Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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March Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 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 March Meeting will feature Dick Sing who will be sharing his wisdom and years of tips on how to be successful in woodturning.

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

March Mtg. Presentation

Dick Sing

Dick "Father" Sing will be the presenter at the March meeting.

Dick's venture into woodturning started in 1965 when he spent \$10 on an old lathe. It was not until 1986 when he started attending Woodturning Symposiums that his turning took off. When Dick retired in 1991, his avocation became his vocation and led to his becoming a professional wood turner

Dick is well known for his miniature bird houses, off-set inlays, hollow ornaments, and bowls.

Dick believes that no matter how much ornamentation may be added to an object, pure form makes the piece into a work of art and collectible. Good form is ageless: it will look as good in years to come as it does today

At our March Meeting, Dick will be discussing "Woodturning Tips, Tricks and Jigs", and with 59 years of woodturning experience, there will be plenty to learn.



Photo of Dick Sing

President's Message Mark Dreyer



March 2024 - Presidents Message

So, I missed the February meeting and from what I understand it was a great meeting – yes, I do think "Are they better when Mark is not there?". Thanks to Nate and Bruce for the demos, and from what I understand perfectly on topic for what we are looking for. So as promised, at the March meeting my part will go rather quickly.

We don't have a lot of topics to cover, and I will be using the newsletter to communicate issues and thoughts beforehand.

There were a couple of questions that I wanted to cover based on the first two meetings of the year. There have been questions about the garage sale—and whether we will have it or not. The short answer is, yes, we will have it. It was my experience that the garage sale did not have to take a full meeting. So, the board talked it over and what we are going to do is start September's meeting about 30 minutes early to strictly cover the garage sale and then have our normal meeting right after. But that's not all—the club will be doing the meeting. I will cover this a little later (I want to keep you reading my message).

There were also questions on how I will be giving away the Easy Wood Tools chuck. If I wasn't clear, here it is, you get one ticket for attending the meetings, you get one additional ticket for bringing in a visitor, they get 2 tickets if they sign up and Marie has asked for tickets for people who participate in the President's challenge. The idea behind the chuck was to encourage people to participate in the club and the club activities. As I have stressed this is your club and I want you to help lead the direction we are going.

One of the things that I am planning to add to this month's meeting is a questions and projects section. Recall we talked about it at my first meeting. (continued)

Message From Our President (cont.)

One of the things that I would like to stress with the club is members helping each other and this activity is a channel to do just that. I want to dedicate even a few minutes of every meeting to allow members to ask questions about a project they are having a challenge with, ask questions about a topic they would like to learn about, and help each other using knowledge that they have gained over the years from one another. I personally think this could be a lot of fun and I look forward to trying this.

Now it's that time of year again to talk about upcoming events and as I promised, I'm not going to dwell deep on the Midwest Penturners Gathering but it is an event coming up in April and we have added topics outside of penmaking. We also have a few members of this club as featured demonstrators — so you don't want to miss this. We are going to have a Marketing Professional there, we are going to do some bowl turning (with Christy Caliendo of Easy Wood Tools) and as always, a lot of talking and sharing of ideas around general wood turning. And rumor has it we have a few thousands of dollars in door prizes and a lathe to give away.

Also coming up is the AAW Symposium in Portland. If you've never attended one of these events, it's a spectacular opportunity to share ideas, dip your toe into some new topics, and meet fellow woodturners from all around the globe.

If you're serious about woodturning, this is the event to go to. And on a local note, don't forget about Turn-On! Chicago. I can tell you that I went to my first Turn-On! Chicago as a naïve, quiet woodturner and look at me now. While we think it is a local event because we live here – it is truly a national woodturning event and one you don't want to miss.

Finally, and as promised above, the agenda for the September meeting is going to feature a series of small demonstrations. Our thought has been that we put together 4 or 5 (or more if we get the volunteers) stations, and each demonstrator or leader of that section will do a 20-minute demo on a topic of their choosing. It will be encouraged that you go to at least 2 or 3 demos and take advantage of the short sessions to see if this would be an activity or topic that you want to dive into. I will be asking at the March meeting for volunteers to man the different stations and if there's any topics that would interest you. It is also a great way to showcase your talents and help others.

As always, and I stress this a lot, this is your club so please help me take the club in the direction that we want to go.

See you Wednesday.

Mark



February Meeting Recap

In Mark's absence, Vice-President Nathan Wick called the meeting to order.

Nate thanked Mark Jundanian for all his hard work over the years running the A/V system for the club meetings. Nate also presented Marie Anderson with an engraved platter thanking Marie for years of dedication to the club and as past-President over the last 3-year period. Congratulations and thank-you Marie!

Nathan mentioned the demonstrator calendar is looking good for 2024, but he is still recruiting volunteers to do the monthly Gallery reviews.

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

Some club activities mentioned included: Library Displays outreach; John Dillon mentioned the new Batavia Hardwoods Store in Batavia, IL and the Chicago Woodturners Open Shop days where bowls, for our annual Empty Bowls events, are worked on.

Volunteer opportunites were reviewed including; A/V help; Christmas Party; Picnic; Membership; Newsletter articles; and Vendor Interaction

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 Rob from Lemont; Ashley from Naperville and Rich from Kalamazoo, Mi.

Birthdays included Marie, Jim and Nick. Happy Birthday and thanks to all who brough 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, Nathan will be the demonstrating Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance and Bruce Metzdorf will be talkig about drying once-turned (green wood) bowls using denatured alcohol (DNA).

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

Dawn Herndon-Charles did the Gallery review. Thanks Dawn! Great job.

February - Demonstration Recap

Nathan Wick and Bruce Metzdorf were the co-presenters at our February Meeting. Nathan's demonstration focused on **Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance**. Nathan has years of experience handling and maintaining chainsaws and his presentation was insightful and a reminder of how chainsaws can be dangerous, but by following the proper safety precautions, the risks can be minimized. Bruce then followed and his discussion focused on how he dries smaller green wood bowls by using a bucket of denatured alcohol (DNA). Bruce places the once-turned bowls in the DNA which displaces the water in the wood fibers. Thanks to both Nate and Bruce for well-presented demonstrations and for sharing their knowledge with the Club members.







Left – Bruce Metzdorf.

Above - Nathan Wick talking about his chainsaw safety chaps. Right — Nathan answering questions from club members while Dawn Herndon-Charles operates the camera system.

WIG STANDS

Left - painted by an artist - unknown turner Below - 3 stands - unknown turner Below right - Nathan Wick Right - Bruce Wick











Above - Bruce Wick Clamshell Box



Below - John Dillon



Left - Frank Pagura - Jewelry



All this page Bruce Metzdorf











All this page Paul Pyrcik



Left and Right Bill Witt



Left Rich Nye







Above and Above Left - Bob Bergstrom

Left - Dawn Herndon-Charles



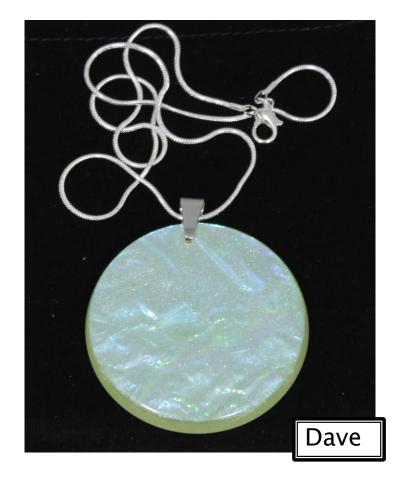


Above Left - Rich Nye - work in progress and texturing detail

Above - Mary Arp Jewelry









Above Left & Above Middle Left
Marie Anderson

Left and Above - Dave Neybert







Above & Left - Marie Anderson

Above Left - Dawn Herndon-Charles



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 - Open

May – John Underhill Stabilization

June – Rich Nye Embellishing Your Turnings July – Al Miotke Finishing Your Turning Like A Pro

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

2024 Proposed Budget

	2023		202	3	2024		
	Budget		Actual		Proposed Budget		
REVENUE	J				·		
							*estimate adding 9 new
Membership Dues	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,645.00		\$1,875.00	members
Raffle	\$	800.00	\$	1,216.00		\$1,300.00	
Donations							
Misc / Garage Sale	\$	100.00	\$	141.00		\$130.00	
							Picnic Fee @ \$5 per
Demonstrations							
Xmas Party Fee	<u>\$</u>	600.00				\$600.00	*30 people @ \$20.00
Total Revenue	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,002.00		\$3,905.00	
EXPENSES							
Rent	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	\$100/month
Demonstration	\$	300.00	\$	325.00	\$	1,000.00	\$100/month x 10 months
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Equipment			\$	-	\$	250.00	estimate
News Letter	\$	100.00	\$	_	\$	160.00	*upgrade to ProWeebly website
Office Supplies	\$	50.00	\$	150.00	\$	200.00	apgrade to Front costly westere
Cinico Cappineo	Y	00.00	Ψ	100.00	—	200.00	
Picnic					\$	300.00	*estimated \$10/person x 30
Xmas Party	\$	1,300.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	*estimate
Misc Expenses	\$	100.00	\$	160.00	\$	150.00	
Library	\$	100.00					
Storage Space	\$	-	<u>\$</u>	-	\$	-	
Total Expenses	\$	3,950.00	\$	2,335.00	\$	4,860.00	
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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/UCNkksA85ezh PM-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
- Participate in the past-Presidents Challenge for a chance

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

New Hardwood and Turning Stock Retail Store Open in Batavia

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: <u>bataviahardwoods@gmail.com</u> 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)



February Demo – Videos Available

Bob Bergstrom has forwarded the video he produced and edited, from our February Mtg. The video is posted to YouTube for those that missed, or might want to watch again, the Nathan Wick presentation on (1) chainsaw safety and maintenance and (2) Bruce Metzdorf's presentation on drying bowl blanks.

Thanks again to Nate and Bruce for the demonstrations and to Bob for the video and editing, etc.

Enjoy!

Nate. https://youtu.be/HmcsLgMvbiQ?featur e=shared

Bruce's demo link. <u>DRYING BOWLS USING</u> ALCOHOL

Rich Nye – email update

Rich asked if we could pass along his new email address for those of you who might have his contact info. and want to update. New email is: rnye1632@gmail.com

Job opportunity

Hello!

My name is Gabby Peterson, and I am the Science & Tech Department Chair at Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn, IL. We are seeking a Woodshop Aide to assist with our General and Advanced Woods courses, and I am writing to see if you know of any interested candidates who would enjoy assisting a certified teacher with projects as students learn the skills of woodworking. This is a part-time position that is listed as 15 hours per week, but we are open to smaller amounts. It is a great position for someone who is retired or is just looking for a few hours to work with students.

I am happy to speak with anyone further, and the post is at this <u>link</u> under Support Staff - Other - CTEIG Resources. I have also attached the job description.

Thank you, and please let me know if I can pass on any other information!

Gabby Peterson Science, Technology, and Engineering Department Chair Glenbard South High School 630-942-6778



Message from Past-President Marie Anderson

Hello all,

This is a quick note of thanks for the beautiful plate commemorative of my 3 years as club president. It was truly an honor to serve the club in this capacity. Thanks to the board for organizing, to Don Johnston for turning it and Andy Kuby for the inscription. I'd like to remind everyone that there is an entire team that supports the president without whom there is no way we would have made it through the challenges of keeping a club together through a pandemic. So thanks to Nate Wick, Nick Page, John Dillon, Jason Clark, Dave Burke, Mark Jundanian, Rich Nye, Paul Pyrcik, Dawn Herndon-Charles, and Mark Dreyer as well as everyone else who stepped up to volunteer at meetings, or with Empty Bowls, doing a demo, bringing in a piece for the gallery or critiquing the gallery, moving, mentoring, or just showing up for the meetings. Your participation is what makes this club work. Please consider this a personal thanks for the plate as well as all your participation throughout the years.

Marie





Nice Turnout of Club Members at the February Mtg!



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Paul Pyrcik Helping with Raffle Sales Thanks Paul!

Club Photographer – Dave Burk Thanks for all the hard work each month Dave!





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!



Empty Bowls

It's almost 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 - Videographers

The deadline for applying to be a videographer at the AAW symposium in Portland has been extended to March 31st. If you are going I encourage you to consider volunteering.

Also, 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 Wig stand initiative will be 1 year old at the end of March. Nationwide we are up to 459 wig stands turned, donated and delivered to various cancer resource centers around the states. The members of WCWT and CWT have supported this initiative since last September. As of 2/28/24 we have delivered 20 wig stands and there are three that are completed waiting for decoration. Our wig stands are donated and then distributed through Living Well Cancer Resource center (a division of Northwestern Medicine Foundation) when they are fitted for a free wig. It has been proven that this improves their patients mental and over all health. Previously these wigs were given out with either a plastic or a metal stand. As the new patients come in for fittings they are now able to hand out one of our wig stands in lieu of the plastic or metal forms. Angela McCrum, executive director of Living Well tells me that these stands are spreading joy and art to their clients. (see photos attached.) Thank you to Nate Wick, Bruce Wick, Bob Moss, Mary Arp, Sharon Carney (artist/creative responsible for painting one of the wig stands) and Marie Anderson for the latest donated wig stands.

Interestingly, when I delivered the latest 6 stands on February 28th, there was a note in their arts room promoting their latest art project - wood burning! I took the time to show Angela the woodburning detail on the bottom of one of the wig stands. She was surprised and happy to know that they will be able to share this with the participants of this class. It seems like there may be an opportunity to encourage turning in this group!



Angela McCrum, Executive Director of Living Well Cancer Center, with some of our wig stands



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

If you missed the Open Shop Day at the Chicago School of Woodworking on February 25th, you missed a boatload of fun! We were turning bowls for Empty bowls and I brought along wig stand kits for anyone who wanted to make one. I won't make the March meeting as I will be out of town but if you are interested in turning a wig stand please drop me an email and I will be happy to put some more kits together (note: if anyone wants to help put these together, give me a call! Thanks in advance!



Virtual WIT EXCHANGE

Plans are underway for the 2024 Virtual WIT EXCHANGE. The WIT Committee will once again host the EXCHANGE virtually this year. Registration will open in Mid-August so watch your AAW email communication and this space for information as we get a little closer. This is a great opportunity to introduce women to woodturning and artists from other media are encouraged to participate, share their skills and learn about woodturning! All skill levels are welcome in this collaboration. More news to come!

Marie discovered a woodburning demonstration table at the Living Well Cancer Resource Center in Geneva



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/





AAW NEWS

AAW Calls for Entry Calendar deadlines:

AAW 2024 Member Show "Common Roots" Applications open January 1, 2024 to March 15, 2024.

Click here for full details

The theme for the 2024 AAW member show is *Common Roots*. Each year, our goal is to host a Symposium exhibition that showcases and celebrates the full scope of excellent work being created by our members, from impeccably-crafted 'round and brown' to innovative sculptures that push the boundaries.

As always, artists are encouraged to interpret the theme for themselves, but here are a few jumping off points for getting the creative wheels spinning: "common roots" could refer to our shared connections through craft, culture, heritage, foods, our role in the ecosystem, human community, or roots as symbols of strength or as an actual material.

Work will be selected through a blind jurying process. The entry fee is \$25 for up to three entries. There are two cash prizes for this exhibition: the \$300 Masters' Choice, selected by the jurors or their representatives, and the \$200 People's Choice, selected by attendees at the AAW Symposium in Portland, Oregon, May 23-26, 2024.





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 in 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/





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 <u>nicklpage@sbcglobal.net</u>
- ▶ John Dillon Secretary/Newsletter Editor <u>dillon60119@att.net</u>
- ► Marie Anderson- Past President <u>danmar12@yahoo.com</u>

THANK-YOU! WCWT 2024 Committee Volunteers

- ▶ Photography Dave Burk
- **▶ Website** Marie Anderson
- **▶** Events Open
- **▶ Raffle** Richard Nye
- \rightarrow 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