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Chicago Woodturners Newsletter

A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Making Christmas Ornaments

It's not too late to extend your creativity to making ornaments for Christmas! Our very own Kurt Wolf-Klammer shows you how to make umbrella ornaments. The details can be found in issue No. 760 of Woodworker's Journal.

It's a detailed step-by-step guide to making unique gifts for your friends and relatives as well as your own Christmas tree!

Kurt says, "I have been making traditional hollowglobe ornaments for a while and realized they can be visually deceptive; it is hard to tell their weight just by looking at them. I wanted to create an ornament that looked airy and lightweight. After trying a couple designs and ideas, I developed the umbrellastyle ornament ..."

Download the complete article here

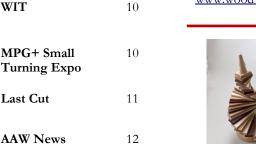
www.woodworkersjournal.com/meeting-together/



Kurt Wolf-Klammer

"Turn an Umbrella Ornament," is from the pages of American Woodturner and is brought to you by the AAW in partnership with Woodworker's Journal.

Follow Kurt's journey on Instagram, <u>@wkswoodworking</u>.



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Special points of interest:

- AAW Symposium 2023 Louisville, Kentucky
- 2023 Calendar



Chicago Woodturners Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec 13, 2022

The Golf Center, 353 N. River Road Des Plaines, IL 60061

Hey Everyone – our annual Christmas Party is coming up in fast, and there is still time for you to make up your mind to come – just let me know so I have the right number for our food and you can pay me when you get there.

Last year's party was a huge success and everyone had a great time, so give it a try... If you want to participate in our exchange program, that is also easy – bring something wrapped to give away and you will leave with something!

This party is an opportunity to socialize and have a little fun before we are thrown into the "quick pace" of the holidays. There will be a cash bar at 6 with dinner around 7.

Hope you can make it!

Brenda

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Editor's Corner | Phil Moy

When Andy Kuby asked if I could take over the CWT newsletter back at the last Christmas Party, he wasn't asking me to do something really difficult because I have done so many newsletters.

When he said "Make it my own," no limits on content, layout or opinions? Piece of

A big thank you to the AAW for awarding us 1st place for Best Local Chapter Newsletter to "As the Wood Turns" for 2022.

We got a mention at the AAW Symposium and American Woodturner. We were also entered into the AAW Chapter Awards Hall of Fame! CWT has been here in the past, in 2008, 2009, 2010 with Paul Shotola and 2015 with Clint Stevens.

We squeaked by the Catoctin Area Woodturners in Virginia and the Bay Area Woodturners in San Francisco.

What does the AAW look for in judging a newsletter? From the AAW website:



Content that demonstrates partnership with AAW to share, support, and deliver woodturning education

- Sound writing skills
- Visually appealing layout
- Content that is current, pertains to woodturning, and emphasizes safe woodturning practices
- Useful woodturning, technical, and newsrelated information

Above all, newsletters should be fun to read and provide useful information to members of the chapter they serve.

What was the difference in winning?

Our club. The content in the newsletter reflects the spirit, the activities, the depth and breadth of experience of CWT! I just added my own spin to it.

Under the current rules, we can't submit again for three years. So we move on to the bes website category for 2023!

Phil



Letters to the Editor

Comments or ideas? Send them to the Editor!

P.S. My mailbox is empty most of the time! Email them to: phil@windycitywoodturnings.com

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CWT MEETING

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Christmas Party at the

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Des Plaines, IL

President's Curls

December, 2022



Andy Kuby's Last Words.

The new President begins the President's Curls in January 2023! Stay tuned!

Thank You, Andy

from all of us, for leading the club for the last five years!



Congratulations to Frank Pagura upon being re-elected for the office of Secretary, as well as continuing on as Safety Officer!

Thank you, Frank!



NOVEMBER 2022 SAFETY

My personal experience with harmful Wood Dust

During the last few weeks, I have been experiencing a strange ear plugging sensation after spending time in my woodshop.

At a visit with my doctor at the Sinus Center I had an opportunity to discuss this new happening. Apparently, the encountering wood dust particles I was breathing can cause irritation and inflammation to the ear ducts leading from the nose directly to the ears.

I found this strange because my shop has each machine ducted into a central dust collection unit. In addition I have an overhead Powermatic Air cleaner and a window fan blowing air out of the shop.

All this has worked well for years, so what has changed? I did a little investigation. I used my dust particle meter and it told me that the level of dust was high even though no machines were in operation yet. The prefilter in the overhead air cleaner was unusually dust covered.

I realized that four weeks had gone by since the remote had turned on and off, the central dust collector had failed, and I had not replaced it. Since the dust collector is tucked away from the traffic pattern, I had gotten a little lazy and not turned it on as regularly as I had been. This had allowed the fine dust to accumulate over practically everything.

I purchased a new remote, cleaned the filters on the air cleaner and gave the shop a thorough cleaning. I am back operating the shop with the new remote hanging from my belt. The dust meter likes the results.

Expect an update at the next meeting!

Frank Pagura Safety officer

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November Meeting Minutes | Frank Pagura



NOVEMBER 2022

Zoom set up Internet connection is continuing to be problematic at Liberty Academy.

Gallery review will be given by Al Miotke. The Interactive demonstration there will be a tag team review and presentation on services and activities available to club members.

AAW St Louis symposium latest preparation news are on the website as well as all the virtual demonstrations coming on board.

WIT Final preparation for the WIT Exchange is being completed, expect an announcement soon.

EMPTY BOWLS Oakton Community College on December 3, 2022, from 10:00 to 3:00 Marie is asking for volunteers to sign up on the form that John Dillon is passing out. There will be a new Battle of The Bowls featuring our Marie Anderson and a college potter.

Board Member Elections Rich Hall-Reppen has been elected as our new President, replacing retiring Andy Kuby. Frank Pagura will serve another term as Secretary.

Holiday Party The CWT holiday event will take place on December 13, 2022, at the Golf Center in Des Plaines. Social activities will start at 6:00 with dinner at 7;00. The event features the Popular CTW Gift Exchange, don't miss out bring something and go home with something!

Outreach Highland Park is reconsidering restarting their FOCUS ON THE ARTS event for 2023, an announcement is expected soon. Heads up to volunteers, the club should be involved in this very popular event.

Website Our webmaster Scott Barrett after countless years of toil has asked to be released of his duties. Scott has made CWT stand out as club with a first-class innovative website. The board is in discussions with Phil Moy about a possible replacement.

Beads of Courage Andy announced that 30 bead boxes and a few dozen of bead bags were dropped off at Lurie's Children Memorial. We have 10 boxes in stock now, we'll need additional items for the next delivery which is estimated to be in three months. If you need Beads of Courage buttons, see Andy.

Pens for Troops Dave indicated we have about 400 pens in stock now, Andy suggested we make a delivery. Pen kits are available, ask Dave if you can turn a few pens \

Safety Officer

See Frank's report on the next page.

Membership

27 members are in attendance in person, tonight and 14 are online.

The raffle brought in \$ 140 tonight.

Dutifully submitted by Frank Pagura, Secretary

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Empty Bowls | Marie Anderson



"Battle of the Bowls" at Oakton Community College



Pictures by Sue Capillo, Empty Bowls Oakton Committee Chair.





Marie Anderson, the woodturner takes on Lou Pierozzi, Art Department Chair at Oakton Community College, the potter in a first ever "Battle of the Bowls" at Oakton Community College. Drawing a energetic crowd, the question was "Who can turn the most bowls, the woodturner or the potter? Is clay a faster artistic medium than wood? Do RPM's count?

The answer in December's issue of As The Wood Turns, with Marie's detailed report. (Hint: We are invited again next year)

You are a genius woodturner if you can you spot the difference in these two pictures in less than 8 seconds!





Pictured above, left to right: Clint Stevens, Al Miotke, Andy Kuby, Ron King, Marie Anderson, Derek Cadmus, Brenda Miotke, Todd Cohen, David Longaker

Interactive Demonstration | Clint Stevens



Clint Stevens

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES OF THE CHICAGO WOODTURNERS AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

The November meeting reminded us of the key mission of the Chicago Woodturners and the American Association of Woodturners. Education. Occasionally we get together to share local donuts and coffee but really what we do is education.

President elect Rich Hall-Reppen called on several members to collectively present a treasure trove of educational resources available to CWT members. A few of these have been limited during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic but now are either back with us or are being geared up again.

Perhaps the most obvious of these is the monthly meeting. Regular meetings with scores of other woodturners help us all. There is an exchange of ideas informally between members as well as a woodturning demonstration and gallery review.

Al Miotke spoke of occasional one day classes offered by the club. These are held at the Chicago School of Woodworking and are ideal for new woodturners or anyone who wants to polish their skills.

Classes cover spindle techniques or bowls. Each class is assisted by several accomplished members who are pleased to help whoever attends. These are very popular so sign up early when they are offered again.

We have been very fortunate to have Rich Nye bring nationally and internationally acclaimed woodturners for demonstrations and hands on classes. This is an opportunity to meet and benefit from people who share their finely honed skills with us.

In 2023 we already will meet with Mark Dryer and John Underhill for masterful penmaking instruction.

Who else might show up? I'm not one for rumors but don't be surprised to see Jenifer Shirley, Laurent Niclot, Sharron Doughty, Rudy Lopez or Neil Turner at our club. I mean, can anyone really refuse a request when Rich Nye turns on the charm?

We have mentioned the Chicago School of Woodworking before. CWT has a special relationship with CSW. We store our lathes and other equipment at the school and hold our hands-on classes there.

School owner Shaun Devine works with CWT for all of our woodturning events. CSW offers woodturning classes fit for a variety of skill levels as well as occasional specialty classes.

Instructors include CWT members Andy Kuby, Graham McLachlan, Al Miotke and yours truly, Clint Stevens. There are currently three levels of woodturning with the possibility of another in the future.

Woodturning classes are also offered at the Evanston Arts Center with our own very experienced instructor Bob Shuford. Learning while immersed in such an artistic environment is a unique experience.

Woodcraft and Rockler hold occasional woodturning demonstrations and classes. Although they have no direct connection to CWT, they have sponsored past events and offer ten percent discount to club members.

Mark McCleary is a frequent attendee at regional woodworking and folk schools. He has attended Mark Adams School of Woodworking at least 69 times. In any other field that would be the equivalent of a post doctorate degree.

He also recommends John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and the Woodturning Cruise in Norway. Although these are expensive options, they can be considered a once in a lifetime opportunity for an immersive experience.

Many top tier woodturners offer small classes in their personal workshops.

These include David Ellsworth who teaches on 34 acres of mountain beauty in Weaverville, North Carolina. Rudy Lopez who offers classes and private lessons at his studio in Tampa Florida. Nick Agar joined the American scene and offers classes at his

Interactive Demonstration | Clint Stevens

studio in Brooklet Georgia. These are just a very few of the woodturners that offer personal instruction nationwide.

For the more budget minded of us, CWT maintains a list of local mentors who are very happy to share their knowledge with anyone eager to learn. Contact any of our club officers for more information.

The premier woodturning organization is the American Association of Woodturners. For a very reasonable annual membership fee they offer publications including "American Woodturner" and "Woodturning FUNdamentals." The access includes digital copies of every issue ever published by AAW. Their website "woodturner.org" is a treasure trove of knowledge and information.



Through the pandemic and up to this day the AAW has offered online demonstrations to build turners skill sets. The annual AAW Symposium is eagerly anticipated by members. The 2023 symposium is easily drivable at Louisville June 1st through the 4th.

Our local lending library is lovingly tended by Marcia Jundanian. Any of the books or DVD's can be checked out by any CWT member. Do you need a woodturning tool to go along with that book you checked out? CWT also has a tool lending library. It won't be long before we have a librarian installed with a list of tools available to check out.

The AAW and CWT take their educational missions seriously and provide resources to make education accessible. If you want to be a better woodturner there is no better move than being an active member of the Chicago Woodturners and the American Association of Woodturners.

Local

- Chicago Woodturners Beginner Classes for Spindle, Bowl
- **CWT** Visiting Professionals
- 2022 included Rebecca DeGroot & Andy Cole
- 2023 working on 3 to 5 starting in March
- Chicago School of Woodworking classes
- **CWT Mentors**
- International Association of Penturners (semimonthly meetings at Woodcraft)
- Woodcraft classes
- Other Local Woodturners (Ed Szakonyi)

Regional & National

- Marc Adams
- Other Woodturning Clubs
- Arrowmont (Tennessee)
- John C Campbell Folk School (North Carolina)
- Center for Furniture Craftsmanship (Maine), Turning Intensive Jan-Mar 2023
- Professional Woodturners (eg. Ellsworth, Clewes, Agar, Lopez)

Other Resources

- American Association of Woodturners (\$68 / year)
- American Woodturner magazine 6 times a year
- All previous AW magazines searchable and online with membership
- Vetted online videos
- Annual Symposium (Louisville, June 1-4, 2023)
- On-line Symposiums (October 15 16, 2022) replay available
- Forums & weekly emails

CWT Library

- Over 200 books
- Over 200 CD's

Tool Lending Library (try out a tool before you buy or don't buy it)

YouTube Review | Phil Moy

Editor's Note:

Every time I mount a bowl blank on my JET, I would have to admit that I don't always have a shape in mind before I begin.

Then an email came from Kent Weakley of Turn A Bowl.

With three simple diagrams, he provides a vision for my next bowl!

Kent has a lot of well done YouTube videos on almost every aspect of turning.

I thought I would pass this along. Thanks so much Kent!

A reader sent me the following question...

"Hi Kent,

The main issue I have is style. Having a nice blank on the lathe and not sure what to do with it?.. most times the wood dictates the shape but more often than not, I struggle with the creativity." -

Not to worry, you aren't alone. We've all been there.

Let's break this down into a process of elimination.

- 1) The proportions of the bowl blank do indeed dictate the space you have to work
- 2) You need to have an attachment point, so make your shoulder and tenon (or recessed mortise, if you'd like).
- 3) Now, you're just left with connecting the dots from point A to point B. How you chose to travel that path is up to you.

Here's a helpful hint.

It's common to think making a complicated "unique" shape will make your bowl stand out, but it usually doesn't.

Instead, the most simple, elegant curve(s) from A to B can be the most striking.

Happy Turning, Kent Weakley



www.TurnAWoodBowl.com

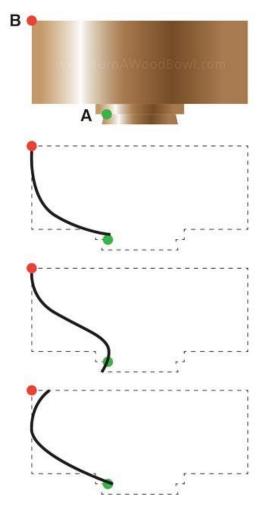


Image Credit: Turn A Wood Bowl



There is wealth of informative and entertaining YouTube videos on woodturning. When it's too cold or too late to be in the shop, inspiration is only a few clicks away! What's your favorite YouTube

Send us your favorite YouTube video or personality and a few words about why you like it so much!

Instant Gallery | Al Miotke



























Photos by Todd Cohen

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Women in Turning (WIT) brings together women worldwide who share a passion for woodturning. WIT is dedicated to encouraging and assisting women in their pursuit of turning, to sharing ideas and processes to further members' skills and creativity, and to increasing participation of women in the field of woodturning.

News from the Women In Turning Committee:



Marie Anderson

At the last committee meeting it was agreed that there has been enough interest that we will hold another Virtual WIT EXCHANGE in 2023. Registration is tentatively set to open on February 1, 2023 and the EXCHANGE will run through mid April with the presentation of projects event to air the end of April (tentatively on April 29th). I should have more details firmed up in January.

It was also agreed that we will continue the WIT Presents programs and several artists have already been contacted about presenting next year. Four WIT Presents are planned for 2023.

The WIT committee will hold a special interest meeting in June at the AAW symposium in Louisville. Time and place to be determined.

We are also asking for your input for the WIT newsletter - Andi Wolfe is working on the next issue and would appreciate any photos, stories and or comments that you might have to include in this issue. The gallery topic is Holiday Ornaments. Please send them to Andi Wolfe.

That's all for now! Get to your lathe and turn something!

Respectfully submitted, Marie Anderson

MPG+ Small Turning Expo

It's Time To "Turn-Up" Your Knowledge and Expand Your Projects And Techniques



Mark Dreyer (above and John Underhill (below) at MPG in April



Back in April of this year, the "In-Person" Midwest Penturner's Gathering in Barrington was a huge success!

So did we need a "Virtual Symposium"? The answer is YES! For one, the topics were much broader in scope, with discussions about turning ornaments, spheres, rings, bottle stoppes, ornamental turnings, each conducted by some of the country's best woodturners and our very own local experts.

Secondly, there are some great advantages to a virtual format. The sessions are recorded so you don't have to decide which one to go to. You can jump in and out of sessions.

Third, the editing of the video segments, and the ability to zoom in on details provided a clear explanation of what is going on. In a large demo room, even though you have big screens, you can never get close enough to the action.

Fourth, During the session you can interactively chat with the demonstrator. At the end of the day, the demonstrators were available to talk to people in a Zoom-like manner. The interchange is as good as hanging out a the lunch tables in the hallway or at the bar (except there's no booze)

And lastly, it's more affordable than the cost of hotel, flight or gas, and (usually)a enormous symposium fee.

And one more thing, you get to play back the sessions for 30 more days.

So thanks, Mark and John for another great woodturning event!

Last Cut | Phil Moy

What's to come for 2023?

There was no lack of woodturning activity in the Chicago area in 2022. Even the AAW Symposium in Chattanooga was close enough for many Chicago turners to attend.

The Midwest Penturners Gathering in April, the AAW in June, Turn On! Chicago in July, the Segmenting Symposium in August, and the MPG+ Small Turning Expo in November.

Monthly meetings, whether in person or by zoom (or both) provided lively and informative presentations, impressive Instant Gallery submissions and the opportunity to meet club members and trade stories and experiences.

Pens for Troops, Empty Bowls and Bowls of Courage showed our commitment to serving our community through our maker mindsets.

Providing the turning experience to the DuPage Cub Scouts helped our vouth see what woodturning was about, and it might even be fun!

A standing ovation for Andy Kuby for leading CWT for the last five years. We look forward to Rich Hall-Reppen's leadership beginning in 2023.

We had an AAW Best website award, in 2015. Scott Barrett took 1st place that year. As he passes the torch, we can take a stab at best chapter website for 2023!

An understudy position for As The Wood Turns is available!

As I was deciding how to end this column, the December issue of American Woodturner showed up in the mail. Joshua Friend really does an outstanding job in creating this magazine, with beautiful layouts and photos and great articles. Thanks, Joshua!

And speaking of leadership doing a great job, Mike Summerer, the AAW President has a great quote that I will use here for final thoughts. "Although excellent examples of "round and brown" work continued to be produced, surface embellishment, coloring, carving, piercing, disassembly/reassembly, segmented work, and other journeys away from traditional craft keep inspiring both new and "experience" turners.

Thanks for list of places to explore on our journey, Mike! "Round and brown" has taken a few years and look forward to new places to go.

See you at the Xmas Party at The Golf Center on Dec 13th!

Phil













The Chicago School of Woodworking was established in 2007 to train students in the art of furniture making. Since then, our program has expanded to include the arts of turning, scroll saw, marquetry, Chip Carving, speaker making and cabinet making.

We are committed to providing students the knowledge and skills to create functional and beautiful furniture that can be enjoyed for generations.

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It's the WCWT Xmas Party!

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

1313 N. Mill Street, Naperville, IL 60453.

Doors open by 6:15 - 6:30 pm, so swing by early to help set-up.

AAW news

Save the Date

Rebecca DeGroot Saturday, December 17, 2022 3pm Eastern Time

· Details coming soon.







The 2022 "AAW Presents" virtual series is generously supported by Robust.







Save the date!

Louisville, Kentucky, June 1-4, 2023

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With more than 16,000 members and over 365 local chapters globally, AAW members include amateurs, hobbyists, professionals, gallery owners, collectors, tool and equipment suppliers, and others.

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Hone your knowledge and skills using AAW's online learning portals, exclusive print and digital publications, curated educational videos, high-quality safety

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Chicago Woodturners	Arlington Heights, IL	chicagowoodturners.com
Flatland Woodturners	Champaign, IL	flatflandwoodturners.com
Lincoln Land Woodturners	Springfield, IL	llwonline.com
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Free parking, enter South Door on East Side, 2nd floor





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2023 Calendar of Events

CWT Meetings

Jan 10	May 9	Sept 12
Feb 14	June 13	Oct 10
March 14	July 11	Nov 14
April 11	Aug 8	Dec 2



Chicago Woodturners Annual Christmas Party Dec 13, 2022

The Golf Center 353 N. River Road

Des Plaines, IL

It is even more fun when you bring a friend!

Reasons to join Chicago Woodworkers

- Monthly meetings
- Access to club member expertise and mentors
- Classes and hands-on sessions with name turners
- In-person demonstrations, product discounts, raffles
- and generally a good group to hang out with....

Membership Fees

\$30 Individual membership

\$40 Family membership.

\$10 Under age of 25

Yearly membership fees for Chicago Woodturners are due at the beginning of the year. You can join at anytime of the year!

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