



AS THE WOOD TURNS

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Woodturners Club*



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December 11th Holiday Party

Bring a Dish and Your Favorite Turning.

In The News

John and Pixie Eslinger —Jerry Sargeant



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Chicago Woodturners Turns Twenty



Paul Shotola presents
a
Plaque to
Tom Jesionowski



Our Founding President in 1987 and for twenty years service. Thank You Tom.

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CWT Meeting 7 PM

2nd Tuesday

Woodcraft Supply
Store

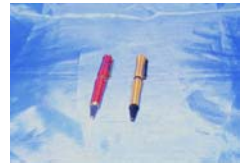
1280 E. Dundee Rd,
Palatine IL

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Members Gallery



Paul Pyrcik Gives a Honest Evaluation of the Gallery



Jason Swanson

Globe, Multi Layer Peppermill, Black Palm Bowl, Compass Platter, Pens.



Bill Robb

Open Segment Ornament



Bill Robb

Boxwood Walnut Box



Paul Pyrcik

Ornaments



Fred Gschiedle

Dave Nittman Style Box



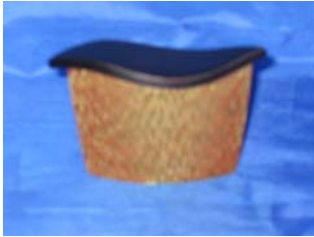
Carl Miller
Left and Middle
Cherry and Walnut
Bowls

Bill Robb

Osage Orange Box Right



Members Gallery



Pixie John Eslinger
Bring Back Box



Tom Jesionowski
Elm Bowl



Tom Jesionowski
Red Cedar Weed Pots



Andy Kuby
Apple Vase



Andy Kuby
Walnut Bow



Andy Kuby
Maple Walnut Utility
Wands



Dave Buckholz
Oak and Walnut Bowls



John Bobik
Box Elder and Butternut
Weed Pots



Josh Connan
Bolivian Rosewood Bowl

Chicago Wood Turner Dues for 2008

Individual \$25.00 Family \$35.00

Bring dues to the meeting or Mail Check to

Andrew Kuby 2945 Cherokee Lane Riverwoods, IL 60015

Andy Kuby Chairman
Current Membership
211

80 attendees at
the November meeting

New Members : Keith Fuerst of Palatine , IL;
 Kenneth LaSota South Barrington , IL;
 Edward Suh Buffalo Grove , IL;
 Lee Svec South Elgin , IL
 Jason Swanson of Bristol , WI

Visitors: Dave Johnson Clinton , IA
 David Newman of Skokie , IL
 Don Leipprandt of Graylake , IL

Members Gallery



Bill Brown
Leaf Spring Walnut Axe



Bill Brown
Walnut Bowl and Walnut Platter



Paul Cavanaugh &
Don McCloskey
Bowl



Ken Staggs
Bloodwood Bowl and Limba Bowl



Bob Lawrence
Bowling pin and Walnut Candle Sticks



Dennis Sullivan
Nitric Acid, Sulfuric Acid and No Acid Bowls

Members Gallery



Roy Lindley
Maple Walnut Cherry
Open Sement Bowl



Lloyd Beckman
Box Elder Box



Lloyd Beckman
Maple Holy
Ornament



Larry De Luz
Koa Bowl



Fred Gschiedle
Box David Nitt-
man Syle



Dick Sing
Maple Bowl



Dick Sing
Cherry Candle Sticks
1966 First Turning



Lee
Cherry Plate Mineral
Inlay



Hug Pearl
Goncalo Alves, Maple, Maple Burl Bowls



Scott Barrett
Walnut Ring Tray



Michael Kuehl
Cherry Vase, Hickory Scoop



R Landorf
Maple Bowl



Rich Fitch
Prairie Grass Vase



Don McCloskey
Cocobolo Cartridge
Pen

Curls from the President's Platter



December, 2007

I'm writing this, my last "Curls" column, on Thanksgiving evening. The day was spent with family; the food was traditional and delicious. As the day winds down and the house grows quiet, I have a chance to reflect on the past six years. Serving as your president has been an honor and a privilege. It's been a responsibility, too, but one I have enjoyed.

Being Thanksgiving, I could devote this column to thanking all of the people who have helped me over the years. Without guidance and assistance from a long list of folks, things would not have been so easy for me for three terms as your president. I could, this being Thanksgiving, begin by thanking the CWT board of 2000 for nominating me and having faith that I wouldn't bolt and run. I could continue, if I were writing that kind of column, by acknowledging Board members over six years. Your Board has done an excellent job of both keeping me in check and encouraging my better plans. It would be easy to write this column if I listed all of the members who volunteered for any number of tasks and projects, from set-up and tear-down at meetings to working the booths at SOFA, the Wood Show and other events. I could name the folks who have called me with suggestions to improve the CWT, all positive and useful comments from thoughtful, concerned members. Yes, writing a column like that would be the easy way out, but you deserve my best work, this being the last installment.

This day, it would be the easy way to say: "I'm thankful for...", and then prattle on about the AAW staff and management that guided and inspired me in my presidency. I could tell you how thankful I am to have met and studied with Demonstrators from around the world, folks I never would have had the opportunity to know as well, folks who stayed at my home, kept me up till all hours telling stories and drinking my good wine. It would be cheap and easy to write that column, but I can't do that to you.

It would seem like the easy way out if I went on about being thankful for the current and future CWT Board, knowing that the management of your club is in good hands. I could, if I took the easy way out, take the time to thank all of the club demonstrators, gallery critics, the photographers, the computer experts, the folks who gave so much effort to the Collaborative Challenge entries, the ones who came early to every meeting and the ones who stayed late. But that's too easy. I'll just say, this being my seventy-second Curls column,

Until January, turn lots, and please turn safely.

Paul Shotola

November 13, 2007 Minutes

Paul Shotola opened the meeting with the monthly disclosure & safety statements.

Tonight's demonstrator is Glenn McMurray demonstrating the use of the Escoulen eccentric chuck.

Paul Shotola passed along a big Thanks and Kudos for another wonderful job done by Phil Brooks and his crew of volunteers for their work at SOFA last week. Also thanks to those who manned the CWA booth.

Dave Forney gave the treasurer's report. A checking account was opened for the exclusive use of our symposium transferring "seed" money as agreed and after this start up money the symposium should be self supporting. We are still in the black.

Club Librarian Bob Fernstrom advised any new members to see him to get set up on our lending library system so they can check out books, magazines and videos from our library.

Andy Kuby advised that we have 211 members and that includes 5 new members who joined this evening. We had 3 guests. He also reminded everyone that your 2008 dues are now due. Dues are \$25.00 for single membership or \$35.00 for family membership, please pay by check. Due to a minor mistake last month, Andy has refund checks for the following people: Jim Crimmins, Bill Johnson, Paul Shotola, Clint Stevens and Dan Yarborough, please contact Andy. Total label wearing members in attendance was 80.

Glenn McMurray made an announcement/request that anyone knowing the whereabouts of the top of the box that Jean Francois Escuolen donated to our club expedite the return of it to the club. The Base of the Box was found upstairs in the Woodcraft store, but the top of the box is missing. There is a picture of the completed box on our website. Anyone having any information please contact Paul Shotola.

Paul Shotola reminded everyone that our December meeting is our holiday get together and this year we will once again have the singing group "Indigo Blue" as entertainment. Bring a dish to pass for the pot luck dinner.

Paul Shotola asked for any late nominations for the offices of President and Secretary which will be voted on at the December meeting. No other nominees were made.

Binh Pho announced the line up for guest demonstrators for 2008. At this time, he has scheduled Michael Hosaluk for Saturday, November 1, 2008 with 2 – 2 day hands-on classes on Nov 2 & 3 (S/M) and Nov 4 & 5 (T/W); Mark Sfirri for Saturday September 13 with 2 - 1 day hands on classes Fri Sept 12 and Sun Sept 14. Binh also has talked to Bonnie Klein to set up something in April, 2008, however the dates are not set as yet. It was discussed about adding another demonstrator, Art Liestman, for 2008 and decided that with the symposium it would be good to hold off until 2009.

Paul Shotola announced that this month is the 20th anniversary of our club. Twenty years ago, Tom Jesionowski along with about 8 other gentlemen started the Chicago Woodturners as the "Woodturners of Northern Illinois". Tom was the founding club president and as such was presented a plaque commemorating this as well as an honorary lifetime membership in the Chicago Woodturners.

Paul Shotola also presented a plaque from the American Association of Woodturners to Chuck Young our webmaster, honoring our website being voted third best website.

Paul Shotola announced Marie Anderson was installed as interim club secretary at the last Chicago Woodturners Board meeting. Marie will complete the term at the end of this year.

Marie Anderson gave an update on the symposium. The official logo of "Turn On Chicago" was presented and there will be more in the newsletter.

Meeting Demonstrations

**January 8, 2008 Dan Anderson Everything You Need to know about a
Chainsaw. Buying, Using Maintenance and Safety**

Gallery Reviews:

January 2008 Paul Pyrcik

November Minutes Continued

Paul Shotola announced that club member Scott Barrett brought in a request from the Northbrook Woman's Club Foundation for Donations for their "Benefit Gala" on February 9, 2008. More information will be included in the newsletter.

Paul Shotola announced the discount code for Craft Supplies USA for club members along with thanks to their generous support of our club.

Andy Kuby has information regarding wood for sale from John Hausheer from Cary, IL, contact John directly at 847/ 639-7615 for further information.

A reminder was mentioned about the open house this weekend at The Hardwood Connection, Sycamore, IL

Paul Shotola again asked for donations for the "Empty Bowls" project. Any Bowls turned for this project need to be at Woodcraft no later than December 1, 2007.

Special thanks from Woodcraft were noted for all who participated in the Freedom Pens project last week at Woodcraft.

Raffle was held. The bring back raffle items was turned by John & Pixie Eslinger – a beautiful little box – and won by Paul Pyrcik.

Paul Pyrcik gave a lively critique of the Instant Gallery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Anderson, Secretary

For Sale

2 stage 1 hp (industrial motor) dust collector, approximately 100 ft off pvc pipe, a whole bunch of plastic gates and Y's, 2 dust bags (one almost new), flexible ducts and other stuff. The collector mounts on a large wood box with a removable fiber barrel inside. This is the system I replaced with my new Oneida . A steal at \$150!

A very good Stanly (hand saw) miter box/saw \$10.

I still have Binh Pho 's electric 6 in angle sander/grinder. I'll deliver to Woodcraft and you give Binh \$20

Darrell Rader

815 648 2197 (I'll be unavailable Nov. 4 - 11)

December Holiday Meeting

The CWT Holiday Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 11, 2008 at our usual meeting spot: the spacious and festive Woodcraft Basement. This year the plan is relax, chat with your old friends, make new friends, and have a taste of Holiday snacks and treats. We'll have door prizes, entertainment, and a gallery of your favorite turnings.

Bring a dish to share. Snacks, cookies, candy, hot dishes, and salad items are always welcome, although if you feel the need to make a roast turkey with all the trimmings, that's fine too. Just don't forget the gibley gravy! CWT will provide meat for sandwiches, beverages and place settings.

Back by popular demand, Palatine High School's elite vocal group, Indigo Jazz, will perform a program of favorite holiday songs. If you missed last year's performance, this talented group of young people closed their concert with a standing ovation and 2 encores. Director Steven Sivak tells us that the kids have been asking if they will be performing for the "Lumberacks" again this year. This amazing group has prepared something special just for the Chicago Woodturners. This these young artists will renew your faith in the younger generation through their talent and enthusiasm.

4 Stars!! Not to be missed!

The holiday gallery is always a favorite. Bring one (or a few) of your favorite turnings. They can be your own, items from your collection, turnings by famous or soon to be famous artists, or turnings that you just think are interesting. Share your personal favorites with the rest of us.

We hope to see all of you, along with your spouses, friends and guests at the December meeting. We promise a relaxed, unstructured social gathering, with lots of great food, great turnings, and great company.

Jan Shotola



Freedom Pens 2007



Thank
You
All



In The News

By Marie Anderson

John and Pixie Eslinger are two CWT members who are a couple of very talented emerging artists. I spoke with John briefly at SOFA and found out that they were both recently juried into an Art show at The Art Center Highland Park. John and Pixie both have pieces included in the "New Works by New Artists" show. The Opening reception was Friday Nov. 9 at the Art Center Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. The Show runs through December 8, 2007.

The piece John had juried into the show we saw at the October Meeting (see CWT gallery for October). Pixie's piece entitled "Cleansed by Fire" is shown here.

Although this may be the first time you were aware of them, this show is not John and Pixie's first Show. They have displayed previously at the Art Gallery at The Anderson Arts Center at Kemper, in Racine, WI, among other venues. John and Pixie are a creative team using, woodturning, carving, texturing, dying and adding anything that strikes their fancy and pushes the envelope in the field of wood art.

While talking with John Eslinger, he mentioned that another of our members is making his first foray into the world of Art Shows. I had the chance to talk with Jerry Sergeant at the November meeting to find out a little more about the show he currently has running at the Art @ the Airport Gallery in the Quad City International Airport. A juried show put together with artists in the Quad City Arts Council. Jerry's woodturnings compliment the Pastel Portraits and Landscapes by 2 other artist members of the Quad City Arts Council.

Jerry says this show includes 26 finished pieces that represent an entire year of work for him. When asked how he got into this show Jerry answered, "well, I thought I was submitting an application to be considered as an artist in the QCAC and after they received my application, they said they liked my work and wanted me to do this show." I asked him what he had learned through the process. He said, "I don't know how Steve Sinner does it! It's a lot of work!"

Jerry's show runs through the end of December. All works are for sale. The Quad City International Airport is located at 2200 69th Avenue, Moline, IL. Two of the pieces included in the show are pictured here.

If you know of a CWT member that should be "In The News" next month, please drop me an e-mail or catch up with me at the next monthly meeting. Marie Anderson.

Turn On Chicago 2008

Your steering committee for Chicago's first ever regional symposium has been keeping busy for the last couple of months.

The biggest news is we have settled on a name for our symposium! As you know, one of the main goals in our symposium mission statement is to educate people about woodturning. We want to share our excitement for this wonderful passion we call woodturning. So, keeping that in mind several people came up with suggestions, but Paul and Jan Shotola brainstormed and came up with our winner "TURN ON CHICAGO". The steering committee unanimously agreed that this was the best suggestion submitted. The Logo for the symposium will be unveiled at the next meeting so be sure to attend!

In order to keep you up to date with what is happening, I will attempt over the next few months to introduce you to all of the steering committee chair people and give you a little more in depth information on what their committee does and how you can help make this the best symposium ever!

This month, I'd like to introduce Paul Pycik who is heading Sponsorship and Fund Raising. Paul has been a member of CWT for more than 10 years and has many years of fundraising experience organizing and soliciting donations for auctions and events through his "real job" as Director of Development for the Central DuPage Health Foundation. Some of you have probably donated to the auction he organizes each year to fund much needed programs at Central DuPage Hospital (CDH). Paul has recruited an outstanding committee that is already working to solicit donations for the live auction from club member artists, vendors, businesses and schools.

Members of Paul's team include: Roy Lindley, Dave Neybert, Nick Page, and Tom Waicekauskas. If you are contacted by Paul or a member of his team and asked to donate a turned item to the auction, please be as generous as you can and plan to donate one of your very best pieces. Also, it's probably not a bad idea to start saving a little cash now, so that you'll be ready to bid generously when the auction takes place next July. Paul's team is promising a fun-filled event with many one-of-a-kind items and things no woodturner should be without!

The Auction proceeds have been earmarked for educational programs, the specifics of which will be reported on in the months ahead. John Hill, who has been the auctioneer for the OVWG symposium, AAW symposium, Arrowmont Annual Auction as well as numerous other venues, has agreed to be our auctioneer. I understand John's REALLY good at making you happy about parting with your money...so plan to leave some at the auction! Next month, I will introduce you to Bob Fernstrom and his Trade Show Team.

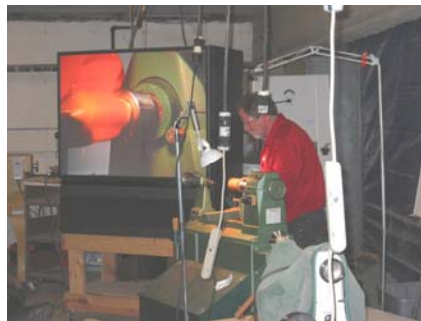
Until then, please, mark your calendar for July 25, 26 and 27, 2008 and consider registering EARLY because the word is now out and people are already interested in registering! Don't miss your chance to attend the FIRST "TURN ON CHICAGO"; there are only 250 spaces available!

Marie Anderson

Co-Chairperson, "Turn On Chicago" 2008

Glenn Mc Murray

Eccentric Turning With Escolin Chuck



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