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The Monthly newsletter of the Chicago Woodturners

January 2016

Happy New Year

Headline News

TurnOn! Chicago 2016

The TurnOn! Chicago organizational process is in full swing. Plan now to get involved, volunteer, and mark your calendar for July 22-24, 2016. The demonstrators are all signed up, schedules are being finalized for the best TurnOn! Chicago ever. Please see page 5 for details and look throughout the newsletter for demonstrator pictures.

It's time to pay your 2016 dues

Our Club is the best woodturning deal in the area. You get demos, hands on instruction with the best woodturners in the world, informative and interesting meetings a really good website and a newsletter. What a deal. Please see the article on page 4 regarding membership and PAY YOUR DUES.



Robin Costelle - Collection 2014



**President
Al Miotke**

Seasons Greetings

Best and most
joyous holiday
possible to you and
yours

Presidents Curls

Happy New Year to everyone. I can't think of a better way to start off the New Year then a short discussion on safety. Safety is a topic we talk about occasionally. When we do, it's often superficial comments like "Always turn safe". If you are new to woodturning, you're probably wondering what that means. The AAW is very focused on providing information to help members understand how to turn safely and provides this list of safety tips. Whether you are new to turning or consider yourself a veteran, ask yourself how many of the items on this list you do 100% of the time. If answered NO to any of these statements, you should be reviewing your shop procedures. You can get more information on this subject from the AAW website. www.woodturners.org.

- Wear safety glasses or a face shield.
- Wear dust mask.
- Wear hearing protection when appropriate.
- Turn the lathe off before moving the tool rest.
- Remove the chuck key, knockout bar, etc. before turning the lathe on.
- Tie back long hair, any loose clothing, or jewelry that can get caught in the spinning wood.
- Use high quality screws #10 or #12 when using a faceplate. (No drywall screws!)
- Make sure all locking devices on the tool rest or tailstock are secure before starting.
- Make sure the blank is securely fastened.
- Rotate the work piece to make sure it doesn't hit the tool rest before turning on the lathe.
- Always be aware of the "red zone" and stay away from the line of fire as much as possible.
- Check the lathe speed before turning the lathe on.
- Watch for blanks with cracks, checks, bark inclusions, or other irregularities.
- Always make sure the tool is securely in contact with the tool rest before touching the wood.
- Running in reverse can cause the chuck to unscrew if not locked down.
- Always move the tool rest before doing any sanding.
- Keep your tools sharp and clean at all times.
- Have a fire extinguisher close by.
- Work in a well lit environment.
- Never stand at the lathe when tired or after having alcohol.
- Never leave the lathe running unattended.

What do you think are the most dangerous woodworking tools based on emergency room visits each year? Based on a survey, the #1 item is the table saw with 150 emergency room visits every DAY. If you're a table saw user, there is a separate list of safety procedures that are critical you understand. Second on the list are pneumatic nailers. The third item should hit close to home, chainsaws. The lathe did not make the national list but for most of us it should be a top focus.

Hope to see you at the January meeting. I'll be ready to kickoff a discussion on a number of our exciting programs for 2016.

Alan J Miotke

Christmas Party Report

Marie Anderson

Our December meeting was our holiday party. We had 68 attendees at Fox Run Golf Links in Elk Grove Village. The new venue was roomy and I did not hear any complaints about the food. The grab bag gifts went very well and it seemed as though everyone enjoyed the exchange. The meeting allowed for plenty of time for socializing.

We did cover a few “business” items during the evening.

Al Miotke introduced the chair people for Turn On Chicago 2016 which you will be hearing more about as we kick off our campaign next month.

Marie Anderson reported on the Empty Bowls event. We raised \$2,756.00 which could be a new high. Thank you to all who volunteered either on the day or donating something to the cause. The people at Empty Bowls as always were very happy with our efforts to assist in this worthy fundraising event.

Marie reminded everyone that in January Al will be talking again about the Beads for Courage charity that we began participating in last year, so start thinking about that and it would be great if we had some boxes at the January meeting to start the campaign off right!

Marie reminded everyone about the Chicago Woodturners Educational Grant program which will be open in January. We will have a pre-meeting mentoring program to assist anyone who is interested in filling out a grant application between 6-7 before the January CWT meeting. Please come with an idea of what you would like to learn and any information about the class or tool or book or ??? that you would like to use the grant for.

Thanks to all the volunteers who help run this club. Without everyone who volunteers we would not have the viable club that we have. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to assist next year with Turn On Chicago 2016 as well as plenty of outreach projects including demonstrations, Pens for Troops, SOFA, Beads of Courage boxes, and Empty Bowls.

Here’s to a great 2016!

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Anderson, Secretary.



CWT News

Raffle

Mary Olsen and Marty Knapp

**There was no raffle due to the Xmas Party
See you in January**

Membership report

Julie and Roger Basrak

The December CWT meeting (and Christmas party) was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, with many members and their guests present. (Please see Marie Anderson's party report, editor)

I am very pleased to announce that 74 members have already paid their dues for 2016. Thank you so much! There was to be a surprise drawing at the January meeting if at least 100 members have paid their dues by December 31, 2015. Alas that did not occur, perhaps next year.

Your CWT dues are still one of the best bargains around at \$25.00 for an individual member and \$35.00 for a family membership for an entire year. If you come to only 2 demonstrations in a year, the money you save has paid for your membership. Remember, there are mentoring sessions prior to all meetings (except the December meeting), and gallery reviews and demonstrations at the first eleven meetings each year, as well.

Dues can be paid at the meetings or by check made payable to Chicago Woodturners and mailed to:

**Julie Basrak
563 W. Ruhl Rd.
Palatine, IL 60074**

Thank you for your cooperation



Robin Costelle Coloring Outside the Lines

TurnOn! Chicago 2016

Marie Anderson

TurnOn! Chicago 2016 is coming. During the seven months between January and July we will be showcasing the various demonstrators who have committed to being with us this year. We will start off by listing the demonstrators and giving a short précis of their work and what they will be demonstrating.

Also, we will be using pictures of their work as fillers in the newsletter so if you see something interesting, this summer is your chance to follow up.

Our demonstrators include:

Molly Winton, surface embellishment, woodburning and miniature vessels

Mark St. Leger, Basic turning projects especially boxes

Mark Sfirri, multi-axis and eccentric turning, including spindle turning basics

Rex Burningham, Basic Bowls and goblets, including a platter with a rope twist bead

Stephen Hatcher, Inlaid stones including unique bowl and platter accents

Clay Foster, Surface embellishment and design including multiple axis vessels

Graeme Priddle, Offset turning and burning including sculptural multi-center turning

Nick Agar, Surface embellishment and design including a Viking sunset bowl

Rob Wallace, Tree identification

Rob Nelson, Basic turning including turning a trembular and thin stem goblets

Robin Costelle, Segmented turning including design and hollow forms

Frank Kobilsek, Vessels and Goblets including jewelry from the lathe

Vince Welch, Understanding sanding abrasives and how to use them.

Come on out and see the best in Woodturning.



Mark St. Leger Box with Threaded Lid

Free Money for Continuing Your Woodturning Education

Marie Anderson

Did you know that CWT offers grants of up to \$500 for your educational use? The CWT Grant guidelines and application are on the CWT website for your use. The money is free to anyone whose application is accepted. In order to encourage more members to apply for this FREE MONEY, the educational committee has decided to offer a mentoring session to assist you in completing the application. It will be held on January 12th at 6pm at Christian Liberty Academy (before the regular January CWT meeting).

Why apply for a grant? This money can be used to help you pay for anything related to woodturning education – this can be a class (or classes), shop time, tools, books, whatever you can think of. What you need to know: you must complete and submit the grant application no later than the February CWT meeting (February 9th). Your application will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Grant Coordinator in a blind review format. If your application is accepted, you will be awarded an amount up to \$500 toward your education to be used as described in your application. If you are awarded a grant, you must “give back” to the club by sharing what you learned according to the educational grant guidelines.

If you have questions, please contact Don McCloskey or Marie Anderson.

Empty Bowls For Food Raises \$2,752

Don McCloskey

This was our Tenth year of raising money for Empty Bowls for Food. This year we raised \$2752.00 for food pantries. To all of the more than 50 members who had donated over 150 bowls, pens, bottle stoppers, vases and other turned items a warm and special thank you. Many people in the Chicago area will be fed through our good offices. **December 3, 2016 is the next Empty Bowls** auction, lets see if we can raise over \$3,000.00. Al and Brenda Miotke, Roger and Julie Basrak, Marie and Ruth Anderson, John and Susan Whitehurst, Terry McCammon, Andy Kuby and Don McCloskey helped with running the silent auction. In 2016 we are going to need your help again with donations and helping out before, during and after the day.



2015 Meeting Agenda

Month	Gallery Review	Demonstration
January	Roger Basrak	Ken Staggs— Tops
February	TBD	Darrell Rad - Power Carving
March	TBD	Don McCloskey - Celtic Knot Goblet
April	TBD	Don McCleary - TBD
May	TBD	Al Miotke - TBD
June	TBD	Marie Anderson - TBD
July	TBD	TBD
August	TBD	TBD
September	TBD	TBD
October	TBD	TBD
November	TBD	TBD

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Editor's Choice

Editorial:

Each month that there is a gallery review there is an editor's choice. After two years I think it is worth describing my thoughts as I make this selection. First of all, as a general rule I do not pick professional woodturners. I have done so in the past and no doubt will in the future, but in general I won't. Secondly, I intend to not pick the same person twice in one year. Otherwise the award would simply rotate between the two or three very superior turners who bring work each month. Yes I have done so, that was an error on my part.

Other than that, there are no rules. I look at the items as they are on the gallery review table and I handle each item as it is photographed and I make my choice. I usually discuss it with one or two club members who are standing in the back with me. However the choice is mine and mine alone. I am influenced by classical forms, I am influenced by color and wood and I am influenced by the turner his or her self, what is their personality, what is shown in the work that reflects what I see in them. I like to acknowledge that piece that really reflects a new and improving standard of work.

I am glad to discuss my choices, but am at the end of the day responsible for them and stand by my choices once they are made. As it says on this page when an editor's choice is made "We live in a democracy but I am the editor".



Robin Costelle Tempestuous

For Sale, Trade, or Wanted

I received the following note from Al Miotke, editor

Christmas present for CWT.

On January 2nd I picked up a box of wood donated to the club. Joel Katz, a very generous person from the Logan Square area in Chicago donated a box of exotics to CWT. The box included about \$400 of high quality wood including Cocobolo, Madagascar ebony, lignum Vitae, and a few unknown pieces. Joel is a turner who now works as a glass blower and is moving to Oregon. Joel simply asked that the wood benefit charity events especially helping kids.



Thanks for your generosity Joel.

Joel also had a few items to sell but they were packed so I have little information. Can you include the following notice in the classified section:

Delta 4x24 belt sander
Small tabletop drill press
Delta 10" tabletop bandsaw
Tilesaw
\$200 for all 4 items or call for individual pricing

Unimat mini metal lathe with accessories \$200

Contact Joel Katz at [773 259-0365](tel:7732590365) for more information

Items of interest to woodturners for sale,
wanted, trade or free are welcome.
Non-commercial ads only, please.

Events of interest to woodturners are also welcome.
To place an ad, contact Terry McCammon
Terry.W.McCammon@gmail.com

Events

TurnOn! Chicago 2016 The 2016 edition of TurnOn! Chicago has been announced. We will be showcasing details as time matures but mark your calendars for July 22-24, 2016. We will return to The Conference Center of the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.



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chicagowoodturners.com

**Monthly Meetings
are held on the 2nd
Tuesday of each
month at:**

**Christian Liberty
Academy
502 W Euclid Ave
Arlington Heights,
IL
7:00-10:00 PM**

**Please join us
All are welcome.**

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wishing to increase
their turning skills
through education,
discussion and
critique. Annual dues
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\$35.00 for a family.
Visit our website for
an application or
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Julie Basrak

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Chairman**

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