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# The Monthly Newsletter of the Windy City Woodturners

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## Our August 20<sup>th</sup> Demonstrator

Keith Lackner world renowned  
and leading artist in Resin  
Infusions



In the Fall of 2006 I was attending one of my first woodturning meetings at the Arizona Woodturners Association in Phoenix AZ, a club that I would later spend nearly 7 years as an officer for. As I was browsing the instant gallery. I moved from piece to piece examining the craftsmanship and admiring the wood. I struck up a conversation with a fellow woodturner who was standing next to me. I had never met him before that day; as we introduced ourselves we quickly determined that we had a lot in common.

As it turns out Collin and I had both grown up in Idaho, about 30 miles apart and about 800 miles from the meeting location that day. I had visited his high school and he had visited mine. Though we were a few years apart we knew some of the same people and he was aware of some of the members of my family, particularly my paternal Grandfather who owned and operated a local jewelry store. As the conversation continued the topic turned to outdoor activities we had participated in. Hiking, biking, fishing, skiing, and eventually rock climbing.

Rock climbing was a staple activity of my youth. The basalt cliffs south of town were a draw from all around the region. I even took my future wife on a date to climb those cliffs, although that's a different story. Collin and I talked about those cliffs and our families. I mentioned a rock climbing competition called the Pocatello Pump and that while I had never competed in it one of my brothers had. I mentioned that I didn't know when the competition was held, that I didn't even know if it was still being held and that I also didn't know if my brother even competed anymore. Shortly after, the meeting resumed and I mostly forgot about the conversation – until I returned home a couple hours later.

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**Club meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Lisle Park District  
1925 Ohio St., Lisle, IL

Attendance at meetings is free. Guests and visitors are always welcome

Our July meeting will be August 20, 2019

## Club News

If you are planning on attending but have not yet registered you can see Rich Rohrback at our August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS PICNIC

Lisle Park District Pavilion Just west of  
Rt 53 on Short Street  
1925 Ohio Street  
Lisle, IL 60532

Rich Rohrback  
630-276-3545

Sunday, August 25 from 2:00 PM  
to 6:00 PM

## **Club Officers**

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Current Membership 89

Additionally, the following  
people

Serve in these important  
roles:

### Promotions

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Bob Bergstrom

Tom Waicewuskas

### Photography

Dave Burk

### Librarian

Rich Hall-Reppen

## Club News (cont)

# WCWT Picnic



Hey Woodturners,  
Sunday, August 25th is the date for the Windy City Woodturners annual picnic. If you haven't come to this event then you don't know what you're missing. It's a fun relaxing day with great food and you get to socialize with other club members. It's only \$5.00 per person. If you haven't responded to the E-vite I sent out then please try to do so asap. I need to know how many people are coming so I know about how much food to buy. You can pay me or Nick Page at the next meeting on Tuesday the 20th.  
This year we will have pulled pork, hamburgers, brats, hotdogs and fish. We also have a wood exchange, bring some wood with you, wrapped up, and put it on the table. Then you get to pick another package of wood. It's a great way to get rid of some extra wood you've had laying around and a chance to get some different wood. Also, the white elephant exchange is another fun event. Wrap something up that you would like someone else to have. It can be something valuable or just something you don't want to throw away or something you just want to get rid of. You never know what you will get but it's always fun!

I hope to see you there,

Rich Rohrback

## Club News (cont)

**Join us Tuesday September 17 (regular meeting date)**

**Proceeds benefit your club directly**



1. Tables in our meeting space will be available for setup from 6:30. The sale will start at 7:15 to give everyone a chance to look around before selling starts. Please, NO PRESALES!! – let everyone have the same chance.
2. Be sure each of your items are marked with the price and your name or initials. (Masking tape and Sharpie are an easy method.)
3. Large or heavy items may be left at home or in your vehicle. Bring photos and description for display.
4. Both buyers and sellers should have plenty of singles on hand. (And, of course, buyers should have lots of big bills.)
5. We will not have a drawing but each seller will donate to the club 10% of their gross sales total – rounded to the nearest dollar. The donations are due at the end of the sale.
6. We will be allowing extra time to move out the sold and unsold prior to 9:30. A short business meeting will be delayed until the end of the meeting. One table will be set aside for the Instant Gallery, but there will be no formal review.



## Club News (cont)



Three Windy City members demonstrated Christmas ornaments at Rockler August 6. Dave Neybert showed how he makes his popular trees. Rich Rohrback demonstrated a ball and icicle ornament using a sea shell. And Jason Clark turned his 5 examples of the ornaments we can not yet mention -- soon though. Jason also worked on a couple of designs of his own. Please give them a nod of appreciation for promoting turning and Windy City at this event.

If you missed signing up for this event there is still hope for you. We are doing the Woodcraft equivalent on November 2."

# Club News (cont)

Two Club Sponsored events that our club participates in every year are Lisle Depot Days and Once Upon A Christmas.

The club participation for these events is coordinated by Don Johnston. Each year Don organizes a group of club members to work a shift or two in the turning section of the blacksmith shop set up on the grounds of the Museums At Lisle Station Park. There are a number of antique lathes there where we demonstrate what turning was like many years ago before we had the modern equipment we are used to today. During the event many people stop by to view the demonstrations and ask questions. It is a rewarding experience. This year's events are as follows:

Depot Days Our August 20th meeting will be your last chance to join us demonstrating the antique lathes at the 39th annual Lisle Depot Days September 14 and 15. We have openings in each of the four 2 1/2 hour shifts over Saturday and Sunday. This event is sponsored jointly by The Lisle Heritage Association and Lisle Park District. Support our landlord, Lisle, turning, and Windy City. Sign up when the sheet is circulated on the 20<sup>th</sup>.



Once Upon a Christmas, Saturday Dec. 7, 3pm to 8pm

And Sunday Dec 8, 11am to 4pm

Please consider volunteering for a shift. Let Don know of your interest and he will be happy to fill you in on the details. Don's email is [donsuej\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:donsuej_2000@yahoo.com) and he can be reached at (708) 482-7628



## Club News (cont)

### Lisle Heritage Society Club Event



#### Ornament Project Progress

This project is nearly complete. Anticipating the return of outstanding kits, we should meet our goal soon. If you still have unfinished kits, please bring them on August 20<sup>th</sup> if you want to be included in the list of contributors to the 2019 project."

Thanks to all of you who have contributed your time and talents. I heard from several of you that you felt you made progress in making duplicates from your first effort to your last. This is part of the intended benefit we sought. Making the shape that you intend to is a component of successful turning.

SHHHH -- THE HERITAGE SOCIETY HAS A TRADITION OF KEEPING SECRET THE SUBJECT OF THE ANNUAL ORNAMENT UNTIL THEIR FIRST SALES AT DEPOT DAYS IN SEPTEMBER. WE ALL NEED TO HELP THEM FOLLOW THIS TRADITION. SO WHETHER YOU TURN OR NOT, DON'T TELL.  
Thank you, Don Johnston



Our 2019 Christmas Party will be held at  
Glen Ellyn Village Links Golf Club Reserve 22  
More information to come.





# This Month's Demonstration



Keith Lackner, world renowned and leading artist in Resin Infusions, has been a hobbyist woodworker since 1994 and started wood turning in 2012. In 2013 he had a vision to make something that would shock the turning community and send his craft as a wood turner in a different direction. That vision was to create a large vessel using exotic and highly figured burls and infuse them with casting resins. He unlocked a process to create one-of-a-kind pieces of art that he calls Resin Infusions. This process propelled his craft. He has been featured in multiple publications all over the world and you can find his pieces for sale in art galleries across the United States.

He now shares his knowledge and techniques in magazine articles, turning clubs and hands on classes to teach others this art form.

In addition to creating large one-of-a-kind pieces he also enjoys making functional and attractive, everyday pieces like bowls, platters and peppermills using highly figured woods that sets his work apart from the rest.

# Bigger, Better, and Brighter

The A/V Committee has been working very hard at putting together all the components of our new equipment. We now have the new PC, Speaker System, Projector, Cameras and various other necessary components.

Mark Jandanian has led the effort during this integration. He, and some member assistants, gathered on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> to go through a dry run. Although not all of the pieces are in places and fully tested we are hoping to be ready soon to show off our new capability.



# Club News (cont)

## Future 2019 Demonstrations

Peter D'Attomo has been working hard to secure some quality demonstrations for the rest of our 2019 schedule. Here is a list of what is scheduled. We will elaborate on each as we approach so that you will have background information on each.

- August- Keith Lackner Infused Turning
- September- Club Garage Sale
- October- Frank Pagura Flowers
- November- Paul Pyrcik Rose Engine
- December- Christmas Party



## Your Club Needs a Webmaster

If you have the experience and skill to take charge of this for the club you should seriously consider it. It is not a complicated site and does not require a significant amount of time each month. Of course it does give you the chance to be creative and fill a meaningful role for your club

*Develop/maintain/update WCWT website and domain.* If you have interest in this position please let us know.



# July Gallery Review



Bill Aitchison



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Marie Anderson



Dawn Herndon-Charles

# July Gallery Review



**Ron Bakowy**



**Jason Clark**



**Bob Barbieri**



**Don Johnston**



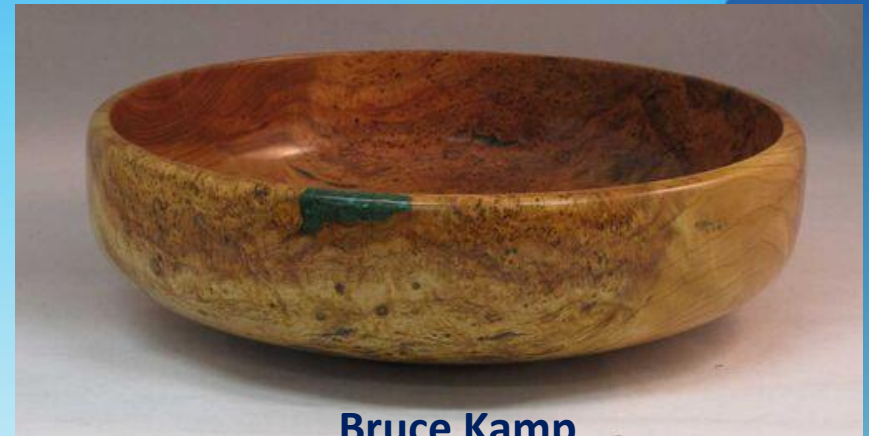
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**Bob Bergstrom**



**Tony Leto**



**Bruce Kamp**





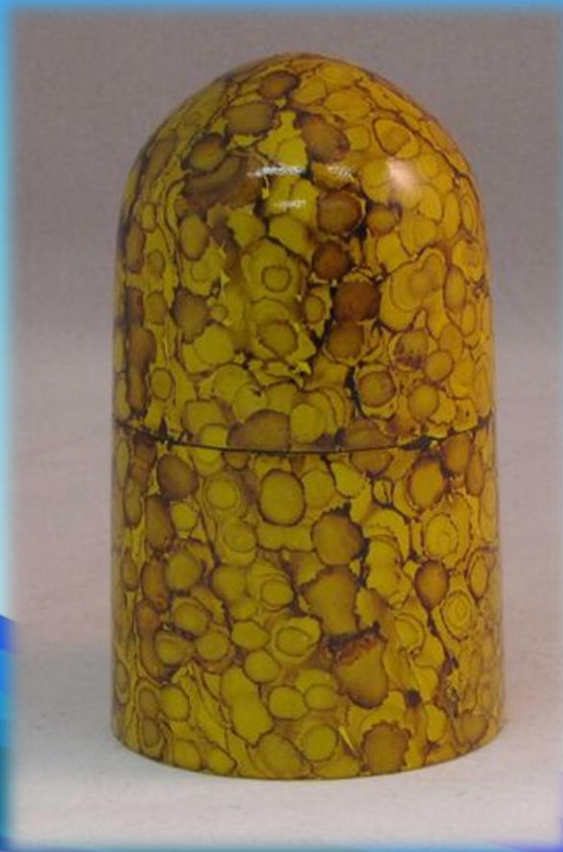
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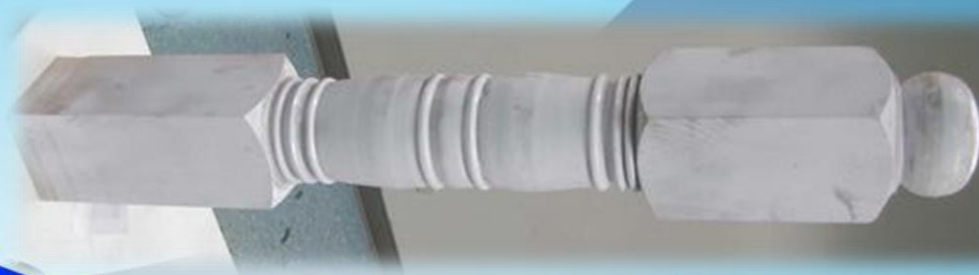
Kurt Wolf



Bob Bergstrom



## July Gallery Review





## July Gallery Review (Bring Back)



Ray Luckhaupt was our Bringback Winner in July. He was the recipient of this work by Derek Cadmus. Ray does some great segmenting work. The August winner may receive one of his great creations.



# Area Events

## •Chicago Woodturners 2019 Professional Demonstration Schedule

CWT has assembled an outstanding group of guest demonstrators for the remaining sessions are:

▪Jacques Vesery, September 7-10, 2019

▪The Saturday demonstrations are 9 to 5, open to all and reasonably priced. The hands-on classes fill up quickly. Additional information is available at or by contacting Chicago Woodturners.

▪<http://www.chicagowoodturners.com/professional-demonstrations/>

## Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild

Oct 18-20, 2019

West Harrison, IN (Just outside of Cincinnati)

Stuart Batty, Trent Bosch, Chris Ramsey, Al Stirt, Mark Sfirri, Kimberly Winkle



Our club has received a single three day admission pass for this event, a \$230 value. If you are interested in going and have not been before please submit your name to Jason Clark at [jclark58@gmail.com](mailto:jclark58@gmail.com). We will draw a winner and inform you via email.

## Turn-On Chicago 2020

July 24-26, 2020

Pheasant Run in St Charles

David Ellsworth, Cynthia Gibson, Michael Hosulak, Eric Lofstrom, Chris Ramsey, Avalino Samuel

# AAW Information



## AAW Membership Trial

AAW's newest membership promotion is currently available and is a perfect opportunity for you to give it a try, especially for those who have been on the fence about joining. This new introductory membership enables chapter members who have never been AAW members to test the waters of a full AAW membership for **THREE MONTHS FOR JUST \$20**. If they wish to continue their AAW membership, introductory members will be automatically renewed one time for an additional **NINE MONTHS FOR JUST \$40**. Individuals who have never been AAW members may sign up for a three-month introductory AAW membership using a credit card at <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=ITM2040>.

AAW offers numerous benefits. Take a second and use the following link to explore what AAW has to offer.

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=MemberBenefits>

As an example of what is offered check out:

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=FUNDamentals>

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**[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)**



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As I walked in the door I received a phone call from my mother whose voice was somewhat breathless and clearly distraught. My brother had been climbing in the Pocatello Pump a couple hours earlier and there had been an accident. I didn't get all the details of the circumstances until much later but the important facts were that he had fallen from a significant height; approximately 40 feet. He was in the hospital with a broken back, a serious injury to be sure. Luckily, he had landed on the only object in the area that could break his fall – his wife, who had been on the other end of the rope as his safety belay to catch him in the event of a fall. Of course, that also meant that she was also in the hospital, with a broken femur and was undergoing surgery to implant a titanium rod. Nearly 13 years later I still wonder about the odds. What are the odds that I met and had a conversation with this fellow woodturner at that meeting? That we had grown up 30 miles apart? That I had mentioned the Pocatello Pump by name, on the very day, possibly the very hour that my brother was competing, and possibly even having that conversation at the exact moment was helplessly falling 40 feet to the ground below? Whatever the odds are I'm sure they're astronomical and I can't help but feel it wasn't a coincidence. As funny as it sounds I truly believe my brother was surprisingly lucky that day, had he not landed on his wife he likely would have sustained more serious injuries. 2-3 feet to either side and he likely would have landed on jagged rocks. He's continued to be lucky. Since that time he's survived multiple avalanches while skiing and even survived a chainsaw accident where he was cut on the inner thigh, just missing his femoral artery (yet another story).





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I'll always have fond memories of that club in Arizona and my time there but looking back this might be the most vivid memory that I have of that club. An innocuous conversation at a woodturning meeting with a guy I'd never met before that somehow paralleled one of the most serious medical issues that's ever happened to my family.



# WCWT 2019 Committee Descriptions

We now have committees setup to direct club activities. A number of people have stepped forward and volunteered to provide committee leadership. Below we describe the various committees and their respective chairmen.

If you want to help with your club activities please contact the chairman. We all enjoy the advantages of club membership and we would like to see more members involved.

## 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 -TBD

*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 2019 Committee Descriptions (cont)

## Raffle- Rich 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

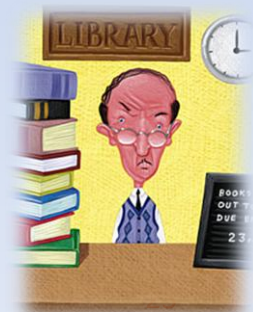
Research and make recommendations on audio/video decisions and purchases based on the club needs, bearing in mind possible future uses including remote video purchases and the ability to record demonstrations.



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 relavent article about available library material for monthly newsletter.





# WCWT 2019 Committee Descriptions (cont)

## Christmas Party– Peter D’Attomo

Make arrangements for the club’s holiday party including location, reservations, menu, invitation/head count, etc. Work with Treasurer to determine appropriate budget, and portion of the expense to be paid for by club members.



## Garage Sale – Peter D’Attomo

Organize and facilitate the club’s annual garage sale event, including soliciting participation, organizing setup, and other evening activities to help supplement the event and encourage attendance.



## Picnic - Rich Rohrback

Organize and facilitate the club’s annual summer picnic. Assure reservation for facility. Send invite and reminders about the event to track member interest and attendance. Organize club supplied entrees ,as well as assign groups of club members to provide side dishes, desserts, etc. Establish event’s program including individual activity leaders.





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