



# *As the Wood Turns*

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

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## December 2021

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## President's Curls

December, 2021

As another year closes, pause to consider the past year. Even with the pandemic I urge you to think of the positive and I'm sure the new year will be even better.



At our last in-person meeting, we elected Rich Hall-Reppen as Vice President and Mike Canfield as Treasurer, two good choices. However, just because you didn't get elected, remember, this is a volunteer organization - if you don't participate things don't get done!

Our annual Holiday Party will be in-person this year and I hope to see many of you there. Details in the newsletter.

Be sharp, be safe and wash your hands.

Andy, still at a safe distance.....

## AAW and other News

### **Annual Symposium**

An in-person AAW 36th Annual International Symposium has been scheduled for June 23-26, 2022, in Chattanooga, TN. This large, action-packed experience marks the celebrated comeback of AAW's Symposium after a two-year virus-related hiatus. There will be plenty of demonstrations and panel discussions, a trade show with exhibitor booths, inspiring exhibitions and Instant Gallery, auctions of turned art, charitable initiatives, networking opportunities, and more. Mark your calendars!

### **AAW IRD Calendar.**

Ornaments with Finials, Cindy Drozda, December 8, 2021, 1PM

Hollow Forms, Lyle Jamieson, December 9, 2021, 7PM

12 Turnings of Christmas, Various Artists, December 11, 2021, 3:30PM

Simple Holiday Gifts, Scott Hampton, December 12, 2021, 7PM

Oxidation (Rust and Patina), Chris Parker, December 18, 2021, 7PM

### **AAW Virtual Events**

Nothing pending

### **WIT Presents**

Nothing pending. Marie Anderson was interviewed on Instagram Sunday November 21, 2021

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## **Record Power Live Woodturning Demonstrations from Australia and England**

A series of free 'Interactive Remote Demonstrations' (IRD's). To be put on their mailing list for upcoming demonstrations, send an email with RSVP in the subject line to [miked@recordpower.co.uk](mailto:miked@recordpower.co.uk) Your log-in details will be sent in return.

## **Pat Carroll's Meet the Woodturner**

A free series of discussions with woodturners from all over the world. Anyone who wishes to join should email Pat at [meetthewoodturner@gmail.com](mailto:meetthewoodturner@gmail.com) and you will be put on the mailing list for future events.

## **Secretary's Report**

Tonight's demonstrator is Rich Nye, and our gallery reviewer is Dave Bertaud.

Meeting started 5 minutes late, Andy apologized for the delay, Jerry and Mike are still hampered by delays in receiving parts ordered to upgrade the meeting streaming system which has been experiencing audio difficulties.

### **AAW.**

Look into more teaching moments coming online as video presentations get better and better.

### **WIT.**

Marie Anderson is going to be interviewed on Instagram on Sunday November 21, 2021. Get details and tune in.

### **TOC.**

Al Miotke reported that some of the confusion in the Crown Plaza buy-out are getting resolved. So far everything is on track for TOC 2022. In January 2022 you will start receiving notifications with program listings, demonstrator line-ups and bios.

### **PENS FOR TROOPS.**

Andy announced that David Warren will be the new lead for Pen for Troops activities. Dave is an accomplished pen turner who will bring his "young" energy and enthusiasm to this worthwhile club activity.

### **BEADS OF COURAGE.**

Andy would like to plan for a January delivery of boxes and bags. If interested, Sol and Al are actively working making staved boxes for this project, and Al has an excellent demo video about how to make these boxes, step by step. If you need Beads for your boxes, see Andy.

### **MEMBER NEWS.**

All is set for the 2021 CWT annual party on Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm at the Golf Center in Des Plaines. Brenda will take your reservations and payments. Mark Jundanian brought in assorted casters and wire shelves free for the taking, see him at the break. If you are interested, Al and Brenda have bowl blanks, follow them to the parking lot at the break.

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## **MEMBERSHIP.**

Brenda announced that 41 members are present at tonight's in-person meeting and an untold number are trying to participate via streaming, despite audio difficulties.

## **RAFFLE.**

A nice selection of bowl and pen blanks made up tonight's raffle.

## **SAFETY PRESENTATION.**

Electric shocks and hazards around your lathe and shop.

## **GALLERY REVIEW.**

Dave reviewed a variety of interesting pieces and a fun challenge collaboration.

## **DEMO.**

Rich Nye discussed form and showed us how some subtle differences can alter the look of a piece. Read all about it in Paul Rosen's Demo Report in this Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Pagura, Secretary.

## **Membership**

Brenda Miotke & Stan Herman

About 41 in-person members and an unknown number of internet members attended our last meeting. We had no in-person guests.

If you have paid your membership dues for 2021, have not received a membership card yet, and want one, contact Brenda Miotke by email [bkmiotke@comcast.net](mailto:bkmiotke@comcast.net) or snail mail:

Brenda Miotke  
920 North Sumac Lane  
Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056

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: \$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. Our new treasurer is working on a program to allow for credit or debit card payments.

## **Raffle**

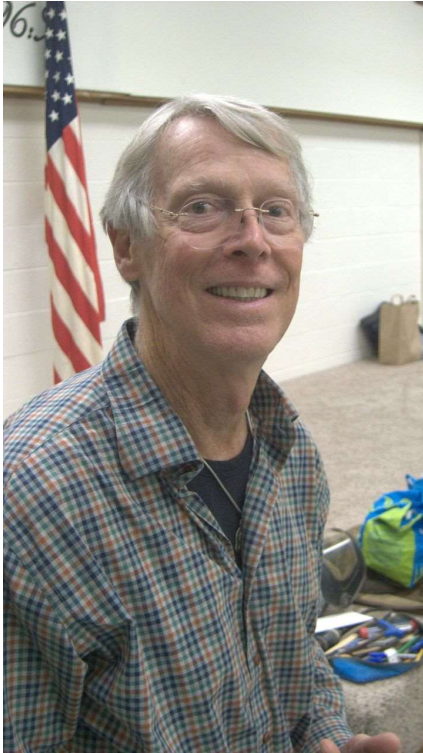
No information was available regarding the proceeds from the raffle.

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## Demonstration Report

Turned Chalice

Paul Rosen



Our demonstrator for November 2021, was Rich Nye. For his demo, Rich chose to show us how he turns a three-part chalice that he learned to turn from his class with Nick Agar. Agar had shown us how he turns this spindle project in a previous club demo; Nick said in that demo that the chalice had “paid his rent” for over a decade, as it was an easy project to turn (for him) and sold well to his customers.

Dr. Rich Nye (DVM) is a man of many talents. Long-time Cubs fans may recognize him from his stint as a left-handed reliever on the 1969 Cubs under manager Leo “the Lip” Durocher. But his initial academic training as a civil engineer came from the University of California at Berkley. He later worked on the Sears Tower aka Willis tower in Chicago. His baseball career was cut short in 1970, due to injuries, but he entered a post-baseball career by enrolling in veterinary medicine school at the University of Illinois in 1972, graduating in 1976. He worked at the Niles Animal Hospital in Niles, Illinois, where he developed an interest in treating exotic birds. But he also became a commodities trader on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. His interest in treating exotic birds led him to become a charter member of the Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV) founded in 1980. He later served as the president of that organization (1989). In 1985, he joined

with two other veterinarians to found the Midwest Bird and Exotic Animal Hospital in Westchester, IL. He and his wife, Susan (also a veterinarian), eventually sold their interest in that facility in 2005.

Rich has also flourished as woodturner. I recall seeing some of his expertly-turned pet funeral urns, as well as a large turned egg with an about-to-hatch baby bird pecking its way through the shell. As I recall, this was a treasured retirement gift to a fellow avian veterinarian. But today’s demo involved a piece of pear, about 10-inches long, turned to a cylinder perhaps 2-1/2- to 3-inches in diameter. The blank was secured firmly in the jaws of a scroll chuck. The piece itself is divided roughly into three equal parts: the large flared lip at the top, the bowl, and the thin stem connecting to the flared base. Rich began by turning the top flared lip with his 1/2-inch bowl gouge; the lip decreased in diameter down to about 3/4-inch. A central hole, about 1/2-inch in diameter, had to be drilled in order to permit the hollowing-out of the bowl section. Rich attached a drill bit to a drill chuck whose Morse taper was positioned into the tailstock. He put his hand around the drill chuck to steady it as he turned the tailstock wheel, but the bit was either dull or slightly off center, which



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led to some chattering. Rich thought that if a brad point bit had been used, rather than a standard drill bit, drilling would have been easier. Fortunately, a 3/8-inch spindle gouge can be used as a drill bit as an alternative to a dull drill bit. With the hole completed, Rich turned to hollowing-out the bowl portion.

Consider the bowl shape. You could opt for an apple shape or an egg shape. Rich chose the egg shape, which is not surprising.

After all, he raises chickens...very healthy chickens. Once the external contours of the bowl shape were completed, Rich demonstrated the shear-cut technique, where the flute of the gouge is almost completely closed and the tool handle is oriented downward at about a 45-degree angle. This produces the very fine “angel hair” dust shavings while smoothing out the wood surface to minimize the need for aggressive sanding. Next, Rich decided to hollow out the bowl, setting the lathe speed to about 1000 rpm. To do hollowing, he used both the carbide-tipped straight and hook-tools from Mike Jackofsky of southern California ([www.mikejackofsky.com](http://www.mikejackofsky.com)), whom you will recall was a guest demonstrator for CWT. The objective was not to have a paper-thin bowl. Rather, it was to remove enough weight so the chalice was not top heavy and less likely to be knocked over. Rich emphasized that the hollowing tools should not be used too aggressively. Instead, after every few strokes, it is wise to remove shavings from the bowl. To do this, you could use a plastic straw, but that often results in a facefull of wood shavings. A more practical technique is to invest in a small plastic tube that can be attached to an air compressor. One such accessory is available from [www.conestoga.com](http://www.conestoga.com) of Edmond, Oklahoma. The splash screen of the website has an image of a conestoga wagon, which is perhaps an historical reference to Edmond, but of little relevance to the woodturning accessories offered through the site. A less expensive alternative, but fully functional, is a short piece (24 inches) of PVC tubing with a natural curve that you can buy at Menards or your local Ace Hardware.

Turning the final third includes the narrow stem and the flared base. Rich set the lathe speed to around 1200 rpm, as the stem can be quite narrow. Stabilizing the flared lip with tailstock support is a good idea at this point. Now, you can make whatever beads and coves you desire, at a thickness/thinness that belies your turning skills and/or willingness to take risks before turning the flared base. Rich showed us some examples of his chalice turnings, both works in



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progress and finished projects. One was a chalice by Nick Agar, which included chatter tool work on the outside of the bowl surface, as well as surface painting and air brushing. Agar is considered an expert at air brushing techniques, and Rich proved to

be a quick study. He showed us one of his completed projects, which included a wood-burned dragon-fly design on the bowl. The piece was later tinted with a yellow-colored finish applied via air brush and allowed to dry. This was followed selectively with red highlighting, which made for a stunningly attractive finish and shape. If air-brush finishing appeals to you, consider the website, [www.chroma-craft.com](http://www.chroma-craft.com), which offers a broad choice of finishing products, including the Nick Agar Signature Series of wood finishing products.

## Gallery



The Gallery is available on the Chicago Woodturners website, <https://www.chicagowoodturners.com> where galleries from past meetings are also available.

Now that we are again meeting in person, bring your gallery submission to the meeting. Let's hope we can keep doing it this way for a while.

This month's featured selection is a bowl by Roy Lindley. Excellent finish, as expected. Classic form.

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## Turn-On! Chicago



As we prepare for the new year, we are actively preparing for our 2022 symposium, Turn-On! Chicago, the first one in 4 years due to Covid which forced us to cancel our 2020 event. After holding 6 very successful symposiums at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, we will now be holding the event at a new location, the Crowne Plaza, Northbrook from July 29-31, 2022. It's a nice facility with all the room we need. In 2022 we will be hosting 6 internationally-known demonstrators, including Jacque Vesery, Beth Ireland, Cynthia Carden, Eric Lofstrom, Avelino Samuel, and Andy Cole. We will also see excellent demonstrations from some very talented regional artists including Keith Lackner, Roberto Ferrer, Marie Anderson, Clint Stevens, Rob Wallace, and more to be announced.

It is going to be another excellent and educational event with something for everyone from beginner to experienced turners, an opportunity to learn new techniques from some of the best turners and educators in the U.S.



Event details are available thru our club website [www.chicagowoodturners.org](http://www.chicagowoodturners.org) or [www.turnonchicago.com](http://www.turnonchicago.com). Registration will open in January 2022.

## CWT News

The Chicago Woodturners is an all-volunteer organization. In order to keep everything moving, we need volunteers at all levels. Opportunities are open for you to get involved: the newsletter needs an editor, the



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Holiday Party and Picnic need a coordinator, Odyssey, Artsapozza and our student outreach programs need a champion, Turn-On! Chicago needs committee members. Get involved - many hands make light work.

## **Meet the Woodturner, Marie Anderson**

Each month, the Newsletter will include a short interview to introduce one of our members. Please reach out to whoever Brenda interviews to let them know you're glad they're in the club and follow up with any questions you might have about something Brenda missed. This month Brenda interviewed Marie Anderson.

Marie has been with the Chicago Woodturners Club almost from the beginning, joining in 1985. She got started in turning when her husband Dan brought home an old lathe from a garage sale. He only wanted the bench, but the seller said he had to take the lathe too...and so it began. Her first turning was a weed pot.

Marie likes to do spindle work and loves collaborations, but her favorite things to turn (at the moment) are miniatures and her Happy People. Marie is currently enjoying learning more about ornamental turning, and incorporating carving and coloring on some of her pieces.

As with all turners, Marie has her favorites, but because of limited space, I can only name a few; Binh Pho, Dick Sing, Jack Vesery, Mike Hosaluk, Marilyn Campbell, Kathleen Duncan, Andi Wolf, Dixie Biggs and of course Betty Scarpino. Since Marie has been turning for nearly 30 years, you can bet there are a lot of footsteps she has followed.

Marie tries to attend as many symposiums as she can - having turners come together for a 3-day turning experience is really fun and exciting (plus, you learn so much). She has volunteered at most of the symposia she has attended. You never know where you will be assigned...one highlight was being room assistant for Rude Osolnik, "the grandfather of woodturning".

Marie has several lathes – currently she has a very old Delta Rockwell, a Jet mini, a Bonnie Klein Micro lathe, an MDF Rose Engine, and just for posterity, the original AMT pipe lathe (although it's stashed away somewhere in the shop). Marie would describe her workshop as "cluttered" with all intentions of trying to get it organized! Famous last words!

In addition to being an active member of Chicago Woodturners, she is the current president of Windy City Woodturners and is on two AAW committees - Women in Turning and the Ethics Committee. Marie keeps pretty busy helping out at a flower shop which fits right in with her other hobbies of flower arranging and gardening.

I always enjoy talking "wood turning" with Marie but it was sure fun for me to Meet the Turner!

## **From the Safety Officer, Frank Pagura**

**ELECTRICITY AND YOUR LATHE.**

Fatal electrocutions, while working with your lathe, are rare.

But electric shocks that fail to kill are much more common. Whether a shock is fatal often comes down to luck- it depends on whether there is a low resistance path for the current to ground. If, for example, you

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are standing on a wet concrete floor or having your hands on a lathe that is grounded, more current will pass to your body, and may kill you.

So it is wise to check your lathe electrical system occasionally. Make sure that all connections are secure, all wires and cord insulation are not damaged. Check for proper grounding, and don't forget to check lathe accessories, such as work-light wiring commonly used on your lathe.

Working vibrations have the tendency to loosen screws to electric wire connections and, if ignored, will lead to more serious consequences. Be warned that frayed insulation on black wire cords is not easily spotted by a superficial glance - you should be extra careful when doing this task. All sparks, smoke, and overheating coming from your lathe are signs that you have pushed your luck far enough.

Be safe and be a happy turner.

Safety hints, in part originated by Woodturning, by Terry Vaughan

## **Chicago Woodturners Mentoring Program**

For many years, the Chicago Woodturners have promoted mentoring to assist our members in learning both the basic and specialized skills needed in woodturning. Our current mentor list is posted on the website. Although this is a CWT-sponsored activity, these sessions will be organized between the student and mentor. If you would like to have your name added as a mentor, contact Al Miotke at [abmiotke@comcast.net](mailto:abmiotke@comcast.net). Mentoring and classes are also available through the Chicago School of Woodworking; see their website. We have new mentors, so check the list.

Mentoring is covered by the club's insurance policy but there are some requirements:

1. Both you and the person being mentored must be members of the Chicago Woodturners
2. You must notify the club by email before you do the mentoring
3. A release form should be completed; samples are on the website.

## **Beads of Courage**

Members interested in donating boxes should contact Al Miotke or Andy Kuby.

## **Empty Bowls**

Donations for Empty Bowls are coordinated through Marie Anderson or John Dilllon.

## **Pens for Troops**

David Warren has agreed to take on the responsibility for coordinating our Pens for Troops effort. The Board of Directors wish to acknowledge the dedication and countless contributions to this program by Don McCloskey. Don will continue to be involved and assist David. To arrange for delivery or pick-up of your donated pens, please contact David at 224-577-7611, [z xen420@gmail.com](mailto:z xen420@gmail.com) or Andy Kuby at [studio@riverwoodturner.com](mailto:studio@riverwoodturner.com) or 847-922-8201. Please note that Chicago Woodturners has changed our policy on providing pen kits and these will now have to be provided by each individual pen turner. In the future we may get grants to provide kits.

## **Veterans Day Turning Event at Rockler, Schaumburg**

Andy Kuby and Clint Stevens assisted Rockler Hardware at the Veterans Day Turning Event November 6 and 7, 2021. We spent the day in Schaumburg and introduced about 15 new people to pen turning.

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## Education Committee

Please contact Rich Hall-Reppen if you have items you would like the committee to consider, or if you want to join the Education Committee or be put on the email list to receive notifications of future meetings. This is a very important committee – volunteer! The next meeting has not been scheduled. Please note that the Chairman of the Education Committee has been elected Vice President so we may need a new chair.

## Holiday Party

Hard to believe that the holidays will soon be upon us. Chicago Woodturners is excited that we will be able to have a Holiday Party live again! The date will be on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Golf Center in Des Plaines. The cost has remained the same - \$20 per person. You can give that to Brenda at the October or November meetings, or you can mail it to:

Brenda Miotke  
920 Sumac Lane  
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056



We will have some surprises, but the main event remains the same – if you bring a wrapped gift (\$25.00) you will go home with a gift. If you have any questions, please let Brenda know. A flyer is attached

## Professional Demos for 2021

The first Virtual Professional Demonstration for 2021 was Nick Agar on March 13. No new Professional Demonstrations have been scheduled. Contact Rich Nye, or any Board member, with suggestions.

## Calendar for 2021

- December 14, 2021 – CWT Holiday Party

## For Sale, Trade, or Wanted

### Pen Turning Opportunity

The Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation in Dundee, IL, is looking for someone who would be able to make wooden ballpoint pens for our facility using salvaged wood from our property. The wood is dried and ready to be used. The pens would need to have our logo engraved on them also. A document with the logo specifications is available.

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While we can buy premade wooden pens, we wanted to use material from our property to make them more personal to our members. We would be looking at ordering at least 1,000 pens if it is economically feasible for us.

Your group was recommended to me by someone at DuPage Woodworkers and thought one of your members might be interested in this project. Feel free to pass this on to anyone that this pertains to or let me know who you would recommend me contacting. Thank you for any information you can provide.

Colleen Goldberg  
Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation  
PO Box 9  
Dundee, IL 60118  
847-741-8000

## Mahoney's Walnut Oil

Through the magic of bulk purchasing, Walnut Oil, Mike Mahoney's Utility Finish, is once again available to club members in 16-ounce bottles for \$12 each. Please email Andy Kuby at [studio@riverwoodsturner.com](mailto:studio@riverwoodsturner.com) or call 847-922-8201 to arrange for a pick-up.

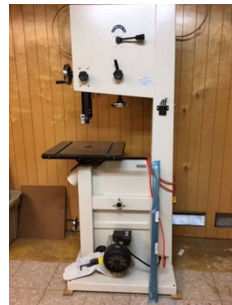
## Tool Sales

Herb Hedeon, a former Chicago Woodturners member, is selling everything in his shop. A list of the items available has been sent to all club members and is posted on the website. Please contact Herb directly if you are interested in any of the items. Herbert Hedeon [herbyhh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:herbyhh@sbcglobal.net) or telephone 773-718-8788

Dave Bertaud is selling a Harbor Freight 2 HP Dust Collector with pleated filter for \$175. [dtbwoodworks@gmail.com](mailto:dtbwoodworks@gmail.com)



Richard Ernst has three larger woodworking tools for sale in Hawthorne Woods. The first one is an



Elephant 8" joiner model WJ200 asking \$700.00. The second is a Jet woodworking cabinet saw Model JCS10 stock 708674 asking \$1100.00. The third is a Rikon 18" Bandsaw model 10-340 asking \$300.00. Must be picked up and will need some

disassembly to remove the items. Cash or certified check only. Items are located in Hawthorne Woods, Lake Zurich IL. Please contact Richard Ernst at (402) 334-5949, [richardeernst@gmail.com](mailto:richardeernst@gmail.com).

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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](https://www.chicagowoodturners.com) for more information.

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