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# The Monthly Newsletter of the Windy City Woodturners

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The October Demo will feature Jason Clark showing us his techniques for creating Christmas ornaments





Back in early August the club had an opportunity to do some ornament demonstrations at Rockler in Bolingbrook. The demonstrators were myself, Don Johnston, Dave Neybert, and Rich Rohrback. Several other club members were in attendance in the audience as well as six to ten non-club members. I used the opportunity to make some of the ornaments that we're making for the Lisle Historical Society, and to practice for an ornament turning demonstration I recently submitted a demonstration proposal for.

As things were starting to wind down one gentleman in the audience approached me and made a comment along the lines of "I thought I was doing pretty good until I saw you guys turn today". I understand that sentiment as I was once that guy in the audience watching someone with skills and techniques that I didn't yet possess. I vividly remember the first time I saw someone turn with a bowl gouge live in person. He was doing things with that tool that I knew were impossible – because I had already tried and failed miserably.

I also recently received an email from a woman who attended one of my rotations at the Tennessee Symposium back in January. I was a last-minute fill-in when one of the scheduled demonstrators had to cancel due to health issues. When I was approached about being a substitute demonstrator I agreed pretty much immediately and quickly booked my flight *before* asking for permission from my wife and my manager at work. It was a whirlwind week of prep work leading up to the symposium and 8 demonstrations over 2 days is an exhausting amount of work but this one message from this one woman made it all worth it:

**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 October 15 , 2019

## ***Club Officers***

At Your Service

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Current Membership 89

Additionally, the following  
people

Serve in these important  
roles:

#### Webmaster

Rich Rohrback

#### Promotions

Rich Nye

#### Videography

Bob Bergstrom

Mark Jundanian

#### Photography

Dave Burk

#### Librarian

Rich Hall-Reppen



## **Club News**

The holiday season will be fast approaching. So it is time to start thinking about what we can make for gifts or just for the fun of it .

At our October meeting Jason Clark will be demonstrating some of his techniques for turning interesting ornaments.

## **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 .

For now you can access the calendar by clicking on this link:

[WCWT Calendar](#)

Click on an event and you will see information about it pop up.

# Important Club Vote

At the beginning of each year the board presents to the membership a budget that includes, among other things, projected club expenditures for the year. If we are aware of a specific item, or category of item, that is spelled out in the budget. The membership then votes to approve this budget. This gives the board approval for that expenditure.

On occasion the club has been faced with the need to make a decision on the purchase of needed items that were not budgeted. Currently the Club By-Laws require that the membership as a whole vote on any non-budgeted expenditure. This means that in an emergency or a situation of urgency the expenditure could not occur until the membership had voted on it. An example may be something as simple as extra cables for the AV system or as significant as lathe repair.

The board is proposing the following amendment to the By-Laws so that it will be able to purchase necessary items without the delay associated with waiting until the next meeting for approval.

**“Upon approval of the majority of the board of directors the board is authorized to approve and execute a capital expenditure of up to \$499.99 without requiring the approval of the general membership of Windy City Woodturners”**

At the October meeting you will be asked to vote on the inclusion of this amendment in the By-Laws



# Annual WCWT Garage Sale

Our Garage Sale was a huge success this year. We had twelve people participate who were able to sell something. They were offering for sale many items that were surplus to them but that others will find useful. It was a great time to pick up a different turning tool, machine, accessory, or even wood to be made into something useful.

The total sale amount was nearly \$2,300. The club's portion of this was \$229. This will help us continue to fund the projects that will improve your club.

During the garage sale one table featured more than 100 turning tools. Recently a friend to many of us passed away - Rich Rossio. Rich loved woodturning and mentored many of us as well as being a reseller of pen components and wood turning tools. The sale of the tools benefited his estate. On the other side of the room some of the wood from his estate was also for sale. The sale went very well and we were able to collect and return the money to his wife - Laura. Her entire family thanks you for being kind and it reflects how great the woodturning community supports one another. Sometime in early November there will be a garage sale at Rich's house. There will be plenty of turning tools, wood, and lathe accessories - including chucks and measuring tools. Please contact [Peter D'Attomo](#) for information about the sale.

## Club News (cont)

# Annual WCWT Garage Sale

Held on September 17th





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## Depot Days 2019

September 14 and 15 marked the 35<sup>th</sup> year for Lisle Depot Days. The event features historic exhibits, tug of wars and petting farm to name a few. Of course the place we like to hang out is the Turning Museum in the Blacksmith Shop. Windy City once again demonstrated turning over the centuries and talked turning with Depot Day guests of all ages. Our team of volunteers this year included Bruce Kamp, Rich Rohrback, Jason Clark, Marie Anderson, Dawn Herndon-Charles, Paul Pyrcik, Don Johnston and Rich Hall-Reppen. We turned green cherry (from Rich Hall-Reppen's Wisconsin woods) to make turning on the foot-powered machines easier. Marie used her progressive models to explain bowl turning. Jason turned a big handle for some kind of tool the blacksmiths were making. And everyone made some chips. Thanks to all the demonstrators and to other club members who visited in support.





# Club News (cont)

## 2019 Lisle Heritage Society Ornament

The Snow Woman made her debut at the Depot Days celebration September 14. She wore brightly colored hats and just enough glitter to compliment her captivating eyes and petite nose. THE SECRET IS OUT – WE CAN TELL THE WORLD. If you are itching to have one of your very own, you'll have to be alert for only the second time of the year that the Museum Gift Shop is open – Once Upon a Christmas. If there is enough interest, we can organize a group purchase. The price this year is \$10.

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the last 5 that Windy City has supported this project. Snow Woman is the result of many hours of careful painting by the Heritage Society Guild. And she was only a block of basswood until 16 members of Windy City applied their talents. Thanks to the following Windy City members who delivered on this project: Nathan Wick, Bruce Kamp, Bob Barbieri, Bert Le Loup, Bill Aitchison, Bob Moss, Paul Pyrcik, Jason Clark, Dale Kern, Al Miotke and Dawn your name is not above, please apologies.



Andy Kuby, Doug Gust, Don Johnston, Marie Anderson, Pete D'Attomo, Herndon-Charles. If you turned and contact Don Johnston – my

# 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.

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| •October-  | Jason Clark     | Christmas Ornaments                |
| •November- | Paul Pyrcik     | <a href="#"><u>Rose Engine</u></a> |
| •December- | Christmas Party | December 17th                      |



## Your Club Has Its Webmaster

We are happy to announce that Rich Rohrback has signed on as our new Webmaster. Rich has helped contributed to our club in various ways. His most recent being our successful Annual Picnic. He brings with him the knowledge and willingness to give us a lively and interesting website. Thanks Rich.

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



## Club Events/Activities

### Christmas Ornaments at Woodcraft

Saturday November 2, 2019 10a, to 1pm

Are you one of those unfortunates who missed the opportunity to demonstrate your favorite ornament at Rockler in July? Well take heart, on Saturday November 2 we'll do it again at our neighborhood Woodcraft on Woodward and 75<sup>th</sup>. Pencil in the date now and sign up when the list goes around at the October meeting. Or call Don Johnston at 708 606 7628 to reserve your spot in advance. We'll turn on 3 or 4 mini's from 10am to 1pm.

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### • Once Upon a Christmas

• Saturday Dec. 7, 3pm to 8pm and Sunday Dec. 8, 11am to 4pm.

• 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.

## Club Events/Activities

Our 2019 Christmas Party will be held at  
**Glen Ellyn Village Links Golf Club Reserve 22**

December 17, 2019 5:30pm to 9:30pm  
More information to come.





## Area Events

### 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

**Rich Hall-Reppen was chosen as the winner of a ticket to this event.  
Hope to hear back from Rich after he attends.**

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### Robust Tools Open House

Saturday, October 12, 2019

9AM to 4PM

Woodturning Demos by

Guest Turner:

[Mark Sfirri](#)



Door prizes and in-house  
specials on all Robust  
products

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### Empty Bowls

Saturday, December 7

[Oakton Community College](#)

1600 E Golf Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016, USA

## Area Events (cont)

**SOFA Chicago 2019**  
**31 OCT - 3 NOV 2019**  
**NAVY PIER**



The Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design (SOFA) Fair in Chicago is the premier gallery-presented art fair dedicated to three-dimensional art and design. Critically acclaimed and continuously running since 1993, what distinguishes SOFA from other top art events is its focus on three-dimensional artworks that cross the boundaries of fine art, decorative art and design. SOFA is noted for its exceptional presentation, with an elite selection of international dealers presenting for sale one-of-a-kind masterworks in handsome, custom-designed gallery exhibits. With a strong educational emphasis, SOFA CHICAGO includes an acclaimed lecture series and special exhibits exploring the artworks on view and surveying new trends in the art world. A VIP program includes exclusive events tailored to high-profile gallery clients and collector/museum groups.



## Area Events(cont)

### 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 [Introductory Offer](#).

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

## [AAW Member Benefits](#)

As an example of what is offered check out:

## [AAW FUNdamentals](#)

[Visit](#)

[AAW Website](#)





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“My friend and I are new old lady turners. Even though your demo was way above our skill level I found you very inspiring. You opened our eyes to possibilities that neither of us would have imagined. I am so glad there are people such as you that take the time to show others that you do and how you do it.”

That’s the heart of why I enjoy demonstrating and why I work very hard to make my demonstrations educational and interesting. It’s not always easy to walk the line between making your demonstration accessible to the beginner but also interesting enough to hold the attention of even the most experienced woodturner in the audience.

That’s also why club support of events like ornament turning, Depot Days, and Once Upon a Christmas are critical. At heart, we’re an educational organization and while educating each other (and the occasional new member or visitor) at our monthly meetings is great, it’s the community outreach and interaction with the public that is vital to fulfill our educational commitment as well as to recruit potential new members or expose those to woodturning that otherwise would never get that exposure or experience.

Anytime you’re demonstrating, or representing the club at a club event you never truly know who is in the audience and what influence you may have in their life. I for one am truly grateful that I took that afternoon off back in December 2005 to go see a woodturning demo at my local Rockler. That afternoon altered my perceptions of what woodturning was, what woodturning could be, and has had an impact on my life that can’t be understated.

# 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 -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 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

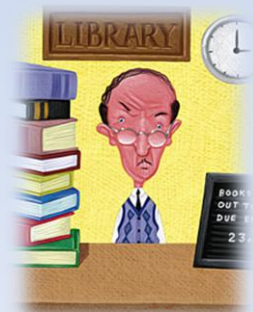
Research and make recommendations on audio/video decisions and purchases based on the club needs, bearing in mind possible future uses including remote video purchases and the ability to record demonstrations.



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.

