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The Monthly newsletter of the Chicago Woodturners

Turn-On! Chicago 2014 Registration Now Open

Turn-On! Chicago 2014 symposium registration is open and registrations are coming in fast. There are a limited number of places so get your reservation in early. Visit **www.turnonchicago.com** for full details and to register on line.

2014 Demo and Hands-on Classes

Andre Martel March 8-11

Keith Gotschall May 3-6

Glenn Lucas Oct. 4-7

The Saturday demo sessions will start at 9:00 am and end at 4:30 pm and are \$30. CWT members who pay in advance at the meetings pay only \$15.00.

Hands-On classes are limited to six people and are \$120.00 per day. One day classes are held on Sunday and two day classes are held on Monday and Tuesday.

There are still some openings for the Andre Martel classes both one day and two day.

CWT Board Meeting in February

The club board met in February. Minutes of that meeting will be available shortly in the members only section of the web page. Among the items under consideration are some changes to the by-laws. The proposed changes will be circularized by email so that them members can vote to accept or reject at the March meeting on March 11, 2014.

Mentoring

The regular mentoring session will be held at 6:00 PM before the meeting. This month's topic is finials, especially eccentric finials. As always any and all questions are welcome.

2014 Dues

If you have not done so already, Its now time to renew your membership. \$25 for an individual, \$35 for the family.



President Al Miotke

Dues receipts to date are behind last year at this point. Please Pay Your Dues.

Presidents Curls

With warmer weather finally on the horizon. I hope that will enable more of us to spend more time in our shops in March to make some chips. If you are looking for some inspiration, there are a number of opportunities coming. First up is the Andre Martell demo on Saturday March 8th. If you didn't sign up at the February meeting, no problem, you can still register at the door. Our Treasurer, Matt Schmitz will have his receipt book open so consider spending the day learning some new techniques. Watching ribbons of wood fly 15ft should be entertaining. It's a great value in woodturning education and it's warm. We also still have openings in both the 1 day and 2 day hands-on classes on Sunday and Monday/Tuesday. Contact Matt to sign up for these classes. His contact information is in this newsletter.

The board and committees continued to be active as planning progresses for the 2014 programs as well as working to improve some of our processes to keep our club providing high levels of service to the members. Hopefully you have registered for Turn-On! Chicago 2014 by now. If not go to our website a t either www.turnonchicago.com or www.chicagowoodturners.com. The TOC committee met again in February and planning is moving into high gear as we make what seems to be endless preparations for our 4th regional symposium this August. I want to thank everyone that has been helping to get ready for this event. If you're not involved yet, contact one of our cochairs Andy Kuby or Paul Shotola. It takes a little effort from a lot of people to put on a world class event like ours.

During the February meeting, I asked for members who are willing to help out as a backup for one of the committee chairs. I want to thank Mary Olson who was the first to step forward and has agreed to help Chuck with the raffle when he needs some help. Thanks Mary! Our club will not work without members stepping forward.

We have another good meeting planned for March. The business part of the meeting went longer than normal in February but hopefully everyone found the presentation about TOC 2014 and our demonstrators helpful. I'll try to get back on our normal schedule at the March meeting but we do need to vote on the proposed by-law changes. After the business portion of the meeting we will have Jason Swanson showing us how he makes those precision stave constructed pepper mills. It's always fun to watch his magic.

There is also a lot going on in the AAW also. The national symposium is coming on June 15-17 in Phoenix. If you have never been to one of these national events, they are worth the trip. You will also see a new look to the website (www.woodturner.org) which a big improvement and much easier to navigate. Check it out. If you are planning to join the AAW this year, do so now because the annual rate is increasing starting on April 1. Closer to home, if you have not renewed your CWT membership, please do so at the March meeting or mail Julie your check. Membership dues are an important part of our annual budget.

See you all in March.

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As the Wood Turns—March Issue

February Meeting Minutes

Marie Anderson

Meeting was opened promptly at 7pm by President Al Miotke.

Al reviewed the demonstrators for the year with a power point presentation to introduce our 2014 daylong demonstrators, their work and their background. After the presentation Al asked for a vote on which demonstrator the club would hold as the "free demo" for this year. The Glenn Lucas demo will be the free demo for the year. This will be in October.

Al then continued the power point presentation to give an update on Turn On! Chicago 2014 venue and demonstrators. He announced that registration is now open and through February 28th CWT members can take advantage of an early registration discount so sign up now! This is our 4th biennial symposium and the line gu of demonstrators is outstanding. The venue is once again at The University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in beautiful Mundelein, IL. The Turn On! Chicago 2014 website is up and has all the details.

Al announced that Andy Kuby was mentioned in the latest issue of the AAW Journal, American Woodturner – Congratulations Andy!

The CWT board met on February 6th and reviewed our By-Laws. Al announced that we discovered several items that need to be updated. There will be an e-mail sent out to announce the proposed changes this week and we will ask for a vote on these changes at the March Meeting. The changes cover the frequency of the board meetings, revising the date of our annual elections, Officer responsibilities and expenditure amounts.

Al announced that tonight we have instituted a suggestion box. This box will be placed in the back of the room. Please drop in your suggestions to improve your club. This can include suggestions to add to the Library, suggestions about the meetings, suggestions for types of demonstrations you might like to see, suggestions or comments about anything club related.

Al announced that the board also reviewed a suggestion made by the educational committee to institute back up committee chair people or understudies for people who would like to have an evening off. This is something that we believe will make the club stronger and it will give an opportunity for others to participate without making a year long commitment. Anyone interested should talk to the various volunteers to find out what they

do and all were encouraged to do so.

Al then announced that he has investigated the opportunity that is available through Lands End for branded apparel. There is a small set up fee for our logo and then anyone can log in directly to Lands End and purchase shirts, hats, sweatshirts, etc. with our logo on it. A vote was taken and it was almost unanimous to go ahead and set this up. Al reviewed the options for CWT logo. We currently have 3 logos, 2 for CWT and 1 for TurnOn! Chicago. If anyone is interested in submitting a new logo, we will look at them and take a vote in March on which will be the logo to set up at Lands End.

The 2014 budget was reviewed and discussed and will be available on the members only side of the CWT website.

Larry Fabian announced that he is planning a trip down to Arrowmont in June and is looking to find out if anyone would like to car pool down there with him.

Andy Kuby announced that Rockler has asked for people to do pen turning demonstrations in their Schaumburg Store. This pen turning demo is set for March 15th between 1-3pm. This is a fun activity and a way to introduce others to our woodturning passion. Clint and Andy have been demoing at Rockler and have received \$120 in gift certificates for our raffle for the club. Check with Andy for more information.

Andy Kuby continued with his report on TOC 2014. Currently there are 23 registered attendees. The registration discount ends February 28th so sign up today. There will be Pen turning for troops on Friday night and on Saturday night attendees will be treated to an auction of woodturnings and woodturning related items. This auction benefits your woodturning education! The proceeds are used to further woodturning education in our club and in our community. Bid high and bid often!

Darrell Rader introduced the Tip of the Month feature this month. This month Darrell gave us a look at the Roughing Spindle Gouge. This gouge was once referred to a just a "roughing gouge" however the AAW is now calling this a Spindle Roughing Gouge because it should only be used on spindles. Darrell showed several examples and pointed out the tine at the base of the gouge where

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Raffle

Chuck Svazas

February Raffle Winners

Timothy Olson- Berger Tool Clint Stevens - Mulberry turning (Roberto Ferrer bring back item) Wayne Bernahl - Craft Supply \$30 gift certificate Doug Fuson - Rotary Tool Kit Dawn Herndon-Charles - Exotic Turning Blanks Mark McCleary - Holly Blank

February Raffle Receipts \$140.00

Membership report

Julie & Roger Basrak

There were 67 members in attendance at the February meeting. Two new members are Robert Pechacek from Elk Grove Village and Lee Sachnoff from Lake Bluff. We would like to welcome both of you to CWT. David Longaker from Glenview is a returning member. Welcome back, David!

As of December 31, 2013 there were 196 paid members. As of February 25, 2014, there were 122 paid members including our newest members which is 62.2% of the membership has paid 2014 dues. On February 25, 2013 we had 155 paid members. On Feb. 25, 2013, we had 155 paid members.

To those 74 members who have not yet paid, please bring your check to the March meeting OR send them to me at:

Julie Basrak

563 W. Ruhl Rd.

Palatine, IL

Checks should be made out to "Chicago Woodturners".

Our club depends on dues receipts to help finance the many services offered by the club. Dues have remained \$25 for single membership and \$35 for family membership for quite a few years. That's quite a bargain!

Thanks for your cooperation!

February Demo - Turn an Egg with Dick Sing

Paul Rosen



Dick Sing

For the February meeting, Dick Sing showed us how to turn a 2x2x3" block of ash into an egg. It all started years ago when, three weeks before his wedding anniversary in mid-April, Dick's wife Cindy asked for turned eggs to celebrate Easter. So Dick opened the fridge and started to measure the dimensions of eggs they had. Note: not all eggs are of the same dimension, but most seemed to be about 1-3/4" at their largest diameter. So Dick made a template and set about to turn eggs. On Easter morning, his wife found an egg on the couch, with 13 others hidden around the living room for his kids. A tradition was born.

Turning an egg looks deceptively easy. It's not. If you try turning exclusively between centers, you're likely to burnish the ends, or you can lose a piece out of the end. Dick starts with a cup center at the live end and mounts the blank. Using a spindle roughing gouge, gently raise the handle until the tool starts to cut. Proceed to convert

the blank into a cylinder. Next mark the cylinder with three rings, two about 3/8" in from each end, and the third at 1-3/4" from one end. Then use a 3/8" spindle

gouge to shape the contours of each end. Be careful not to cut into the 1-3/4" ring, which marks the maximum diameter. Next, drop the handle of the spindle gouge and make a shear cut with the tool at about a 45-degree angle. Use a light touch. You'll know you're do-



Mounting The Blank

ing it right if you see fine, "fairy dust" shavings coming off the tool. You should be able to remove almost all the tool marks on the piece. As Dick explained, "Your fingers tell you things your eyes can't see."

The Egg Chuck

The trick for turning a good egg is to make the ends look real. To do that, Dick has invented a chuck made from a 1.5" diameter PVC coupling. To make the PVC chuck, you need to make a V -block about 6" long. Attach a flat piece of wood to one end of the V-block (glue/screw). Then

bore a ½" diameter hole into the center of the "V," offset about 1" from the flat piece you attached to the end of the V-block. Insert a ½" dowel, about 2.5" long, into the hole you just bored. Next, center the PVC tube on the Vblock and bore a ½" diameter hole about 1" from the end of the PVC coupling. Position the bored hole over the dowel rod, and drill another hole 180-degrees opposite the first hole in the PVC. Repeat this process for two more pairs of holes until you have bored six ½" diameter holes equally spaced around the perimeter of the PVC coupling. Next, mount the PVC coupling on the wooden jig, and make three passes through the center of the V-block on a band saw, about 3"



Completed Egg Chuck

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Paul Rosen

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deep. The end of each pass must end at each pair of $\frac{1}{2}$ " holes previously bored in the PVC. This makes the "fingers" that will flex to grab the egg blank. The final result should be a PVC coupling with six 3" fingers at one end, and six $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter holes at the other.

Refining the Ends

Dick mounted the PVC chuck in his Vicmarc chuck, with the "fingers" of the PVC chuck surrounded by two hose clamps. Place the egg blank centered within the fingers, and tighten the hose clamps. To finish off the ends of the egg, Dick used a skew chisel flat on the tool rest, at a negative rake angle. This technique lets you remove the little nub of wood at the center of each end of the egg, without leaving a tool mark. Nice trick. I'd seen him do it before, but I had forgotten the technique. (Want to know how many box tops I have with a little nub of wood at the center? Don't ask.)

Sanding and Finishing

Dick recommends using the Finkat brand of sandpaper, available in 9 x 11" sheets from <u>www.woodturnerscatalog.com.</u> A "Variety Pack" (two sheets of each grit) goes for about \$11.00. It's an aluminum oxide paper, fast cutting with high resistance to clogging. Try it. I think you'll

like it. For finishing, Dick likes to use Deft, straight out of the can. Two coats. Follow that with white diamond, then wax and sign. You're done.

"Why turn wooden eggs?" you may ask. Aside from the family heirlooms you can pull out each Easter, they have practical applications. Dick grew up on a farm that had 500 laying hens. That's enough to fill a 5-gallon bucket with eggs, twice a day. And farmers know that a hen will sit on a nest so long as it contains at least one egg. But if the eggs all hatch, the hens will move on to build another nest. But if you keep a wooden egg in the nest, the hens won't abandon the original nest.



Sanding and Finishing

Parting Thoughts



Finished Clutch of Eggs

Dick is an unusually talented guy. As a teenager, he saddled a horse each morning to get the cows out of the barn and rode out at the end of the day to get them back in. He later worked for General Motors, solving problems on their assembly lines through the mid-1980s when he got laid off. So he decided to take up woodturning. He's made eggs, pens, offset inlays, an offset circular calculator base/stand, and miniature birdhouses; he's also written nine books to show us how to do it all. And he's still in demand as a world-class demonstrator. His tenth book should be entitled, "Thoughts While Sanding." Sanding is boring. So Dick tells stories. He had a few drinks one night and decided it would be better to take a cab home. He came upon a roadblock, but the cops passed him right through. Dick confessed, "I had never driven a cab before."

February Meeting Minutes

Marie Anderson

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it connects into the handle. This is a very small amount of metal and if it is used inside a bowl, can easily be the point that gives when there is a catch. As Darrell says "something's' got to give" so be careful and always use a bowl gouge when turning bowls. Darrell suggested taking a look at the U-Tube video "How not to use a spindle roughing gouge" for a graphic example of what can happen when you use a spindle roughing gouge on a bowl.

Darrell then presented a request for more people to assist with the club night before the meeting mentoring sessions. This entails showing up about 5:45 to set up the mentoring area and assisting in the mentoring area. Your offer for help will be accepted. Everyone has something to offer. Contact Darrell for more information.

Roger Basrak gave the membership update. 63 members in attendance tonight. 120 paid members to date. Past member David Longaker from Glenview is back! Robert Pechacek from Elk Grove and Lee Sachnoff of Lake Bluff are new members tonight.

Roger also announced that Woodcraft has asked for some help demoing at their Libertyville store. This entails a couple of hours on Sunday, March 30th and Sunday June 29th from 11-3pm. The idea is to expose people to the fun of woodturning. Roger is looking for several volunteers.

Marie Anderson asked for volunteers for the March 8th Andre Martel day long demo. Thank you to these volunteers: for set up – Robert Basrak, Andy Kuby, Duaine Hietpas; for Video – Dawn Herndon-Charles & Jerry Kuffel; For coffee – Andy Kuby; For donuts – Mary Olson; For soda and water – Al Miotke; For Ice & Ice Chest – Rich Nye and Timothy Olson; For clean up – Matt Schmitz; Rich Nye and Darrell Rader. Thank you one and all for volunteering!

Tonight's raffle was handled by Clint Stevens in Chuck Svazas' absence and brought in \$140.

Paul Pyrcik gave a lively gallery review and Dick Sing was the featured demonstrator.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Pens For Troops - 2014

Paul McCloskey

Paul McCloskev

Our club has been contributing to this cause for the past six years. This is effort across the national woodturning community providing pens to troops serving overseas. We are looking for contributors in both pens and supplies. Note we have had contributions: thanks Chuck Svazas.

If you can help please contact Don McCloskey 847-420-6978 mccloskey@Ameritech.net

Empty Bowls For Food - 2014

This is our eighth year in working with the empty bowls for food. This year's event will be noon on December 6 2014. Last year we had contributed 92 items and raised \$1776.00 for empty bowls.

Lets get together and raise over 100 items for Empty Bowls for Food. Note we have had contributions Thanks Dick Sing.

If you can help contact Don McCloskey or Marie Anderson.

Turn On! Chicago

Andy Kuby

The Turn On! Chicago Symposium will again be held at St. Mary's of Lake Seminary in Mundelein. It will be held August 15-17, 2014. This is our club's four Regional Symposium. The previous three were very highly regarded and the one will build upon our reputation. This is a great venue for getting up close and personal with all the demonstrators and vendors.

Please check out the website (<u>www.turnonchicago.com</u>) for the demonstrator list. Starting next month we will feature two or three of the demonstrators in a small article by Paul Shotola.

Registration is open at the website. Space is limited and you don't want to be shut out so register early.

The Turn On Chicago committee met on February 19th and will meet again on March 19th. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you haven't volunteered to help, please consider getting involved in this event.

Keith Gotschall - Demonstrates in May

Rich Nye



Keith Gotschall Winged Amboyna Bowl

Keith Gotschall's program in May (May 3-6) has several possibilities. For the all day demo he suggests doing the "winged bowl", off center platter, a lidded bowl with decoration, and maybe the three legged stool. Other options could be a lidded box with off center decoration, calabash bowl, Secret salt shaker (salturn) and many others. Classes would include the making of some of the items selected from the demo. This demo and workshop will be excellent for all levels of turners.

2014 Meeting Agenda					
Month	Gallery Review	Demonstration			
January	Marie Anderson	Ken Staggs— Basic Bowl Review			
February	Paul Pyrcik	Dick Sing - Turning Eggs			
March	Andy Kuby	Jason Swanson - Segmented Pepper Mills			
April	TBD	Roger Basrak - Turning a natural edge outside burl bowl			
Мау	TBD	Lars Stoles - Hollowing			

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February Neeting Snaps



New club treasurer Matt Schmitz and membership chair Julie Basrak at their posts



Paul Pyrcik conducts his usual insightful critique..

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Member's Gallery

February Gallery



Richard Nye - Silver Maple



Robert Ferrer - White Oak



Ken Staggs - Zebrawood



Dick Sing - Walnut

Member's Gallery

February Gallery



Ken Staggs - Limba (re-worked Grandfather's piece



Dave Neybert - Walnut/Milk Paint



Marty Knapp - Russian Olive



Bob Schultz - Cherry



Al Miotke - Jatoba/Wenge

Member's Gallery

February Gallery



Fabian - Unknown



Dwaine Hitpas - Maple



Scott Barrett - Mopani/African Blackwood



Doug Fuson - Various



Jason Swanson - Honey Locust

Member's Gallery

Editor's Choice







Roy Lundley - Curley Maple

February Gallery

Editor's Choice

Roy Lundley. This bowl really got me. Between the excellent Rose engine work, execution of form and the flawless finish I was sold. Besides I am a sucker for Blue.

You are welcome to agree or even disagree with my choice. It is a democracy but I am the editor.

Contact the Editor to post your items

For Sale, Trade, or Wanted

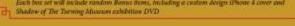
Binh Pho is offering Holiday Gift boxes featuring his book *Shadow of the Turning* in 4 options from \$300 for the Premium set to the standard set for \$100. Perfect for any wood art enthusiast. Other items are also available and shown on the right. For more information or to place your or d e r v i s i t the website: www.shadowoftheturning.com

> or https://www.facebook.com/binhphoart





Limited Edition 2013 Christmas Holiday Items





JOINTER- Delta 6", spare new knives, bench top with wooden stand, fresh bearings. \$100 Tenoning Jig for Table Saw, new in box, never used, Woodcraft 144755, retail \$95, sell \$45

Air Compressor, WW Grainger, 2hp, similar to Campbell-Hausfield 1NN5F, wired 220, can switch to 110v, portable, wooden case for noise reduction \$75

Worksharp WS3000 Sharpening Station, all extras, as new \$45

Vicmarc "Cole Type" chuck jaws, 385mm, retail \$106, sell \$55

Lost my storage, in a smaller shop now, tools are in Plainfield, photos available.

Contact Paul Shotola 847-226-2817, p.shotola@comcast.net

For Sale, Trade, or Wanted

Porter-Cable, model 55160, OmniJig, 16" (406) Dovetail machine and Dewalt mobile stand. \$500 NEW. Never used

Delta AP100 Triangular Air Cleaner & Work Light. Like new condition. \$175

Delta JT160 Shop master 6" Bench top Jointer, granite top, HSS insert cutter head. Like new condition. \$150

Contact Gary Noffke at:

410-404 2649 - Elmhurst, Illinois





RIDE SHARE/ROOM MATE for Arrowmont in June Contact Larry Fabian for details.

Nova Teknatool 1624 Lathe For Sale

Excellent lathe for new/intermediate turners. Includes outboard outrigger, 4" and 12" "Robust style" 12" and standard tool rests, bed extension, cast iron legs, spure drive, live center as well as Nova live center system and headstock-tail stock alignment tool. \$1,200.00

Contact Terry McCammon, 630-697-4900 - Wilmette, IL



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_mccammon@ameritech.net

Contact the Editor to post your items

Events

35th Annual Utah Woodturning Symposium , May 15-17, 2014

Orem, UT for details visit: www.utahwoodturning.com/

AAW symposium June 13-15, 2014 See AAW website for details www.woodturner.org

Turn-On Chicago 2014 August 15-17, 2014 Conference Center at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois.

4th Segmenting Symposium, October 16-19, 2014 San Antonio, Texas at the Drury Plaza Hotel



Visit our website 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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Membership in the Chicago Woodturners is available to anyone wishing to increase their turning skills through education, discussion and critique. Annual dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$35.00 for a family. Visit our website for an application or contact:

Julie Basrak

Membership Chairman

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