



Windy City Woodturners

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Message From Our President



Contributor : Jason Clark

About a year ago, I saw a new woodturner on social media that was struggling mightily. Their bowls were always off center when they were put into a chuck and they were clearly struggling with massive catches. I've been there myself and I know how frustrating it can be. I invited them to my shop for a free lesson, but the 1 hour drive to my home was too far. A few weeks later I happened to be attending an event near their home and offered to swing by for a bit on a Sunday afternoon. They took me up on this offer and I was given their phone number and address.

What I found when I arrived was simultaneously eye opening, depressing, and scary. They were turning on a Jet midi but their chuck wouldn't thread all the way onto the spindle, I knew this prior to arrival having studied a few photos posted to social media. I had speculated why the chuck wouldn't thread on completely and got immediate confirmation. The drive center had never been removed from the Morse Taper on the spindle, this prevented the chuck from threading on all the way and the threads were so damaged from being used in this way that it was impossible to fully seat the chuck even after the drive center had been removed (we had to find a make-shift knockout bar, they didn't know what the knockout bar was when they originally unpacked the lathe and had thrown it away). It was no wonder that they were dealing with off center bowls, the chuck was never able to run true.

Message From Our President



Prior to arriving I had asked them to prepare a bowl blank and a couple of spindles. Shortly after arriving I learned that they didn't know what a spindle was, they'd never turned a spindle and the spindle blanks that they had prepared were actually cross grain rather than end grain. It was also immediately clear that they had been using spindle roughing gouges on the inside and outside of bowls, as evidenced by the collection of 3 to 4 spindle roughing gouges each with a 20 degree bend in the tang. I was definitely guilty of this same incorrect tool usage when I was teaching myself to turn but luckily I never bent or broke one of my tools.

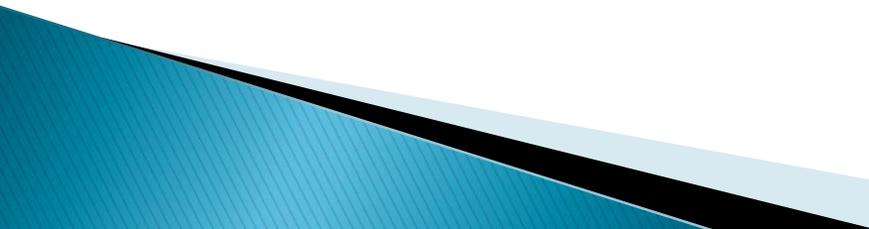
I spent the next couple hours in their shop covering some of the basics (tool selection and use, beads and coves, cutting a proper tenon size and shape, as well as the basic process of turning a bowl). I also pointed out the spindle that needed replaced and made suggestions for some additional shop upgrades including an upgraded grinder, sharpening jigs, vacuum chuck, etc. They were also encouraged to join one of the local woodturning clubs and to seek out classes at the Chicago School of Woodworking.

I still follow this turner on social media and while they've made significant progress over the past 12 months I still see things on a regular basis that make me shake my head and curse under my breath. A recent run-in with a bandsaw after countless people told them that they were being unsafe being the most recent example. But I also see the woodturning community as a whole chipping in and commenting on ways that things could be done better or safer and that makes me happy. A group of strangers with a shared passion coming together to assist another member of our small community.

Note From The Editor

This club is made special by the efforts of the members and volunteers. To this extent I would like to personally thank the out going Secretary – Bruce Kamp. He was the secretary and sitting board member for 2 years. His service will be missed. With this being my first newsletter – I sincerely appreciate all the effort Bruce put into making the commentary special. Thank you – Bruce.

That being said I have taken my first shot at my format for this newsletter. As you can probably notice it is a PowerPoint template with the focus on the content – I will continually evaluate format as time permits. I look forward to comments and suggestions as this is really your newsletter and I am here to do my best in getting you the information that you need and want. Please help me by letting me know what you like and what you would like to see changed. I am always available to discuss it at a meeting, but feel free to drop me an email with your comments to Mark Dreyer mg_dreyer@yahoo.com. I look forward to working for the club and you.



Thank
You

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



2020 Dues Are Due

- ▶ Remember That Your Dues Are Due For 2020 If You Have Not Paid Yet
- ▶ The Yearly Individual Dues Are \$25
 - Family Membership \$40
- ▶ You Get
 - 12 Great Meetings A Year
 - Great Demonstrations
 - A Great Gallery Review
 - The General Ability To Just Hang With Friends



WCWT – The Basics

- ▶ Next Meeting: January 21, 2020
- ▶ Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
- ▶ 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
- ▶ Lisle park district building
 - 1925 Ohio Street
 - Multipurpose room #4
- ▶ URL - WindyCityWoodturners.Weebly.com



Club Calendar

- ▶ As we go through the year we are often seeing opportunities to participate in club sponsored events.
 - ▶ In addition there are many events and activities within our geographic area and beyond that may be of interest.
 - ▶ As we go forward we will be working on improving our calendar and your ability to access it through both the website as well as the newsletter. The objective is to make available a concise repository for all of this that you will be able to easily access in order to keep abreast of what is going on.
 - ▶ **Coming announcements will contain more detail.**
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January 2020 Meeting

▶ Jason Clark – Lidded Boxes

- Jason has been heavily involved in Woodturning for well over a decade. He taught himself the craft in his modest 2 car garage in his spare time. He spent 7 years in the leadership of the Arizona Woodturners Association in Phoenix including 3 years as President and volunteered as the Local Liason, the primary point of contact at the local level, for the 2014 AAW Symposium in Phoenix. Jason's work strives to feature and highlight the natural character of the wood, including natural defects and flaws. Wood often has such beautiful contrast between the dark heartwood and the lighter sapwood and he often orients the wood so that the work features this contrast. His finishes are basic oil finishes to enhance the natural figure and color of the wood without major alterations. The woods have been acquired primarily from various local sources including fellow woodturners and storm damaged trees from his neighborhood and the surrounding urban areas.



January Meeting Auction

- ▶ We will be auctioning off used WCWT equipment at the January meeting.
- ▶ Unsold items will be donated
- ▶ Cash only
- ▶ Here's what we have
 - Projector
 - 3 grinding wheels
 - Router bits
 - Old video camera



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
 - Peter D’attomo (zorro4122@yahoo.Com)

This Is Your Club – Please Help Out

December 2019 Meeting – Recap

- ▶ Christmas Party
- ▶ Great Location / Great Food / Great Conversations



2020 Financials

			2019	2019	2020
			Proposal	Actual	Proposal
Revenue					
Membership Dues			\$2,300.00	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 2,200.00
Raffle			\$1,200.00	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 1,200.00
Donations					
EOG Grant					
Misc / Garage Sale			\$ 50.00	\$ 369.00	\$ 50.00
Picnic Fee @ \$5 per			\$ 130.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 150.00
Xmas Party Fee @ \$15 per			\$ 520.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 600.00
Total Revenue			\$4,200.00	\$ 4,466.00	\$ 4,200.00
Expenses					
Rent			\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Demonstration			\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Raffle Prizes			\$1,200.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 1,200.00
Insurance			\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Equipment			\$ -	\$ 2,852.63	
EOG Grant / Safety screen			\$ 200.00		
News Letter			\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Office Supplies			\$ 75.00	\$ 32.93	\$ 50.00
Picnic			\$ 400.00	\$ 293.23	\$ 400.00
Xmas Party			\$1,200.00	\$ 1,086.78	\$ 1,200.00
Misc Expenses			\$ 100.00	\$ 239.91	\$ 300.00
Library			\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Total Expenses			\$4,425.00	\$ 6,635.48	\$ 4,500.00

Article XIII – Proposed Change

▶ Current:

- These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws adopted by a vote of a simple majority of the voting members of the Windy City Woodturners at a properly announced meeting. A quorum of 15 qualified voting members in good standing must be present.

▶ Proposed:

- These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws adopted by a vote of a simple majority of the voting members of the Windy City Woodturners at a properly announced meeting. A quorum of paid members that meets or exceeds 30% of the number of paid members as of December 31st of the previous year must be present.

Other Board Notes

- ▶ The board has decided to add the immediate past President as a voting member of the board

Events You Should Know About

- ▶ 2020 Midwest Penturners Gathering - April
- ▶ 2020 AAW – Louisville - June
- ▶ 2020 Turn On! Chicago – July



- ▶ CWT - Professional Demonstrations
 - Andi Wolfe – April
 - Pen Makers Boot Camp – April
 - Andy Cole - July

Midwest Penturners Gathering

- ▶ The Longest And Largest Pen Makers Gathering
- ▶ April 24 - 25, 2020
- ▶ Schaumburg, Illinois
- ▶ Only \$30
- ▶ MidwestPenTurnersGathering.com
- ▶ Contact: Mark Dreyer (mg_dreyer@yahoo.com)

- ▶ National Demonstrators
- ▶ Tons Of Door Prizes
- ▶ A MUST ATTEND



Chicago Woodturners – Pen Boot Camp

- ▶ Chicago Woodturners Is Offering A 3 Day Penmaking Boot Camp
- ▶ Nationally Known Demonstrators Leading All Hands On Sessions
- ▶ April 26–28
- ▶ MidwestPenturnersGathering.com
- ▶ 3 Full Days Of Hands On Learning
- ▶ Contact: Mark Dreyer
(mg_dreyer@yahoo.com)



AAW 2020 – Louisville



▶ Date June 4–7, 2020

- Nick Agar
- Michael Alguire
- Stuart Batty
- Simon Begg
- Dixie Biggs
- Michael Blankenship
- Trent Bosch
- Bruce Campbell
- Pat Carroll
- Jason Clark
- Nick Cook
- Rebecca DeGroot
- Mick Hanbury
- Kurt Hertzog
- Michael Hosaluk
- Janice Levi
- Art Liestman
- Tom Lohman
- Pete Marken
- JoHannes Michelsen
- Mark Palma
- Mark Palma
- Doug Schneider
- Mark Sfirri
- Dan Tilden
- Craig Timmerman
- John Underhill
- Donna Zils Banfield



Turn On! Chicago



- ▶ **Crowne Plaza Hotel Northbrook, Illinois**
 - This is a location change
- ▶ July 23 –26, 2020

Featured Demonstrators

- Andy Cole
- Cynthia Gibson
- Michael Hosaluk
- Eric Lofstrom
- Chris Ramsey
- Avelino Samuel

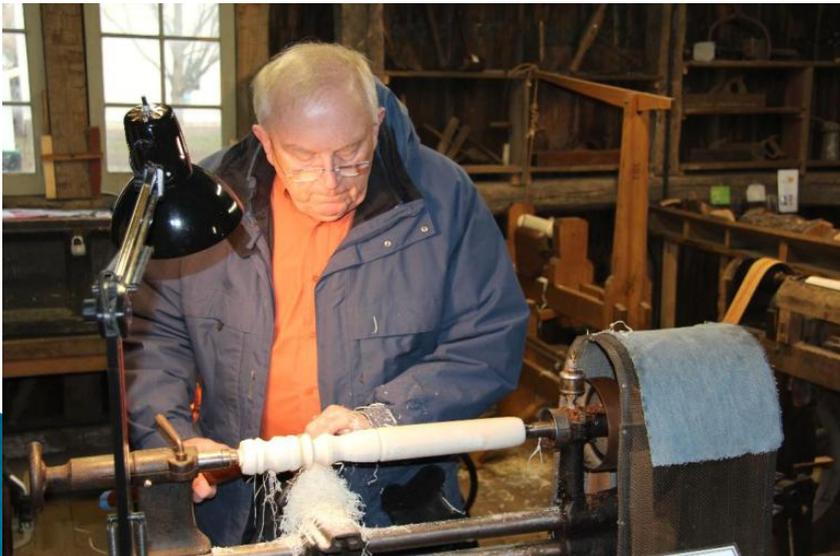
Regional Demonstrators

- Marie Anderson
- Roberto Ferrer
- Keith Lackner
- Clint Stevens
- Doug Thompson
- Rob Wallace

Once Upon a Christmas

- ▶ **Contributor: Don Johnson**
- ▶ The weather for this year's Once Upon a Christmas was pretty moderate compared to some in the past. That helps explain a pretty good crowd both days. Eleven members of Windy City entertained and educated visitors about woodturning old and new. The crew included Paul Shotola, Bob Barbieri, Roy Lindley, Marie Anderson, Paul Pyrcik, Mark McCleary, Rich Hall-Reppen, Jason Clark, Rich Nye, Mark Hubl, and Don Johnston. Tops and pens and Christmas trees were among items displayed on the Jet mini. The older lathes demonstrated how the various spindle shapes were created over the centuries. Once again we noted that there were a lot more chips under the lathes with cords.

Once Upon a Christmas



Once Upon a Christmas



Appendix

- ▶ 2020 Board Of Directors
 - ▶ 2020 Committee Descriptions
 - ▶ Windy City YouTube Channel
 - ▶ AAW Trial Membership
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2020 WCWT – Officers

President - Jason Clark

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Vice-President - Peter D'Attomo

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Treasurer - Nick Page

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Secretary/Editor - Mark Dreyer

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WCWT 2020 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 Rohrbach**

- ▶ 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 provide 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.



WCWT YouTube Channel



1:43:46

20 Years of Turning Pens

43K views • 3 years ago



1:13:53

**TURNING NATURAL EDGE
BOWLS CLEANLY**

21K views • 2 years ago



35:58

**Ideas with Inside Out
Turnings with Andy Kuby**

16K views • 7 months ago



1:00:46

**Turning a hollowed
Christmas ornament with...**

3.5K views • 1 year ago



1:08:24

Duel Bowl Gouge Cuts

3.5K views • 2 years ago



44:08

**Inside Out Ornaments with
Andy Kuby**

2.4K views • 1 month ago

WCWT YouTube Channel



Turning a inlay in a inlay in a inlay

2.2K views • 1 year ago



TURNING A BOX WORTH ITS "SALT"

1.9K views • 1 year ago



Easy Finish for Pens, Bottle Stoppers and Boxes

1.9K views • 1 year ago



Easy threading of boxes and lids

1.5K views • 1 year ago



Designing and Turning Plates and Platters

1.4K views • 2 years ago



Turning End Grain Lidded Boxes

1K views • 2 years ago

WCWT YouTube Channel



Dick Sing talks about his Sing Finishes

979 views • 3 years ago



Bowl turning 101 with Jason Clark

919 views • 11 months ago



WAYS OF MOUNTING WOOD BLANKS

784 views • 3 years ago



SPIRAL BOXES BY JASON Clark

733 views • 2 years ago



Different Cuts for Different Forks

693 views • 2 years ago



Turning a Turner's Star in Colored Resin

568 views • 4 weeks ago

WCWT YouTube Channel



Using a Vacuum Chuck

581 views • 1 year ago



3 Major Bowl Grinds for the Interior of bowls.

545 views • 5 months ago



Using Spindle Gouges on Bowls

538 views • 2 years ago



Texturing and Chattering Wood Surfaces

540 views • 1 year ago



Threading Resin on Boxes

512 views • 7 months ago



Secrets of Successful Texturing on Platters and...

471 views • 3 months ago

WCWT YouTube Channel



Beautiful Braclets from the lathe

459 views • 1 year ago



Pushing Iridescent Paint on Bowl Rims

395 views • 1 year ago



Lubricate the coring groove!

328 views • 1 year ago



CUTTING THE INTERIOR LOWER THIRD OF A BOWL...

319 views • 1 year ago



Eccentric Turning With Clint Stevens

313 views • 4 months ago



Analyzing the Skew

293 views • 3 years ago

WCWT YouTube Channel



Roses for a Pretty Lady

199 views • 1 month ago



Replicating Spindle Turnings

192 views • 2 years ago



**ANDY KUBY DEMOS
THREADING ON VESSELS**

192 views • 1 year ago



**Casting Resins with Greg
Bonier**

162 views • 5 months ago