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The Monthly newsletter of the Chicago Woodturners

September 2013

Headline News

2013 Demo and Hands-on Classes

One more demonstration is scheduled for 2013. **Bonnie Klein** **November 9-12**
More details are on page 14.

CWT Picnic 2013 on September 14

It's now just a week away from 12-5PM on the scenic lakefront property's of Duane Painter and Bob Leonard. . See page 6 for more details.

You can also contact Brenda Miotke for more information or to volunteer at: brenda.miotke@hovservices.com 847-297-4877.



September Mentoring

Bob Leonard will conduct the mentoring session before the September meeting at 6pm. He will share insights into vacuum chucking for reverse finishing bowls, etc. Live demonstrations at the lathe will showing the dynamics and machining operations required for making your own vacuum chuck and system. Questions will be welcomed. Bob will have some basic parts for sale for those that are interested. If time permits, participants will be able to make cuts. Handouts will also be supplied.

Change in Demo for September.

One of our elder members, accomplished turner and teacher Darrell Rader, will be conducting this month's demo which he is calling *60 years of wood turning and carving -- why and how it's still fun!* It's destined to be a good show you should not miss. He'll share a number of things that help him turn better, set up techniques, sharpening, tools he likes as well as some he feels you don't need. He'll bring along some power carving tools for your hands-on use and a few pictures of some of his creations over the years. Expect it to be interactive.

2013 Meeting Agenda

Month	Gallery Review	Demonstration
Sept	Bob Barbieri	60 years of wood turning and carving— why and how it's still fun—
Oct	TBD	Open Segment Turning—Bill Robb
Nov	TBD	DIY Tools—Francisco Bauer
Dec	None	Christmas Party



President
Scott Barrett

**Lets take care
of our
valuable
natural
resources**

**Thanks to
Julie and
Roger for
there efforts
with
membership**

Presidents Curls

For two weeks the buzz of chain saws, chippers, and stump grinders were heard in my neighborhood. The new owner of the big house on the corner was in the process of having more than 120 ash trees removed. The Emerald Ash Borer has ravished the mature trees throughout the Midwest. Although Ash is not the wood of choice for me, the trees provide shade, oxygen, and a habitat for many of natures creatures.

In our lifetimes, North America has seen the Dutch Elms, Chestnuts, and now the Ash succumb to pests. Throughout the world, forests are disappearing at the hands of another pest, humans. Deforestation in South America and Africa has reached frightening levels. Many precious woods are being considered or already placed on restricted export lists. For us as Woodturners it has significant effects. That supply of Cocobolo or African Blackwood that seemed endless may become scarce and difficult to import.

The future of our craft is dependent on the availability of a sustained supply of wood. We are fortunate to ready supplies of domestic wood. Exotics may become more difficult to acquire in time. Certainly the cost of these woods will only move in one direction, up. Each of us must become stewards of the essential ingredient of woodturning, *wood*. If we keep this in mind, the supply will never be in jeopardy.

September is picnic month. Saturday September 14th. See the details in the newsletter.

Congratulations go out to Julie and Roger Basrak. As our membership chair, they have done an extraordinary job with the membership. In August we

had 180+ paid members. This represents the most members since moving from the Woodcraft store. Thank you, Julie and Roger.

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets at the next meeting. The proceeds from the raffle helps to cover our expenses for meeting at Christian Liberty Academy. In addition to purchasing tickets, you are welcome to donate items to the raffle. A tax deduction is available for your donation.

See you in September.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Barrett".

August Meeting Minutes**Clint Stevens**

Scott Barrett kicked off the August 13th Chicago Woodturners meeting at 7:00 pm. On December 10th Christian Liberty Academy will need our meeting room so it won't be available to us on that date. That of course means that election of CWT officers will be held in November.

Darrell Rader announced that there will be no mentoring sessions in August. He also wisely encouraged any CWT members who were not already American Association of Woodturners members to consider joining. He gave away a few copies of the American Woodturner Journal to those who are not AAW members. The next pre-meeting session will be working with vacuum chucks.

We received a note from Judy Kavathas of the North Suburban Carvers to remind members of the "Artistry in Wood 2013." This year the artistic competition will include woodturnings. Anyone wishing to compete should submit an application available from northsuburbancarvers.org. The exhibit will be held October 19th and 20th at the Odeum Sports and Exposition center in Villa Park. The fee for a table to sell turnings is \$35.

Al Miotke updated us on the September 14th picnic. It will be held from noon to five at Duane Painters and Bob Leonards' properties on the Fox River. The club provides all the meats, buns and soft drinks. Bring a side dish, but sign up with your dish at the next meeting. This will prevent us from having a dessert heavy event. Volunteers are needed for set up and tear down. Please sign up at the next meeting. Turn a boat for our annual boat race. Rules may be loose, but it's always fun. There will also be a swap meet. Bring items to trade or sell.

A small company in St. Louis is looking for a turner to make ten cork ball bats. Contact Andy Kuby for further information.

Thanks to Richard Nye we have had a fantastic roster of guest woodturners. We have one more demo this year with Bonnie Klein which will be in November. Known for small boxes and tops, Bonnie will hold an all day demo at Christian Liberty Academy on Saturday, November 9th. There are still a few spots available for her hands

on demonstrations. One day hands on will be held on Sunday, November 10th. The two day hands on will be Monday and Tuesday, November 11th and 12th. Sign up With Rosemary Pagura soon.

Don McCloskey was in rare form but very welcome attendance. He of course reminded us of the need for turnings for Empty Bowls. This benefit for local food banks will be held December 7th from 10 am to 2 pm at Oakton Community College. There is a need for volunteers to help set up for the event. There is also a need for people to attend and support the project.

Roger Basrak announced 182 paid members, 69 of who were in attendance. Roger greeted guests and held a drawing for Craft Supplies gift certificates and a Turn on Chicago tee shirt.

Scott Barrett welcomed Alan Carter who was due to move to Ashville, North Carolina. Unfortunately (for Alan) his home sale fell through and he is with us for a short time longer. (Believe me, I've seen his home...it will sell soon.)

Chuck Svazas launched a grand raffle which yielded stellar prizes for several, and raised funds to be put to very good and wise use for CWT.

Andy Kuby reminded members of Turn On Chicago to be held beginning August 14th, 2014 at Saint Mary's by the Lake. The guest demonstrators will be announced at the September meeting.

The Gallery was reviewed under the careful eye of Don McCloskey.

Clint Stevens presented a demonstration on turning eccentric wall plaques.



CWT News

August Raffle

Chuck Svazas

August Raffle Winners

Curt Downing- Canarywood blank
Roger Shakelford -Wireburners and mantrel
Al Miotke—Banksia Pod
Ken Staggs—Cordless driver
Pat Scheer—Pen blanks
Wayne Rhein—Quilted Maple

September Raffle

Applewood bowl blank
Walnut turning square
Wenge turning square
Pauduk blank
David Ellsworth Bowl—SOFA demo piece
John Jordan hollow form—SOFA demo piece

Total Raffle collection \$205

Artistry in Wood Exhibition

The North Suburban Wood-carvers presents its 34th annual event on October 19 and 20 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The show includes wood caring, turning, intarsia and other forms of wood art. The show will be held at the Odeum Sports and Expo Center, 1033 N. Villa Avenue, Villa Park, Ill. Admission is \$5 and parking is free. For more information visit

www.northsuburbancarvers.org



Eccentric Turning—August Demo

Paul Rosen



Clint Stevens was our demonstrator for the August meeting. He makes my job easy. Why? Because the week before his demo, Clint posted two excellent .pdf files on the CWT website, showing all the details on how to make eccentrically turned wall-hangings. That makes this article redundant. Sort of.

For those of you who have been in CWT for a while, you'll recall that Clint's name was on the masthead of this column for a long time. Clint tells me that after then President Paul Shotola asked him to write the "demo" column, he intentionally tried to do a lousy job, so he could get fired. Never happened. Clint did it with too much grace and humor—it was always entertaining, not to mention informative.

Clint himself is an interesting guy. Bespectacled, with an easy smile, Clint is unmistakable. A self-described "hippie, left over from the 60s," Clint likes Hawaiian shirts (think Jimmy Buffett) under his full head of gray hair, neatly tied into a long pony tail. But looks can be deceiving. Despite his easy-going demeanor, Clint is actually one of the sharpest cards in the deck.

An engineer by training, he's a hydrologist. "What's a hydrologist do?" I asked him.

"We study water," he replied. Huh? "Water in the sense of the big picture," he explained. Think Army Corps of Engineers. If you're designing the Hoover Dam, wildlife watershed areas in Wisconsin, or working on something like the Deep Tunnel project in Chicago, you call in a hydrologist. In fact, Clint actually did work on the Chicago Deep Tunnel project.

Clint the woodturner has considerable creative and technical skills, which he graciously shares for free. Sign up for lessons on Saturday mornings after the CWT monthly meeting. His studio on the north side of Chicago boasts an 850 lb lathe in green, with yellow head- and tailstocks. If you're starting out in woodturning, Clint's a good guy to learn from.

But I digress. To make an eccentrically turned wall hanging, you need a square(ish) blank, a full-sized (heavy) lathe, a faceplate, at least eight screws, and some shims. The shims can be made of wood, or even playing cards. You generally don't want to shim the work-piece more than 10-degrees, or you'll be following the lathe across the workshop floor. Clint recommends that you gradually increase the lathe rpm up from zero until the lathe starts to vibrate. Then turn the rpm back a bit, so the lathe is no longer shaking—usually around 300 rpm. Next, use a 35-degree bowl gouge or a carbide-tipped diamond-shaped tool to incise arcs into the wood.

Clint showed us how to use special blue tape, milk paint, and texturing tools to make different patterns in wall hangings. Some of his sample pieces had two or three deep arcs painted black, while others had multiple fine arcs that barely incised the surface. Another piece had a shallow concavity, like a bowl, next to a hand-carved sun-ray pattern. The message here: experiment! Not everything is going to be a masterpiece. But the more you experiment and try different approaches, the more likely you will fall upon something that will be appealing and unique.

Like Clint says, the nice thing about eccentrically turned wall-hangings is—they don't clutter up your curio display case. Thanks for the demo, Clint.



Chicago Woodturners Annual

September 14
Noon to 5PM

Picnic

Food!
Hot dogs, Burgers, Corn on the Cob,
Italian sausage, and drinks provided by CWT

Where:

25670 Lehmann Blvd,
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Swap meet

Swap some of
those tools you don't use



Bring something to share,
Appetizers, Sides,
Desserts, etc welcome.

Fun and Games!



3rd Annual Turned Boat Race!

Make a boat- Turning must be part of the
design- Enter it in the race. No other rules,
just have fun.

AAW "Photo's of the Week" in August



Week of August 6



Week of August 26
Lignam Vitae



Week of August 19
Ash

From The Tree

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Bonnie Klein visiting in November

Paul Shotola



Think you're pretty good, eh? Think you've got things down? Mastered the basics at the lathe? Well, you're not, you don't and you haven't. None of us have. There's always more to learn, another technique to try, another skill to be learned, another artist to inspire you.

To that end, in November, Bonnie Klein from Seattle, WA will join us for a day of turning education. She'll stress the basics, and help all of us become better turners, teachers and artists. Bonnie is an accomplished teacher with lots of experience working with both experienced and neophyte adults and children of all ages. (I guess that means Clint and me because we refuse to grow up.)

While Bonnie will stress the fundamentals (proper tool technique, angles, and sharpening), she'll also share her expertise in threading, working with alternative materials such as bone and acrylics, and rose engine work. You are an expert in those areas and know everything there is to know on those subjects, aren't you? Good, you're excused. The rest of us could benefit

from Bonnie's insight and experience, though.

Years of experience combined with an artistic mind and a passion to teach the art and craft of woodturning will come together in November. Join us at Christian Liberty Academy in Arlington Heights at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 9th, with hands-on classes to follow on Sunday Nov. 10 (one day class), and Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 11 and 12(2 day class). Classes are held at our fully equipped classroom at NORMAC in Geneva, IL.

All are invited, and all will benefit from Bonnie's demo and classes. An experienced teacher, a master Woodturner and influential artist, Ms. Klein will share her knowledge for all of us in November. While you're not, you don't and you haven't, you can, and time with Bonnie Klein will help you along the journey. See you there.

Member's Gallery



Marty Knapp—Cherry



Wayne Zinder



Curt Downing—Poplar

August Gallery



Joe Weiner—Box Elder



Scott Barrett—Mopane, African Blackwood

Member's Gallery



Andy Kuby—Oak



Mark Johansen—Rosewood



Doug Fuson—Claro Walnut

August Gallery



Francisco Bauer—Maple



Curt Downing—Cherry



Mark Johansen

Member's Gallery



Larry Fabian



Mark McCleary—Cherry,
Maple

August Gallery

Editor's Choice



Francisco Bauer—Chestnut



Bob Leonard—White Oak



Don McCluskey

Editor's Choice

It always helps when mother nature provides you an excellent piece of wood. In this case the heavily spalted Chestnut provides a stunning contrast in colors between the light colored wood and the black spalling. Francisco then took this raw material and created 4 different and well executed forms. These are 4 eye catching pieces .

I'll make my personal selection each month. You might agree or not, it's a democracy, but I'm the Editor.

Member's Gallery



Ken Staggs—Silver Maple



Scott Barrett—Bubinga, African Zebra Wood



Scott Barrett Hawaiian Wood

August Gallery



Larry Fabian—Mullberry



Doug fuson—Spalted Birch

Member's Gallery

August Gallery



Mark Johansen



Bob Leonard—White Oak



Ken Staggs—Silver maple

2013 Demonstrations and Hands-On Classes

Demonstrator	Demo (CLA)	One-Day Class (NORMAC)	Two-Day class (NORMAC)
Michael Hosaluk	Saturday, April 13	Sunday, April 14	Mon-Tue, April 15-16
Alan Lacer	Saturday, June 1	Sunday, June 2	Mon-Tue, June 3-4
Hans Wiesflog	Saturday , July 6	Sunday, 7	Mon-Tue, July 8-9
Bonnie Klein	Saturday, November 9	Sunday, Nov 10	Mon-Tue, Nov 11-12

One or two more demos and classes may be added in 2013.

Contact Rich Nye or Rosemary Pagura for details

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Sign-up and tuition payment can be made at any CWT Meeting *prior to the event.*

Checks for classes may also be mailed to Rosemary Pagura once you have confirmed your slot in the class with her.

Prepaid demo admission fees and class tuition are not refundable, but may be transferred to another turner. Demonstration admission is \$30 at the door, but a 50% discount (\$15) is available to all CWT members signing up and paying their admission fees at any CWT meeting prior to the demo. Join CWT for \$25 per year and take advantage of the discount.

Tuition for Michael Hosaluk is \$120 for the one-day class and \$240 for the two-day class. Tuition for all other classes will be \$125 for one-day and \$250 for two-day. Tuition must be paid in advance to register for a class and guarantees the student's reservation.

All demonstrations will be held at
 Christian Liberty Academy (CLA)
 502 W. Euclid, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

All classes will be held at
 NORMAC Manufacturing
 2570 Kaneville Court, Geneva, IL 60134.
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For Sale, Trade, or Wanted

Contact the Editor to post your items

No Notices this month

Events

Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Turning 2013 October 11-13,
<http://www.ovwg.org/2013-symposium-2/2013-symposium>

Artistry in Wood October 19,20
Odeum Sports Center

Wisconsin Woodturners Expo October 26 thru 26
Eau Claire, WI witurnersexpo.org

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

Turn-On Chicago 2014 August 14-16, 2014
Conference Center at Saint Mary on the Lake

Winning Tickets 223809 and 223702

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are held on the 2nd
Tuesday of each
month at:

**Christian Liberty
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502 W Euclid Ave
Arlington Heights,
IL
7:00-10:00 PM

Please join us
All are welcome.

Visit our website
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wishing to increase
their turning skills
through education,
discussion and
critique. Annual dues
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