

As the Wood Turns

NEWSLETTER OF THE
CHICAGO WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION



30 YEARS OF ART, CRAFT,
TECHNOLOGY, AND
TRADITION.

AAW | AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF WOODTURNERS

January Newsletter 2018

Highlights

- President's Letter, p. 1
- Last Month's Meeting, p. 2
 - Minutes from Last Month's Meeting, p. 2
 - Raffle Winners
 - Membership Report, p. 2
 - Demonstration Report
 - Gallery
- CWT News, p. 3
 - Turn-On! Chicago 2018 Registration Opens
 - A New Odyssey
 - Welcome to New Board Members and Committee Chair
 - American Association of Woodturners Opportunities
- For Sale, Trade, or Wanted, p. 5
- Events, p. 5
- Reference, pp. 6-7
 - 2018 Meeting Agendas
 - Chicago Woodturners Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2018
 - About Us



President's Curls

Welcome to the New Year. Chicago Woodturners had a very busy 2017, and 2018 promises to be even more tightly packed. I look forward to what the New Year brings, and what we can accomplish together. For instance: Rich Nye is already working on a full program of professional demonstrators; Al Miotke and the Turn-On-Chicago Committee are fully engaged in the planning for our August event;

Don McCloskey is already soliciting contributions for Empty Bowls and Pens for Troops; Roger Basrak is working on Artapolooza, Focus and other events; and Rich Hall-Reppen is working with the Boy Scouts. I assume we will be able to offer more introductory (and intermediate) turning weekends and expand our mentoring programs. We have already started to amass another set of lidded bowls and boxes for Beads of Courage.

I'm looking forward to building on the foundations that Al Miotke, and all who have gone before him, have established, but I can't do it alone. I would like to increase the cooperation and collaboration between the Northern Illinois clubs, expand our community outreach and education programs, extend the volunteer pool and encourage new, and younger, members. Our turning events and hands-on opportunities at high schools and other venues introduce our club and craft to a wider circle, and our symposiums are well regarded throughout the woodturning community. We need a lot more of our members involved in the planning and execution of these signature events. In addition, our participation in the AAW should include a much higher percentage of the membership. We get so much more out of AAW than we could ever put back in.

Closer to home, I would like to complete the upgrades to our audio-visual systems, and maybe even begin to publish some of our own videos. Our social media presence is limited, and my kids tell me this important. Who knew? Our award-winning newsletter and website are both being refreshed. All this and turning too? We can do it if we spread the load. Volunteer!

This month we will have Al Miotke back up in front with the Gallery Critique. Expect in-depth reviews and tips on design, texturing and presentation from one of the best. Spindle turning will be demonstrated by one of our more experienced members, Ken Staggs. Plan to be there, and participate.

Andy Kuby, President

As the Wood Turns

Last Month's Meeting

There are no minutes, gallery notes, demo description or raffle announcements from December, since the regular meeting was replaced by the holiday party. By all reports, a good time was had by all.

These features will resume in next month's newsletter.

Membership Report

Julie & Roger Basrak

After our November CWT meeting, one of our guests, Abby Polonsky from Skokie, decided to join CWT. Welcome to CWT, Abby! Abby became our 168th member during 2017. Of those 168 members, 75 have already paid their dues for 2018. Thanks very much! We're off to a great start!

We will return to our usual location in the meeting room on the second floor of Christian Liberty Academy for our meeting on January 14.

When was the last time you arrived for a meeting between 6:00 and 6:50? Did you know there is a mentoring session before each meeting during that time? Why not come early and see what happens then? Seasoned members and new members are welcome to join the group. If you would like to volunteer to lead or help with a mentoring session, please contact Al Miotke, Darrell Rader or Don McCloskey. Thanks!

If you forget to bring cash or a check to pay your dues, you may send a check (\$30.00 for an individual membership or \$40.00 for a family membership) made out to Chicago Woodturners. Checks may be mailed to Chicago Woodturners, c/o Julie Basrak, 563 W. Ruhl Rd., Palatine, IL 60074.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

CWT News

Turn-On! Chicago 2018 Registration Opens

Registration for our biennial symposium Turn-On! Chicago, which will be held from August 3-5, 2018, is now open. Visit the symposium website www.turnonchicago.com to learn more about the event and the demonstrators.

If you register before April 1 and have paid your 2018 dues, you will receive a \$20 discount off the registration fee. Learn more about the symposium at the January meeting.

A New Odyssey

CWT will participate for the first time in Stevenson High School's Odyssey program, a two-day Art and Craft event. We will be helping students turn pens during the school day on February 6. Volunteer sign-up will occur at the January meeting.

AAW Opportunities

American Association of Woodturners' newest membership promotion presents a timely opportunity for chapter members to try AAW -- especially 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 the reduced rate of \$20. If they wish to continue their AAW membership, introductory members will be automatically renewed one time for an additional nine months for \$40. Individuals who have never been AAW members may sign up for a three-month introductory membership using a credit card at <http://tiny.cc/ITM2040>.



Registration for AAW's 32nd Annual International Symposium is open. The conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 14-17, bringing together more than 1,200 turners from around the globe to learn, share, and celebrate the art and craft of woodturning.

American Association of Woodturners' annual symposium is the largest woodturning event in the world. No other event offers as many opportunities to learn from the world's best. For

more information, visit <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2018Portland>

Welcome to New Board & Committee Members

Three new CWT board and committee members officially began this month. Andy Kuby, is our new president, Frank Pagura is our new Secretary, and John Whitehurst is our new Newsletter Editor. Thanks to each of them-- as well as all our returning board and committee members -- for serving in these important roles.

For Sale, Trade, or Wanted

Shop Light, Just Like The Pros Use

Magnetic Lathe Lights. A limited number of Magnetic Lathe Lights, similar to the ones on all of the Chicago Woodturners demonstration lathes, are available for \$40 each. Contact Andrew Kuby, 847-922-8201 or riverwoodsturner@gmail.com.

WoodRiver DV2 Self-Centering Vise

Woodriver DV2 Self Centering Vise, complete with full set of collars. Brand new and unused. Great for pens and bottle stoppers. Retail price is \$207, asking \$65. Contact: Bob Finger at 847-361-6092 or bobscarvings@yahoo.com

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

Events of interest to woodturners are also welcome. To place an ad, contact John Whitehurst, johnswhitehurst@gmail.com.

Events

Totally Turning in the Adirondacks



Adirondack Woodturners Association invites all woodturners to their annual event, Totally Turning 2018, to be held March 24-25 at Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs, NY. Featured presenters are: Nick Agar, Mark Baker, Nick Cook, John Jordan, Barbara Dill, Paul Petrie, Ralph Mosher, Donna Zils Banfield, John Franklin, and David Gilbert. For more information, visit <http://www.totallyturning.com>.

As the Wood Turns

Meeting Agendas

Date	Gallery Review	Demonstration
January 9	Al Miotke	Ken Staggs - Spindles
February 13	Marie Anderson	Richard Nye - Bowls
March 13	Roger Basrak	Andy Kuby - Eggs
April 10	Richard Nye	Darrell Rader - Scoops
May 8	Rich Hall-Reppen	Jason Clark - Platters
June 12	Tom Boerjan	TBD - Log to Bowl
July 10	Paul Shotola	TBD - Boxes
August 14	Clint Stevens	TBD - Chainsaw Sharpening
September 11	Darrell Rader	Marie Anderson - Ornaments
October 9	Paul Pyrcik	Don McCloskey - Open Segmenting
November 13	TBD	TBD - Embellishments & Tricks



Chicago Woodturners Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2018			
President	Andy Kuby	847-922-8201	riverwoodsturner@gmail.com
Vice President	Don McCloskey	847-420-6978	mccloskey@ameritech.net
Secretary & Safety	Frank Pagura	847-524-0231	fpagura@att.net
Treasurer	Matthew Schmitz	847-439-6023	angelhaus@comcast.net
Past President	Al Miotke	847-297-4877	abmiotke@comcast.net
Newsletter Editor	John Whitehurst	847-356-7636	johnswhitehurst@gmail.com
Gallery Review	Jason Clark	480-668-9291	jclark58@gmail.com
Membership	Julie Basrak	847-358-2708	cwtjulie@hotmail.com
Librarian	Robert Schultz	815-245-7495	grislakers@att.net
Webmaster	Scott Barrett	847-420-5155	dr@bdental.net
Raffle	Sol Anfuso	847-963-1994	solanfuso@comcast.net
Tools & Equipment	Don McCloskey	847-420-6978	mccloskey@ameritech.net
Audio-Video Co-Chair	Jerry Kuffel	847-895-1614	kuff@sbcglobal.et
Audio-Video Co-Chair	Dawn Herndon-Charles	630-588-8431	dcharlesster@gmail.com
Education	Darrell Rader	815-648-2197	d.rader@woodfineart.com
Demonstrations	Rich Nye	630-406-1855	nyewoodturning@earthlink.net



About us

Membership in the Chicago Woodturners Association is open to anyone wishing to increase their turning skills through education, discussion and critique. Annual dues are \$30.00 for a single membership and \$40.00 for a family. Visit our website for an application or contact: Julie Basrak, Membership Chairman.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00-10:00 PM at Christian Liberty Academy, 502 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, IL. Please join us. All are welcome.

Chicago Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

As the Wood Turns

www.chicagowoodturners.com

January 2018