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Curls From the President's Platter
By Paul Shotola

It's feast or famine, isn't it? One day the club has one lathe, the next we have four! The club is purchasing two lathes, a Mini and a Oneway 1224. What's the fourth lathe? It's a gift from Scott, the former Woodcraft manager. As his personal situation had changed, he generously donated his Nova 3000 to our club. By the time you read this issue of "As the Wood Turns", your club will own a 16" Woodfast with outboard capabilities, a Oneway 1224, a Nova 3000 with an

extended bed for long turnings, and a mini lathe, with stand, to be used not only for Mentoring sessions, but available for "checkout" from the club library. All of these lathes will have first quality chucks, faceplates, and any and all accessories needed. Any demonstrator, whether one of our famed Chicago turners, or a guest demonstrator from exotic and far-away lands, will have their choice of four high quality, fully equipped lathes to work with. I don't expect to hear any whining. By the way, if you need to use the mini, for whatever reason, just let "George the Tool Tsar" know, and you can check the lathe out for your personal use, one month at a time. The mini comes with a stand, and a Plexiglas shield to be used to protect your audience from flying shavings and perfectly cut ribbons of wood. We'll provide the lathe; the perfect cuts are up to you.

Speaking of perfect cuts (nice segue, don't you think?), at our last meeting, Marie Anderson showed us how to make the seemingly difficult look easy. Marie's tiny turnings demonstrate, once again, that you don't need a six-ton lathe, wood from exotic and far-away places, and tools made of "unobtainium" to produce work that is not only satisfying and challenging to produce, but really increases the "how'd she do that, that's incredible" response. What she can do with a mini lathe and a bent masonry nail is nothing short of amazing, and should inspire all of us. How small can you go?

Small enough to fit through a croquet wicket, that's how small. (I am the segue King!) Darrel Rader has challenged all of us to make our own croquet balls and mallets. Why would Darrel do that? Because it's CWT Picnic time, that's why. In September, the Rader family will once again host our club picnic. This year's challenge is to turn a croquet ball and mallet. There will be more information on both the sport of croquet and spherical turning coming to you soon. Watch your newsletter and the website. There will be cash (!) prizes for the best mallets and balls, so bring your best work to the picnic. The prize could be the down payment on that six-ton lathe, or at least on some tools made of "unobtainium".

Until the July meeting, turn lots, be spherical, and turn safely.
Paul Shotola

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Marie Anderson Demonstrates Miniatures in Wood

Weekend Master Turner Demo Schedule

Jean-Francois Escolen
Sunday July 28

Bonnie Klein
Saturday September 28

Micheal Hosaluk
To be determined

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Demonstrators
for July—December 2002
July 9 **Carole Floate** — Exotic
Decorations

August 13
Binh Pho — Thin Bowl Turning

September 10
Darrell Rader
— Ornaments/Gifts

October 8 — TBD

November 12
Dan Anderson — Turning Boxes

December 10
All members Holiday Party

See **Paul Prycik** to sign up to
be a demonstrator

Tool Time
by George the Tool Man

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Don't forget we have the following tools for your use. It's a shame that our members do not use them more frequently.

1. Sorby Texturing Tool
2. American Windsor Hollow Vessel Boring Bar
3. Soren Berger Hollowing Tool
4. Packard Deep Fluted Bowl Gouge
5. Hook Tool-By Alan Lacer
6. 2 each Spray Guns
7. Jamieson Deep Hollowing Tool
8. Escoulen Eccentric Chuck

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And Others.

by Kim of the Hunter Clan

Well it's that time of year when Nature renews everything, even the things you were thinking it would be nice not to renew. Yep. New calves are a bawlin' and new colts are frisking about the fields and didn't you used to have just one cat? Well the Chicago Wood Turners are following what comes natural in the longer daylight. We're multiplying with two new members, and eleven visitors and guests, including

Collette Peters all the way from the great state of New York. Not to be outdone by the club's carbon based life forms, it appears our metallic partner in the art of turning, the Big Green Machine, has spawned. Where once one lonely lathe stood isolated and forlorn, we now have four. And all you who missed the June meeting are asking, "Four? Is that the new math?" Sure. Add 'em up. One green lathe plus one Oneway plus one Jet plus the generosity of Scott formerly of Woodcraft and his "donation" of one Nova 3000 and we, of the best darn turning club around, now have four lathes to use for demos and check out. Ain't Nature grand? Darryl brought news of the Nova moments after the deal went down and suggested the club either give Scott a full value for tax write off or sell the lathe in a silent auction and cut Scott part of the loot.

Then, as long as he was standing and had everyone's attention, **Dealin' Darryl** made an offer that several members just couldn't refuse: He offered us stuff. Hinges and drawer slides and piano hinges by the box load for a piddling twenty-five cents to a more substantial twenty-five dollars for five drawer slide sets. All money would go toward the purchase of the new lathes.

And, as long as he was still standing, he went on to remind us that the annual picnic will still be at his farm in Woodstock and we're all still supposed to turn ourselves a croquet ball. Although the regulation size is 3 inches, it's a free country so y'all can make it any size you want. Then we'll play croquet and have a tailgate swap meet, a show and tell about what we do in those rare moments when we're not turning, and we'll eat potluck goodies and pork and chicken until we pop. There will also be a few lathes for practice and maybe a fun contest or two.

Moving on: **Glen McMurray** shared some neat turnings and a carved box he acquired on his recent visit to France. One of the French turners, **Jean-Francois Escolen**, will be giving a demo on July 27th.

Upcoming club meeting demos will be:

July - **Carol Floate** on marbled finishing techniques

Aug - **Binh Pho** on thin walled turnings

Sept - **Darryl Radder** on making Christmas ornaments

Oct - Is Open - any volunteers?

Nov - **Dan Anderson** on turning boxes

June's wonderful demo was given by **Marie Anderson**, A Wee Demo on Turning Miniatures. She showed us tools, both store bought and homemade, mounting on scrap blocks, finishing the bottoms both on the lathe with a jam chuck and free hand with a dremel tool. Thanks, Marie!

Paul gave a snappy critique but before he started he acknowledged Marie

Anderson's tee shirt from the Avon Breast Cancer Walk For A Cure, followed by a well deserved round of applause. Then Paul talked about what he's learned listening to critiques over the years. He judged the pieces on their weight, balance, and design pointing out how good pieces seem to visually "lift" off the table and have detail work on the bottom. He also stated some general rules for a well balanced pieces like having the foot size approximately one third the diameter of the vessel and using an inclined edge on a bowl to draw your eye to the inside of it.

The highlight of the raffle was a **Binh Pho** vessel that everyone would have admired had it actually been on there.

Wayne shook the piggy bank and we're solvent for another month.
So I'll see you all in July.

A Skewed View
by Don M

Book Review

Turning Ornaments & Eggs By **Dick Sing**

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This book is written for the novice and advanced turner alike.

Dick shows you not only how to turn ornaments with only ordinary tools but with his special Allen wrench cutting tool for hollowing. He also shows that anyone can have an "Aw shit moment". He also shows his proven techniques for turning eggs. Along with making the pvc or maple chuck holding fixture and templates for turning and finishing the egg. He shows other techniques for finishing jars and signing your work.

Educational Grant

The June 11th meeting was the night that our second grant was started. The grant is to used for the furtherance of the winner wood turning skills. This could be classes, mentoring, books, videos, tools and or anything else to improve your skill as a wood turner. Need not be present to win. Must be a member of the Chicago Wood Turners Club to win.

The only stipulation is that within a year you must demonstrate what you have learned.

Membership Benefits

Our benefits include one free demonstration members choice, newsletter, our library for books tools and videos, and discounts from Choice Wood, Rockler and Woodcraft.

CWTC Picnic

September 14th is this years picnic at the Rader farm. This year is a croquet challenge, Turn a Croquet Ball 3 5/8 inch diameter and Mallet. Note: Darrell say's any size croquet ball is acceptable. Join us the CWTC for food and fun.

Turn-A-Thon

November is the month for the CWTC turn-a-thon. More information to come.

Safety and Wood Turning — Dust Collection

If you use a single bag system or a cyclone system. Just a couple simple points.

1. Ground it to prevent static build up.
2. Use a separator to reduce the amount of Large shavings into the collection bags.
3. Use the collection system not your lungs to filter the air.

Enjoy and Turn More.

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CWTC Picnic

The early fall CWT family picnic is back by popular demand! With something for everybody, it should be another resounding success. We will gather at the Rader farm north of Woodstock, Illinois at 10:00 a.m.

On September 14th and indulge ourselves in the following:

1. An all day turning frenzy on as many lathes as we can muster – the novices can try with no fear and the pros can show off. An eggcup race is a certainty.
2. A croquet ball and mallet challenge. Your technically perfect editor informs us that a regulation ball is 3 5/8, but your slightly lopsided host says, "There are no rules!!" Novices have at it and bring something sort of round and something else to hit it with.
3. Bring a dish to pass and at noon we will have a sumptuous meal with the club furnishing pork chops and chicken breasts on Jay Randall's monster grill.
4. After lunch we will have another great time with a "show and tell" of what ever you think others might be interested in seeing. Again there are no rules and things other than woodturning are encouraged.
5. A tailgate swap meet will be ongoing for those so inclined.
6. If none of the above interests you, enjoy Marlene's flowers, the creek, or the antique cars, truck, tractor, and....stuff. The OneWay will be available for anyone wanting to give it a try.

Mark your calendars and reserve the day, then come early, stay late, and enjoy the fellowship without being limited by time. It's YOUR day!

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