



As the Wood Turns

The newsletter of the Chicago Woodturners, 30 years of craft, technology and tradition

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President's Curls

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The State of Illinois, and much of the world, is currently in lockdown to slow the spread of Covid-19. This is unprecedented, but if we can avoid contracting the disease, and infecting others, we may be able to flatten the curve enough to allow the health care system to adequately address the issue. In accordance with the Governor's directive, and the advice of health care professionals, the Board of Directors decided to cancel the April 14th CWT meeting, the April 18th Beginning Turning Class for Spindles and Turn-On-Chicago. This was not a decision easily made. There will be some who disagree with us and I respect that. As Marie Anderson eloquently stated in a recent email, "Just remember, if nothing happens, that was the entire point. It's not forever, it's just for now."



In lieu of the physical meeting April 14th, we will have a virtual meeting using the Zoom platform. We will have a short business meeting, a video demonstration and a "show and tell" session where you will be able to display a work you would have brought to the meeting and tell us about it. This will be a first for us but not a new thing for the woodturning community. This will give us chance to try something new.

You will be receiving an invitation with an internet link before the meeting. The invitation will also include a summary sheet of how this works (not too hard, my mother-in-law did it) for those of us who have not used Zoom before. The summary is also included in this newsletter, under CWT News.

Be sharp, be safe, wash your hands

Andy, at a safe distance.....

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AAW News

The AAW Symposium has been cancelled. On March 30, 2020, Phil McDonald of the AAW sent the following to AAW members:

As you already know, AAW leadership has been carefully monitoring the status of COVID-19 in preparation for our 34th Annual International Symposium, June 4-7, in Louisville, KY. Through this entire process our conviction above all else has been to protect the health and safety of our members, demonstrators, trade show vendors, partners, and other event attendees.

Today, due to the seriousness of COVID-19, and adhering to international, federal, and state advisories and legal impossibility mandates, the AAW Board of Directors unanimously approved the cancellation of the 2020 AAW Symposium.

Complete details about the cancellation, including process for full registration refunds and future plans, will be provided very soon.

As we continue to address the impacts of this challenging situation, we thank you for your patience, understanding, flexibility, and support.

We know this is disappointing for all of us, and we thank you for the notes of support we've received during this process.

Best wishes for health, safety, and care to each of you and to those you care about.

Kind regards,

Phil McDonald, Executive Director on behalf of the AAW Board of Directors and Staff

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Secretary's Report

Frank Pagura

March 10, 2020 CWT MINUTES (note these are as of March 10, much has changed since then)

Business meeting started at 7:15 PM. No demo tonight to allow more time for Tool Sale.

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AAW NEWS. Andy Kuby

The new and improved AAW site is up and running well by all accounts.

Frank Magnifico is going to send in all the club group registrations; he needs your checks.

Many of us are driving to St Louis, some of us are in need of a ride - see Andy to coordinate.

TOC. Al Miotke

The Guest Demonstration schedule is set and posted on the TOC site.

Featured Demonstrators are:

MIKE HOSALUK

CYNTHIA GIBSON

CHRIS RAMSEY

AVELINO SAMUEL

ERICK LOFSTROM

ANDY COLE

A special presentation will feature the Kenyan Turning club, among other things they will be showing what can be done with a Human Power Lathe.

Rich Nye is ready to receive your pieces for the Auction, Raffle and Silent Auction.

Kurt Wolf-Klammer made a lively and impassioned announcement about sign-up forms for volunteers. He has them on the TOC site. You can sign up on-line and he also has them in paper form on the back table.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Rich Hall-Reppen

Andi Wolfe judged tonight EGG TURNING CHALLENGE, great member participation, cash prizes were awarded.

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020.

It will be held at CLA at 6:30 PM.

CWT NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

1) Free magazine and wood on the back table

2) Andi Wolfe demo on March 7, 2020 was a success

Andi is going to be our Gallery reviewer tonight and she is going to feature some of the pieces member students made in the hands-on classes on March 8 and 9.

3) 12 Beads of Courage boxes have been delivered to Lurie Children Hospital.

We can use your help to replenish our stock for the next delivery.

4) Don McCloskey has pen supplies for Pen for Troops at every meeting. He also reminds us that there is going to be a Pen for Troops Turning Event at TOC.

5) CWT Beginning Classes are scheduled at Chicago School of Woodworking for April 18, 2020 for Spindles and May 9, 2020 for Platters & Bowls.

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- 6) Hands-on Classes by Andy Cole will take place after TOC
- 7) Midwest Pen-Turner Gathering April 24-25 with Classes April 26-28
(<http://midwestpenturners.dreyerhouse2.com/GeneralWebsite/HomePage.aspx?Feature=1>)
Registration is only \$30 for both days at the website link above.
Classes are offered in conjunction with Chicago Woodturners at the Chicago School of Woodworking for \$125 a day. Matt will take your registration.
- 8) Turning event for Arlington Farmers Market is a possibility - see Rich if you are interested.

SAFETY PRESENTATION.

No safety presentation tonight to allow more time for the tool sale.

But a surprise presentation was made anyway.

Dave Bertaud presented The Wounded Thumb Plaque to Frank Pagura for his work as safety officer.

The Plaque is a skillfully executed piece by Dave, Scott Barrett and Mark Dreyer.

MEMBERSHIP.

Tonight's Special Guest was Darrell Rader who paid us a visit from sunny North Carolina.

Read all details about membership in Stan's Membership Report in this Newsletter.

RAFFLE. Sol Anfusio

The raffle proceeds tonight were \$110.

Get details from Sol's Raffle Report.

The tool sale activity was brisk, it looks as though a lot of IRON has changed hands!

THE GALLERY REVIEW by Andi Wolfe featured some of the pieces produced by member students in her hands-on classes held on May 8-9, 2020.

Meeting Ended at 9:30

Respectfully submitted by Frank Pagura, Secretary.

Membership

Brenda Miotke & Stan Herman

The membership report was not received as of the date of the newsletter.

If you have paid your membership dues for 2020 and have not received a membership card yet, contact Brenda Miotke either by email (bkmiotke@comcast.net) or at the next meeting.

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Although you can join (or pay dues) at any time, dues for Chicago Woodturners cover the calendar year. You may pay dues with cash or a check at any meeting: \$30 for an individual membership or \$40 for a family membership made out to Chicago Woodturners. Single membership for anyone under the age of 25 is \$10 per year. Thanks! We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Raffle Winners

Sol Aufuso and Peter Morjal

Cherry pre-turned bowl	Mark McCleary	Walnut Blank	Donn Hamm
Bowl Blank	Ken Staggs	Pen Blanks	David Longaker
Spindle Blanks	Kurt Wolff-Klammer		

Collected \$110

Demonstration Report

Paul Rosen

There was no demonstration at the March meeting because of the Tool Sale. Paul Rosen submitted the following in lieu of the Demonstration Report.

Twenty Tips on Turning

We had a Tool Sale in March, in lieu of a demonstration. But as I looked at my name tag and saw the phrase, "Member April 1999," it occurred to me that I have been attending CWT meetings for over 20 years. And while I have read some books and watched some online videos, I think back on watching over two decades of demonstrations on wood turning. As Paul Pycik once said, "Try to come away from each

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meeting with one or two new things you learned about wood turning.” That’s good advice. So here is a list, in no particular order, of things I have learned about turning, and the people who have taught me.

1. From Dan Anderson, the premier box maker and one-time club president, I learned that before you make your final pass on a lidded box, go to the grinder and sharpen your tool.
2. From Marie Anderson, I learned that the way to get a flawless finish on a box top is to place a skew chisel, flat on the tool rest, and use it as a negative rake scraper.
3. From Dick Sing, I learned that one of the best choices in sandpaper for woodturners is the Japanese-made Finkat brand, which is available from Craft Supplies (www.woodturnerscatalog.com).
4. From Ken Staggs, I learned that you can grasp a 2x2 turning square in a scroll chuck, and cut it to 7-1/2-inches in length, so you can get three turned eggs out of it.
5. From Darrell Rader, I learned three things: when purchasing a credit-card-sized diamond sharpening stone, get the red one. And if you *think* your tool needs to be sharpened, it’s already too late. And finally, if you want to get good at making something, don’t stop after one or two. Make twenty. That last one is probably going to be a lot better than the first one or two.
6. From Andi Wolfe, I learned that a negative rake scraper is a great tool for removing those small, almost invisible flat spots on a curved edge.
7. From Don Johnston, I learned that a screw chuck, adjusted with a spacer so only 3/8-inch projects into the wood, is long enough to hold a one-inch thick turning blank for making platters.
8. From Stuart Batty, I learned you can make a 40/40 grind on a bowl gouge, to make it most efficient and offer the least resistance when guided around the outside (or most of the inside) of a bowl, as well as for truing the end of a spindle turning. And the 40/40 grind can be renewed on a Oneway platform jig in about 20 seconds. (Very efficient.)
9. From David Ellsworth, I learned you can achieve a 60-degree end grind on a 5/8-inch or 1/2-inch bowl gouge using a 2-4-7 setup and his jig, which still costs less than \$50.00.
10. From Soren Berger, I learned you can efficiently hollow out the inside of a lidded box using his custom hollowing tool, for less than \$50.00.
11. From Andre Martel, I learned you can use a hook tool to evacuate efficiently the inside of a hollow form, be it a bowl or a box.
12. From John Jordan, I learned that just before you start a turning session, you can spray your lathe bed with WD-40, to make the tool rest and tail stock slide more easily.
13. From Dick Sing, I learned that you can substitute a “ring and point” drive center, aka a Safety Center, in place of the standard four-pronged drive center. That way, if you get a catch, the Safety

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Center will spin in place, but the wood is less likely to fly off the lathe.

14. From Steve Sinner and Brent English, I learned you can purchase a variety of after-market tool rests with an integral hardened-steel rod at the top, to reduce nicks and facilitate smooth motion of your tools over the tool rest.
15. From Craft Products, I learned you can purchase “Raptor Jigs” for setting precise sharpening angles, in 5-degree increments, with the Oneway Vari-grind jig on the Wolverine sharpening system.
16. From Ken Rizza of www.woodturnerswonders.com, I learned you can purchase a set of washers that prevent your aluminum oxide grinding wheels from wobbling. Better still, purchase one or two of his 8-inch CBN wheels, which always run true and never wear down over time. (Personal endorsement. No relationship with vendor. Just great products, IMHO.)
17. From Mark Dreyer, I learned you can use a paint-can pressurizer (Harbor Freight) with an air compressor to cast your own, custom-made resins for pen turning.
18. From Frank Pagura, I learned that it is the smallest particles (from sanding) that are most likely to cause pulmonary problems from constant exposure without any type of air filtration system in your shop.
19. From Nick Agar, I learned that the Tormek wet-grinding system with the wheels turning *away from the turner* will sharpen your tools, not shorten them.
20. From Mark Sfirri, I learned that you can cut up a plastic “No Trespassing” sign into 3x3-inch squares, and apply them to spinning wood cylinders to make semi-circular sizing gauges for your spindle turnings. (The plastic melts away cleanly from the heat of friction.)

I will grant you, not every one of the foregoing items is necessarily a barn-burner, but each has helped me in my quest to become a better turner. I hope some of these might help you, too.

Paul Rosen

Gallery

The Gallery Photos have all been moved to the website, <https://www.chicagowoodturners.com> where galleries from past meetings are also available.

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The editor's choice this month was the winner of the Egg Challenge, Roberto Ferrer. Please check out the entire gallery on the website. Roberto's Egg is currently on display at the Woodcraft in Buffalo Grove.

All of the submissions to the Egg Challenge were excellent. Andi Wolff had a challenge of her own to choose the three top finishers who were each awarded a cash prize.

Turn-On! Chicago

Al Miotke

Turn-On Chicago Status Update

I don't know if any of us imagined a month ago that we would all be impacted so heavily by this aggressive virus?

In the last week, we started seeing the cancellation of many large events planned for this summer due to COVID-19. Based on all the current guidance from WHO, the CDC, and projections from the medical profession, we will likely be facing a health threat that will last into the summer. The board of the Chicago Woodturners held a video conference and unanimously concluded that we also have no choice but to cancel our event in July. The TOC committee also had an opportunity to weigh in. Given the current aggressive state of the virus, we believe it would be irresponsible to hold an event that could risk the health of our attendees which is of paramount importance.

We will keep you informed as this planning develops in the coming weeks. As you can imagine, this is very disappointing given all the effort so many people have put into the planning, but the time will not be wasted. 2022 is right around the corner.

Please stay safe.

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Al Miotke

CWT News

Things you might need to know for the Virtual Meeting

Summary of how to use Zoom

Note: These are instructions for PC users. I assume the interface for Mac users is similar. If you are using a tablet or phone, you need to download the Zoom app and use it to connect to the meeting.

To connect to the meeting: Click the link in the invitation or insert it into your browser: A browser window will open, and Zoom will initiate a download of the small bit of software you need. Run the downloaded file to install zoom on your system. The meeting should start automatically once the download is complete. You do NOT need to sign up for an account with Zoom, and you definitely do not need to enter a "free trial" of a paid account. It is FREE to join the meeting through Zoom. However, you do need to download the software and run the install.

Setting yourself up in the meeting:

When you first join the meeting, you may be prompted a couple of times to join with computer video and computer audio. The "join with video" will show when you have a camera attached and shows you what your camera view looks like. Select the "Join with video" at the bottom. The "join with computer audio" is next. You can test your speakers and microphone (if you have one) or just select "Join with Computer Audio". Most laptop computers have a built-in webcam and microphone. If using a desktop, you probably have external speakers. You can use your phone as audio if you do not have a microphone for your computer. Click on the up arrow next to the microphone icon at the lower left and select the telephone option. NOTE: You do not need a webcam or a microphone to be part of the meeting (you do need speakers to hear). If you don't have these, people won't be able to see you or hear you, but you will be able to see and hear the meeting. There is a chat feature that you can use to ask questions.

Once you get through the video/audio dialog boxes, the main zoom screen should appear.

There are three major areas of the Zoom Display:

At the top is a strip of thumbnail videos showing all participants. Your login name should be in the thumbnail for you. The middle section is the main display and at the bottom is a set of icons to control the Zoom session.

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Left Side	Mute button – Turns on/off your microphone Start/stop Video – Turns on/off your camera not the feed coming to you
Center	Invite – Lets you invite others Participants – Shows you a list of all people attending the meeting Share – Lets you share your screen with the group, do not use. Chat – Brings up the chat interface Record – Only Host can do
Far Right	Leave Meeting – Use to exit the meeting

Zoom will remove all these “things you can click on” if there is no mouse activity. Just move the mouse to bring them back.

Changing Audio/Video Settings

If your audio or video do not connect automatically, click on the “up arrow” to the right of the icon and it will open a popup menu. The microphone popup menu shows the default microphone and speaker settings. If you don’t see the correct ones in the menu, select “Audio Settings”. Here you can choose which microphone and speaker you are using and test them to see if they are working. On the left side of the settings window there is a sidebar from which you can select “Video” to select the camera you are using to connect to the meeting.

It is a good idea to keep your microphone muted unless you are asking a question to keep the background noise down.

In the upper right corner there is an open square icon with 4 arrows. Click that icon to make Zoom take up your full screen. In full screen mode, everyone will have a thumbnail view of all the participants in a “filmstrip” popup along one of the sides of the screen. This often gets in the way of the meeting or demo. You can hide it by clicking in it which will display 3 icons. The small single bar icon will hide the thumbnails, leaving a small box which will display who is currently talking. This small box can be moved anywhere. Clicking the double bar icon will display the full strip again.

Note: Just remember the meeting streams in HD. If using cellular data you need a good data plan.

Class for New Turners

One of the special benefits of being a member of CWT is the annual class that is held for new turners. The goal of the class is to jump-start your progress as a woodturner by teaching you a wide variety of techniques, proper use of the various tools, keeping your tools sharp and, most important, lathe safety. This will be accomplished in a hands-on environment with multiple instructors guiding you through the day’s projects.

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The first class will focus on lathe basics and spindle turning. Being proficient with spindle turning is the cornerstone for all the other techniques you will learn. At the end of the day you will leave with a number of projects that you made during the day as you hone your skills. The second class will pick up where the spindle class ended, with focus on how to use a 4-jaw chuck, bowl turning and platter turning.



Each class is just \$60 and covers all the wood you will use - the best woodturning deal you will find. The day will begin at 9 am and end by 4:30. Everyone who signs up will have their own Jet lathe to work on. If you don't have all the basic turning tools yet, no problem, tools will be available and we can discuss what are the best tools for you to get. The class meets in the Chicago Woodturners space at:

Chicago School of Woodworking
5680 N Northwest Hwy.
Chicago, IL 60646

Spindle Turning April 18 This Class has been Cancelled and will be rescheduled
Bowl Turning May 9 This class may also be cancelled, check the schedule

Sign up at the next meeting in the back of the room with our treasurer Matt Schmitz. If you want to know more about the class, contact Al Miotke at abmiotke@comcast.net.

Odyssey, Focus and Artsapolozza

For many years, Roger Basrak has been coordinating ODYSSEY, FOCUS, ARTSAPOLOZZA and all of the Chicago Woodturners' other outreach events at High Schools and outdoor fairs. Roger would like to relinquish this responsibility to a new member and requests volunteers for the position of Outreach Coordinator. David Longaker and Brenda Miotke have volunteered to help Roger.

Beads of Courage

Please continue to donate Beads of Courage boxes at the next meeting. We recently delivered twelve more boxes to Lurie Children's Hospital which is all we had remaining. Ms. Cindy Maysonet sent the CWT members a thank you note which reads as follows:

Thank you so much for bringing a smile to our patients. I have no words to express how grateful I am to be the person who presents our patients with such a thoughtful gift. The work that you and your colleagues do is enjoyed and admired by patients, families and staff alike.

Cindy

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Empty Bowls

Chicago Woodturners is planning more Empty Bowls Turning Days at the Chicago School of Woodworking. Stay tuned for additional information.

Education Committee

The Education Committee met on January 30, 2020. Please contact Rich Hall-Reppen if you wish to review the minutes or be put on the email list to receive notifications of future meetings. The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2020. Please check to see if this has been rescheduled.

At the most recent meeting the committee discussed the following:

1. Mentoring. Additional volunteers are needed for the pre-meeting mentoring sessions. An updated list of members who are willing to mentor one on one either in their own studios or other locations will be prepared. Assistance with sharpening is to be added to the mentoring.
2. Grants. A maximum of two full tuition-only grants will be offered to first time attendees of the Women-In-Turning classes at Arrowmont. Travel expenses and housing are not included.
3. Challenges. Three Challenges are scheduled for 2020. Eggs for February/March, Flowers for April/May and Pumpkins for September/October. Cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded based upon audience votes.

Holiday Party

Marie Anderson has officially retired from her Holiday Party responsibilities and a new Special Events Manager is needed. To further complicate matters, the Fox Run venue is being demolished/rebuilt and will not be available for the 2020 party. Brenda Miotke and Rosemary Pagura are stepping up to make sure nothing falls through the cracks, but they will need help.

Professional Demos for 2020

Rich Nye is working on scheduling professional demonstrators for 2020. Each will do an all-day demonstration on a Saturday at the Christian Liberty Academy with hands-on classes the following Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Chicago School of Woodworking. The all-day demonstrations, 9-5, are open to all, \$30 at the door, \$15 in advance. Hands-on Classes are \$130 per day. The following have been scheduled:

Andy Cole was to be one of the featured demonstrators at Turn-On! Chicago 2020 and was scheduled to do hands-on classes the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (July 27-29, 2020) at the Chicago School of Woodworking. These classes unfortunately have been cancelled as Andy will not be in Chicago for Turn-On! Chicago

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Turnings by Andy Cole



Calendar for 2020

- January 1, 2020 - Turn-On! Chicago 2020 registration opens
- January 14, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Don McCloskey demonstrates Celtic Knots on pens
- February 11, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Dick Sing demonstrates Eggs, Egg Challenge starts
- March 6-10, 2020 – Andi Wolfe all day demonstration and hands-on classes
- March 10, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Egg Challenge Judging, Tool Sale
- April 14, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Frank Pagura demonstrates turning a Flower, Flower Challenge starts. This a virtual meeting: the physical meeting has been cancelled.
- April 18, 2020 – CWT Spindle-Turning Class at Chicago School of Woodworking, Cancelled to be rescheduled
- May 9, 2020 – CWT Bowl-Turning Class at Chicago School of Woodworking
- May 12, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Dave Bertaud demonstrates razors and brushes, Flower Challenge judging.
- June 4-7, 2020 - AAW 34th Annual International Symposium, Louisville, KY - Cancelled
- June 9, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Francisco Bauer demonstrates green and rough turned bowls
- July 14, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Demonstration to be determined
- July 23-26, 2020 - Turn-On! Chicago 2020 – Cancelled, to be rescheduled
- July 27-29, 2020 – Andy Cole hands-on classes - Cancelled

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- August 11, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Ken Staggs demonstrates Weed Pots
 - September 8, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Al Miotke demonstrates Pumpkins, Pumpkin Challenge starts
 - October 13, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Kurt Wolff-Klammer demonstrates Ornaments, Pumpkin Challenge judging
 - November 10, 2020 – CWT Meeting, Andy Kuby demonstrates holiday gifts and kit projects
 - December 8, 2020 – CWT Holiday Party
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For Sale, Trade, or Wanted



From Louis Skydell, 312-510-3094 or lskydell@skydell.net This Rikon air filter was used for a few months in my wood shop. Works fine. I'm selling it because it's too big for my small shop. Push Button Control Panel with LED Lights. Release Latch for Quick Filter Changes. Includes 4 Eye Bolts for Ceiling Mount and Carrying Handle. Operated by Remote Control. Needs a new filter. Other than that, it's ready to go. \$110 OBO.



Bob Shuford has a Radial Arm Saw available. Good working condition, 60's vintage. \$100 OBO. Please get in touch with Bob at bobshuford@gmail.com

Frank Pagura also has a radial arm saw available. He has a neighbor who is moving back to New Zealand and would like to sell his newer radial arm saw. His name is Gavin and he can be reached at 312-203-4117 Please contact Frank Pagura fpagura.sr@att.net if you need further information.



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Next on the chopping block is a belt and disc sander from Dave Bertaud. It's got a Toyang 3/4 HP 1720 RPM motor and is mounted on its own base. belt can be run horizontally or vertically. Works great but Dave has too many. Also has extra discs (10") and belts (about 6" wide) for this machine. Asking \$150, you need to pick up at location conveniently located near I-94 and Route 176. contact Dave at : dtbwoodworks@gmail.com or cell 847.878.1285

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Membership in the Chicago Woodturners Association is open to all wishing to increase their turning skills through education, discussion and critique. Dues are \$30 for a single membership and \$40 for a family. Visit our website for an application.



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. 60004. Please join us. All are welcome. Chicago Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Visit the [website](http://www.chicagowoodturners.com) for more information.

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