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# **The Monthly Newsletter of the Windy City Woodturners**

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I've been a woodturner for about 13 years. I've been woodturning for about 16 years but looking back I wouldn't consider myself a woodturner for those first few years. I was an uneducated amateur with aspirations of becoming a serious woodturner, completely self-taught in my garage in the days before Youtube and social media. My first lathe was a Harbor Freight special. My second lathe wasn't much better and it didn't take long, just over a year later, before I upgraded to a serious lathe, my Powermatic.

We've been through thick and thin together including a move halfway across the country. I've assembled and disassembled it alone – twice. I'm on my third power inverter, second switch, and just this week I found that I have an immediate need to replace the toolrest adjustment handle. The paint is chipped and worn and, where there still is paint it's covered in sap, sawdust, finish, and glue.

A few years after I bought my lathe I decided to add the 18" bed extension. I had big plans to mount it in the lower position to allow for some outboard turning up to 39" diameter. I even made sure to buy the bed extension that came with the tool post extender to get the toolrest back up to center height. Spoiler alert – I've never mounted the bed extension in the lower position. These days the primary purpose is save my back from dismounting and mounting the tailstock, I can just slide it to the end of the extension and it's well out of the way.

**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 September 17, 2019

## Club News

# WCWT Picnic



### The Windy City Woodturners Picnic...

A big thanks to everyone who attended the picnic and helped set up and clean up and for everyone that brought a dish to pass. There were about 30 people who attended.

It was a great day, the weather was perfect, there was plenty of food, drinks, etc.

The wood exchange and the white elephant raffle were once again a lot of fun.

I hope everyone had a good time and got to meet another member.

Thanks again to everyone for helping to make this event a success,

**Rich Rohrback**

## **Club Officers**

At Your Service

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Current Membership 89

Additionally, the following people

Serve in these important roles:

#### Promotions

Rich Nye

#### Videography

Bob Bergstrom

Tom Waicecuskas

#### Photography

Dave Burk

#### Librarian

Rich Hall-Reppen



# Fun Times at the WCWT 2019 Picnic



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# Annual WCWT Garage Sale

Regular Meeting Date September 17th

Everyone has something in their shop that they no longer need or want. That does not mean it is useless. Someone else may be find a great use for it. So, rather than letting it sit around gathering sawdust bring it to our sale and give another member a chance to put it to good use. You and the club can also make some money.



Details follow on page 5



## 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)

### WCWT Presentation Leaders

Our club recently approved the spending of \$2500 to acquire new equipment to enhance the quality of our demonstrations and presentations. At our August meeting we were able to demonstrate the results of this effort. Please keep in mind that this will be a work in progress while our AV Committee of Mark Jundanian and Bob Bergstrom figure out the details of what needs to be done to take full advantage of this.



The pictures here give us a little glimpse of what we can look forward to. In general we will see larger, clearer video of the presentation as well as significantly improved sound.

In the future these capabilities will allow us to present live demonstrations of well known

national artists in wood turning.

Something that has not been economical to do under our old system

Thank you to the committee for all their work in making this happen.



# 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.

- 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.



# Our August Demo



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.

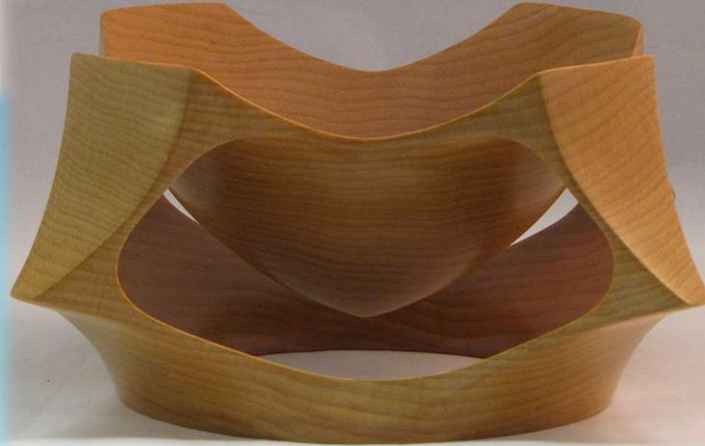
# August Gallery Review



**Jason Clark**



**Rich Hall-Reppen**



**Mark Jundanian**

**Bert Leloup**





# August Gallery Review



Paul Shotola



Bill Aitchison



Andy Kuby



Derek Cadmus

Don Johnston



## August Gallery Review

Andy Kuby



Bert Leloup

## August Gallery Review





## August Gallery Review (Bring Back)



**Ray Luckhaupt was our Bringback Winner in July. He had the honor of bringing the piece for August. The August winner was the proud recipient of this great piece by Ray.**



## 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.**



### 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>

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



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I've also modified my lathe a bit, 6 or 7 years ago I added a secondary on-off switch so I can turn the lathe off at the tailstock end if I'm turning a hollow form or if it would be dangerous to reach to the headstock to turn it off there (Side note – I was speaking to Andy Kuby of Chicago Woodturners recently and he's gotten in the habit of turning the lathe off using the speed control knob rather than the on-off switch. Not a bad habit to get into). When I replaced the on-off switch a couple years ago, it wasn't exactly the same switch, it was slightly better and slightly safer as you now need to twist and pull the switch to power it on. It took a week or two to get used to but now it's second nature. I'm certain the new toolrest adjustment handle will be a slightly different shape and a slightly different size but I'm also sure I'll adjust to it very quickly.

So, was it the purchase of a good lathe that made me a woodturner? No. But it probably made me a better woodturner than I would be otherwise. If I could point to a single event that triggered my evolution from amateur to serious woodturner it would be the first time I saw someone else turn in person. It was also that day that I learned about the local woodturning club (which I finally joined about 6 months later) and their upcoming symposium (which I stupidly didn't attend).





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Joining that club, attending the meetings, viewing the gallery, and general immersion into woodturning made me into the woodturner that I am today. Attending the all-day demos from the professionals that they brought in taught and inspired me. Demonstrating to that local club started me on the journey where I am now as a demonstrator and instructor. I probably did a dozen demos for that club over the years and demonstrated at countless club events and later this year I have the opportunity to return the favor as I return to that club as a professional demonstrator for an all-day demo and 3 days of hands-on classes. I've called myself a woodturner for well over a decade now but being able to return to my first club as an invited professional demonstrator – that will make me a Woodturner, with a capital W.

# 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

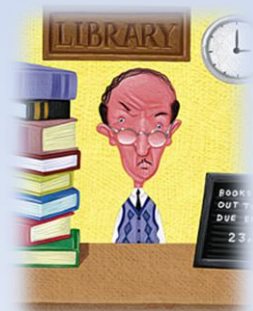
Research and make recommendations on audio/video decisions and purchases based on the club needs, bearing in mind possible future uses including remote video purchases and the ability to record demonstrations.



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.





# Vicmarc 100 VL100 (w/o motor)



The lathe was manufactured in 1996 and was only used for a few years. It has been sitting, unused, for the past 15 years or so.  
If you are interested please contact:

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