bataviahardwoods.com

Stop by sometime and take a look. The turning stock inventory is mostly supplied by RJR Wood Products (Rich Nye, John Dillon and Rich Hall-Reppen)

CLUB NOTES



CUBS WIN! CUBS WIN!

Members of the Windy City Woodturners were well represented at the Chicago Cubs Opening Day celebration.

And, the Cubs won, beating the Colorado Rockies, 5-0!

Former Cubs pitcher Rich "Lefty" Nye arranged for Paul Pycik, John Dillon, Rich Hall-Reppen and Brad Davis to join Rich at the game on April 1, 2024. A good time was had by all.

Below – Rich Nye, Paul, Brad, John and Rich H-R



Above – Brad, Rich HR, Paul, Rich and John (front)



CLUB NOTES

Left - Dawn, Mark and Marie setting-up the AV equipment and prepping for the March Mtg.



Above and Left - Nice turnout of Club members at the March Mtg.



CLUB NOTES

Nice Turnout of Club Members at the March Mtg!



Above - Paul Pyrcik
Selling raffle tickets to Don Johnston



Checking out some of the tools Dick Sing
brought to the meeting

CLUB NOTES



Volunteer Opportunities

- Director Of Audio/Visual
- Christmas Committee
- Picnic – Multi-Club
- Membership
 - Woodcraft
 - Rockler
 - Youth
- Newsletter – Write An Article
- Vendor Interaction
- Website



Reach out to
Mark if
interested!

CLUB NOTES



Empty Bowls

It's spring so I know you are all chomping at the bit to get back out into your yard for spring cleaning. But wait...it's still a couple weeks off and that means you have time to turn a bowl or two for empty bowls! We will be collecting every month from now until the next EB event. If you needed a reason to turn, now you have one (or two actually!). Contact Marie with any questions.

Woodturning display / Library shows

Do you know if your public library has display cases for rotating displays? If so, why not ask them if they might be interested in hosting a display of woodturnings? I have a couple libraries that I have recently visited to inquire about a display of our woodturnings. As of right now at least one is fully booked for 2024 and is taking reservations for 2025. One has a fairly open calendar and the last one I am waiting to hear back from their display coordinator. This is something that our club has done in the past and it is a great way to get noticed and bring in new members. If you would like to help plan these shows, please contact Marie.

AAW SYMPOSIUM Calls for volunteers

The youth committee has put out a call for volunteers to help in the youth turning area. Saturday morning there will be at least 30 young girls from Portland's Girls Build program who have been invited to attend and learn to turn. This is a great opportunity to spark an interest in some young girls and bring them into our craft. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Linda Ferber.

Marie

Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

The last WIT Presents was on March 2nd and it was a little different. Our guest speaker was Dr. Craig Edelbrock who shared with us some of the life history of Joyce Anderson a pioneer women in woodworking/woodturning. Dr. Edelbrock is a well respected scholar, historian and biographer who has written several books. He will also be a demonstrator in Portland. This presentation is now available for viewing from the AAW website WIT Events Archive page or by using this link: <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/WIT/WIT-Presents-Joyce-Anderson.aspx>

We are fast approaching the 1 year anniversary of the WIT committee championing **the Wig Stand Initiative**. This initiative partners local woodturning clubs with local resources that distribute free wigs for cancer patients. Our local resource is the Living Well Cancer Resource Center which has 2 locations and distributes over 75 wigs per quarter.

Currently, they hand out plastic stands when someone comes in for a fitting but with our help it will soon change to a beautiful hand turned stand that will certainly brighten the day of the recipient.
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Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

As of this writing, the nationwide total reported delivered wig stand count is 487. We are excited to see that this initiative has been embraced by so many different clubs. Our local chapters count stands at 20 delivered with 5 that are currently in the pipeline in various stages of completion (we have a local artist who has agreed to decorate them and several are awaiting the application of the polyurethane finish - required for waterproofing the tops). Note: not that I'm keeping count, but 24 of these wig stands have come from members of the Windy City Woodturners, although several of the turners hold dual memberships. Only 2 have been delivered at a CWT meeting or open shop day ... just sayin'. (Consider the gauntlet thrown.) All are welcome to help with this worthy cause. For detailed how to instructions just click here: <https://www.woodturner.org/common/Uploaded%20files/WIT/Articles/Collated%20articles.pdf>

It's a simple project that includes spindle and bowl turning skills so consider it a great practice project to improve your skills or just as a warm up if you have been away from the lathe for a bit.

Plus you have the benefit of raising the spirits of someone who is going through some pretty dark days. (Continued)



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

If you are **heading to Portland** in May, there are several WIT things happening. First, there will be a SIG night meeting Thursday evening where you can meet other women in turning from all over the world. You will learn about the special events that we have planned for this years' attendees! (Don't miss it!)

Also, if you are going to Portland, please consider volunteering to mentor in the youth turning room. We have invited a group of young girls from the local "Girls Build" program (website: <https://girlsbuild.org/>) to come and learn to turn on Saturday morning. As of now, we are expecting at least 30 girls to attend these sessions. Having mentors that are women gives these girls the opportunity to see that there are others like them that turn wood!

The MPG is happening this month (April 19-20). If you are going, please consider joining me for a community building and hands on WIT session where we will learn about different embellishment tools and techniques that you can use on your turnings.

The session will be on Friday right before lunch. There may also be an opportunity for all in attendance to check out these tools and techniques hands on as an alternate session Friday evening. Head to the MPG website for most current information.

<https://midwestpenturnersgathering.com/GeneralWebSite/HomePage.aspx?Feature=1>

Lastly, As WIT Liaison for CWT and WCWT I would like to know what you are looking for from WIT. Many groups get together monthly, some weekly, some quarterly. There are lots of opportunities to connect but it's up to all of you! Does anyone read this? Is anyone interested in a workshop or hands on mentoring? Would you like to get together socially to get to know your fellow women in turning? The sky is the limit here while we figure out what this group can do. Please reach out to me via email, phone or text and let me know what you think this group should be doing?



AAW Upcoming Events

AAW Upcoming events: more information and registration can be found here:

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Events>



AAW Upcoming Events

The 2024 AAW International Woodturning Symposium will be May 23-26 in Portland, Oregon.

The AAW International Woodturning Symposium is the biggest and most well-known annual woodturning event in the world. Held in a different region of the country each year, the Symposium attracts woodturning hobbyists, artists, professionals, collectors, vendors and anyone looking to learn more about the woodturning craft.

With 80+ live demonstrations, presentations and panel discussions, there is a lot to experience. It features the industry's largest and most attended tradeshow (showcasing companies of all sizes) and awe-inspiring galleries, exhibitions and auctions featuring unbelievable wood art from across the world.

Details can be found here:

<https://www.aawsymposium.org/>



VIRTUAL OPTION

The 2024 AAW International Woodturning Symposium



Watch 20 AAW International
Woodturning Symposium
Demonstrations from Home

**\$99 (through May 3, 2024) for
AAW Members**

If you can't make it to Portland, Oregon to experience the AAW International Woodturning Symposium in person, register as a virtual attendee to livestream 20 select demonstrations or watch the recordings later at your convenience. This is the best way to learn from renowned international woodturners without having to travel.

https://www.woodturner.org/iCore/Events/Event_display.aspx?EventKey=AAW2024VIR

Local Events You Should Know About



Midwest Pen Turners Gathering

Registration for the 2024 Midwest Penturners Gathering is open!!

The 2024 event will be held April 19 and 20 at the Marriott Northwest Hoffman Estates, IL. You know the MPG always tries to provide the best in content, demos, and vendors – and this year is no exception. Our demo line up looks great as we expand into some of the business and social aspect of your pen business, while still provide a great list of pen making topics and our staples. In addition, we are happy to welcome all our past vendors back.

Why register now for April.

If you came to an event in the past, you know we give away a lathe and many more big and small prizes. The big prizes are tickets based on the earlier you sign up. Every month early gets you an extra ticket. You know you are coming - sign up NOW!

Keep an eye out on the website as we will be updating the information on that page as we get more details. The website will be our lifeline to you and all.

<http://midwestpenturnersgathering.com/>

COMING RIGHT UP!



Local Events

FINE LINE CREATIVE ARTS CENTER Accepting Applications for Show

This one is a little early, but gives you time to create something specifically for this show.

You might consider submitting a piece to the "Sculpture at the Kavanagh" Show which will be held at the Fine Line Creative Arts Center in St. Charles, IL The call for entry deadline is May 13, 2024 with a \$35 entry fee. Visit their website for the link to the submission form at <https://fineline.org>

The show will run from June 27- August 7, 2024.



Local Events

TURN ON CHICAGO



Registration has opened for Turn On! Chicago 2024 symposium.

This symposium is the single best gift you can give yourself. Live demonstrations, Large Trade Show, an instant gallery of inspiration created of pieces turned by attendees, hands on pens for troops pen turning activity, Saturday night banquet with LIVE auction supporting education in woodturning, WIT meeting, and plenty of time for meeting and socializing with new friends. Don't miss this one!

<https://www.turnonchicago.com/>



Windy City Officers

Please reach out to your officers with any questions; concerns; compliments, etc.

We are always looking for meeting topics and demonstrators! Please feel free to also ask about volunteer opportunities.



- ▶ Mark Dreyer– President mg_dreyer@yahoo.com
- ▶ Nathan Wick – Vice President nwick@sbcglobal.net
- ▶ Nick Page – Treasurer nicklpage@sbcglobal.net
- ▶ John Dillon – Secretary/Newsletter Editor dillon60119@att.net
- ▶ Marie Anderson– Past President danmar12@yahoo.com

THANK-YOU!

WCWT 2024 Committee Volunteers

- ▶ **Photography** - Dave Burk
- ▶ **Website** – Marie Anderson
- ▶ **Events** – **Open**
- ▶ **Raffle**– Richard Nye
- ▶ **A/V** – **Open**
- ▶ **Library**- Rich Hall-Reppen



And Finally.....

- This is your newsletter and personal stories, events and other tidbits are welcome.
- Tools for sale? Garage Sales? Fresh cut logs? Let us know.
- Photos of shop improvements or new ideas? Maybe you got a new lathe? Took a class from a pro? Let's share.....
- Birthdays, baby births and wedding information all make for good news in newsletters, so please share what's going on in your family life!
- Send any "news items" you might have to John Dillon at dillon60119@att.net

