



# AS THE WOOD TURNS

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## Bert Marsh

### All day Demonstration Sunday June 4th



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## Chuck Young Surface Treatments June 13th meeting



CWT Meeting 7 PM  
2nd Tuesday  
Woodcraft Supply  
Store, 1280 E. Dundee  
Rd, Palatine IL  
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### As The Wood Turns

The official newsletter of the Chicago Woodturners Club (CWTC) is published monthly by and for its membership. Membership in the AAW is encouraged but not mandatory. Dues in the AAW are \$40 per year for an individual. Dues in the CWTC are \$20 per year per individual.

### Member's Gallery



Jerry Sergent  
Hard Maple Vase



John Bobik  
Box Elder Cherry  
Acorn



Jon Keith  
Pink Myrtle Bowl

**Bert Marsh**  
**Sunday June 4th**  
**Demo**  
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# Member's Gallery



Marie Anderson shares her insights on turning



Bill Robb  
Purpleheart /Maple  
Birdhouse Ornament



Brad Smith  
Cherry Bowl



Dave Neybert  
Sugar Maple Bowl



Fred Gscheidle  
Popular Illusion Vessel Alt Tops



Anne Niemann  
2nd Turning Christmas Tree



Anne Niemann  
1st Turning Walnut Pen



Bill Brown  
Birch Bowls



Bill Brown  
Walnut Handle Fireplace  
Poker



David Bray  
Walnut Bowl



David Bray  
Walnut Box



David Bray  
Walnut Finial



David Bray  
Ash Box

## Member's Gallery



Ken Staggs  
Miniature Earrings



Ken Staggs  
Walnut Bowl



Ken Staggs  
Paduak Box



Scott Barrett  
Walnut Bowl



Scott Barrett  
Bubiinga Ring Holder



Duard Oxford  
Maple Bowl



Duard Oxford  
Rosewood Bracelet



Duard Oxford  
Buckthorn Ring



Dave Longacher  
Turned Pens

### Bert Marsh

Demonstration on Sunday, June 4, 2006

Hands-on Classes on Monday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 6

Internationally known as a demonstrator and gallery artist, Bert Marsh will be making a rare US appearance on May 4, 2006 to demonstrate for the Chicago Woodturners. Bert is known for his pursuit of the perfect form and the perfect surface finish. Admission is \$25.00, and the demonstration will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Woodcraft in Palatine.

Marsh's work is displayed at Del Mano Gallery in Los Angeles, Gallery Materia in Scottsdale, and many galleries and museums in the UK. He is a full time Lecturer at the Brighton College of Art and Brighton Polytechnic. As an artist with a great deal of experience demonstrating and teaching, this will be an event to attend, no matter your skill level or experience.

In Bert's own words: "There is no complex philosophy attached to the work I do; I am simply striving to achieve the perfect form, the purest possible curves expressed in simple, uncluttered shapes that will expose the beauty of the wood to the fullest. In seeking that goal, I find inspiration in many everyday objects, but most of all I am inspired by the wood itself."

This demonstration promises to be inspiring for all turners. We spend a lot of time talking about form and proportion, and here is an opportunity to see the quest for great form demonstrated, and the subtleties explained by a master turner and teacher. Mark your calendar now for this demo. A few spots are still open for Bert's hands-on class on June 5 & 6. To sign up for the class, contact Jan Shotola. All are welcome at the demonstration, pre-registration is not necessary. Please join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with Bert Marsh.

## Membership 186

### Andy Kuby

We had 84 members at the April meeting

**New Members:** Don Ariano, Lake Forest, IL, Rob Surtis, Chicago, IL, Dick Dlugo, Western Springs, IL, Gordon Good, Northfield, IL, Dick Jacobs, Wilmette, IL, Letty Lobo, palatine, IL, John Meirkrantz, Buffalo Grove, IL, William Protz, Lake Forest, IL, Bob Rinearson, Dyer, IN

**Visitors:** Rolf Laemmerhirt from Grayslake, Illinois

#### Curls from the President's Platter

June, 2006

Well, that went better than I was expecting. The abrupt change from a printed and mailed newsletter to a web-based one has been well received. I must admit, I was expecting a lot more grumbling and resistance, but apparently woodturners are a flexible and easy-going group. Just don't change the grind on their favorite bowl gouge. I received exactly one comment regarding the change, and it was a positive and understanding response to the newsletter situation. Thanks go out to your newsletter editor and webmaster for making this transition with so little drama.



However, there are a few CWT members who are not connected to the internet, and their needs must be met, also. Your board is working on a permanent solution to this problem. Until the CWT adopts a permanent procedure for distribution of the newsletter to the members without internet access, I'm asking for you (yes, you) to become an internet buddy. You probably know a member who doesn't use a computer, and you can brighten their day by printing a copy of the May and June newsletters and passing them on to them. This does two things: your friend gets the newsletter, and you get that warm feeling from doing something nice for your woodturning buddy and your club. Take a moment, right now, and think of someone who lives near you that may not be connected, and print a copy of the newsletter for them. By the time the July issue is ready, we'll have a formal process in place, so this is a temporary request, but the good feelings will be permanent.

I want to direct your attention to an important new feature of the CWT website: our bulletin board, or forum. This is the spot for all of us to post our questions, rants, raves and opinions on most any woodturning subject there is. Registering is easy, and takes just a few minutes. Just like our club, the more input we provide, the more useful and educational it will be. A degree in computer science is not needed. Chuck has made the forum very user-friendly. Even I was able to log on in just a few minutes, so a smart person like you should have no trouble at all. You can access the forum at <http://www.chicagowoodturners.org/phpBB/>.

By now, you should have received an email asking for volunteers at the AAW symposium as "Room Assistants". Being an RA is the best way to get the best seat in the house at a demo, and it's great fun, to boot. If you will be at the symposium, give back a little and volunteer. While you're volunteering, it is not too late to get involved with the Youth Classroom. There are still a few slots left for mentors to work with young students at the symposium. It's also a great opportunity to work with Nick Cook and Bonnie Klein, great turners and great teachers. If you want to learn more about turning and *teaching* woodturning, here's your opportunity. Don't let this one slip by. Contact me to add your name to the mentor's list. You'll be glad you did.

Until June, volunteer and enjoy that warm feeling, turn lots and please turn safely.

Paul Shotola

# Steve Sinner Miniature Goblet Turning



Thank You Steve for the Demonstration on Turning Goblets CWTC

**CHICAGO WOOD TURNERS**  
TURNING BOXES with Dan Anderson

- 1 Mount the blank between centers and turn it round
- 2 Turn shoulders on each end of blank to fit your chuck
- 3 Separate the top and bottom with parting tool (use of narrow parting tool will help grain match)
- 4 Mount each section in the chuck and rough hollow to 3/8" thickness or so  
(if a chuck is not available turn recess in waste block mounted on faceplate to fit shoulders cut in step 2 and glue blank to waste block)
- 5 Mark blanks with date and # if doing multiples
- 6 Set blanks aside and let dry for a minimum of 3 months, longer is better
- 7 Mount the dried top blank and reround the outside and finish hollow the inside, taking special care to make sure that the lid flange is parallel to the lathe axis.
- 8 True lid rim
- 9 Sand and apply finish of choice (do not sand lid flange)
- 10 Note the lid depth and inside diameter write it down
- 11 Mount the bottom blank and turn outside to true
- 12 Start final hollowing, make a starting parting cut to define bottom
- 13 Fit top to the bottom with a relatively tight fit
- 14 With top mounted to bottom finish turn exterior complete, note use the internal measurements of the top which you made in step 10 to guide you (if adding an insert to the top now is the time) Sand and finish exterior
- 15 Remove the now completed top and finish hollow the bottom
- 16 Refine the fit now. True the rim surface, sand and finish the inside of the bottom (do not sand the tenon surface)
- 17 Part the bottom from waste (note the bottom depth)
- 18 Reverse on a jamb chuck to finish turn the bottom of the bottom
- 19 Sand, finish and sign your completed box

Suggested reading: Turning Boxes with Richard Raffan; Taunton Press @ 1998

February 13, 2001

### Member's Gallery



Jerry Howard  
Big Leaf Maple Vase



Jerry Howard  
Big Leaf Maple Vase



Ray Olsen  
Brazilian Walnut Spurtle



Rich Fitch  
Prairie Grass Vase



Pixie Eslinger  
Cherry Box Elder Acrylic  
Box



Grant Barlow  
Bloodwood Bottle Stopper



Josh Connan  
Dyed Box Elder Bowl



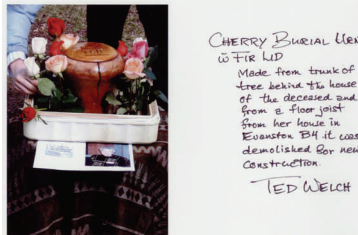
Steve Sinner  
Maple Vase Gold Silver Leaf



John Eslinger  
Box Elder with Pearl



John Eslinger  
Cherry Vessel



Ted Walsh  
Burial Urn

CHERRY BURIAL URN  
W/ FIR LID  
Made from trunk of  
tree behind the house  
of the deceased and  
from 8 floor joist  
from her house in  
Evanston, IL. It was  
demolished for new  
construction.  
TED WELCH



Larry Jensen  
Dymondwood Turning



Paul Shotla  
Dyed Maple Platter



Tom Waicekauskas  
Honey Locust 1st

### Officers and Committee

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### Minutes of the Chicago Woodturners Club Meeting on May 9, 2006

President Paul Shotola opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The usual house and safety rules were described.

The next guest demonstrator is Bert Marsh on June 4. Come and see this precision turner in his last US demonstration this year.

Bonnie Klein will be here on 9/10.

Paul Shotola explained the newsletter change to electronic format.

Library News: Grant Barlow has many back copies of wood turning magazines. **Anyone who has tools or other library items, PLEASE return them.**

AAW Symposium is in Louisville, KY on June 22-24. Plan to be there with us. There will be 5 Oneway 2436 lathes given away, great demonstrations, fine companionship and the pleasure of participating in the Youth Workshops. Email or call Paul Shotola to volunteer. **Also bring a Christmas ornament to be donated to the Children's Hospital** charity that will be collected by the AAW.

**Collaborative Coordinators Dick Stone and Jon Keith** received the final pieces and can now complete the final assembly, The project looks great! Thanks to all the turners that contributed.

No raffle this week

The April Challenge winners were announced. See other areas of the newsletter for their names.

**For your Calendar:** The CWT picnic is on 9/23/06 at the Rader Ranch. Come one, come all. Bring a dish to share. More to come.

The gallery was reviewed by Marie Anderson. Good insight and feedback from an expert turner and an art gallery expert.

The demonstration was small goblet turning by Steve Sinner. He turned a very small and thin goblet. A very good demonstration, Steve!

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Cavanagh

| CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE |
|------------------------------|
| George Walter                |
| Bob Jungman                  |
| Leigh Carlson                |
|                              |



## Demonstrator for May-June-July 2006

### Meeting Demonstrators

|           |                  |                                |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| June 13th | Chuck Young      | Surface Treatments             |
| July 11th | Tom Waicekauskas | High Speed Air Turbine Carving |

See Phil Brooks to sign up to be a demonstrator.

### WEEKEND MASTER TURNER DEMO SCHEDULE

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| June 4          | Bert Marsh, one day demo, tuner/artist thinwall vessels. Last US demo.         |
| June 5-6        | Two days hand-on class   |
| August 19       | Bihn Pho, One day demo, turner/artist thinwall vessels, airbrush and piercing. |
| August 20       | One day hands-on class, airbrush and piercing no turning Class fee \$100       |
| September 10    | Bonnie Klein, One day demo turner/artist miniatures, tops and accents.         |
| September 11-12 | Two day hands-on class, Class fee \$210  |

To register for Hands-on Classes contact Jan Shotola

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