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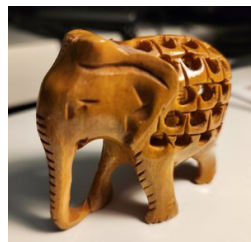
CWT MEETING

Tuesday January 10, 2023

Christian Liberty Academy

502 W. Euclid Ave.,
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
7 pm to 10 PM
In-Person & via Zoom

Inspiration comes from the most unlikely places!



At a Yorktown Center newsstand I spotted a hand-carved, sandalwood elephant, about 2 inches tall, for only \$5.00. My first reaction was, "I can

make one of these!" Having never pierced anything, this was worth researching.

Coincidentally, the AAW "Keep Turning" newsletter highlights piercing with Matthew Zander's article "The Ins and Outs of Piercing." Zander relates how woodturner Frank Sodol pioneered the use of dental drills for piercing. It's a great primer for piercing.

There's even a CWT connection! Sodol takes credit for introducing Binh Pho to piercing. Pho promptly took it way beyond Sodol's expectations.

So what does one need to pierce hollow forms? A great topic for a future Interactive Demo, but let's look at a few options.

On the high-end, the NSK Presto is an air compressor driven dental drill. At \$600, it

may not be your first piercing tool.

A less expensive option would be an electric rotary tool. A search online brought up a large number of choices in the \$100 to \$300 range.

A variable speed Dremel Stylo is only \$50 and you can add a flexible shaft a for \$35.

Presto vs Dremel? The Presto spins at 350,000 rpm, the Dremel, around 30,000 rpm. 10x the speed makes a difference, the bit moves smoothly through intricate curves and patterns.

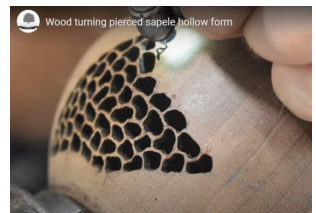
Once you have a tool to pierce with, you are also setup to carve! At what point does a pierced hole become so large it's no longer a hole, but a feature? It's a fine line between piercing and carving. Your creativity. Can be endless!

You may already be ready to start piercing. What self respecting shop doesn't already have a Dremel collecting dust on a shelf? The Dremel collection of bits for carving wood looks extensive and inexpensive. A great way to start exploring the world of piercing.

Excuse me while I go look for my Dremel ...



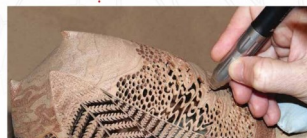
Forbidden Dream, Binh Pho



Black Label Woodworks

THE INS AND OUTS OF PIERCING

Malcolm Zander



Check your AAW newsletter for the link to Zander's article

Editor's Corner | *Phil Moy*

I often see references to the *Journey* that we are on. We start our journey when we first get hooked on turning. We have members who are on very unique journeys, with widely different paths. Where does the journey go?

Nirvana is a place of perfect peace and happiness. Once you've made everything you ever wanted to make, have explored every technique in woodturning, have you reached Nirvana?

For example, take Malcom Tibbetts, whose segmented torus was exhibited at the Segmenting Symposium. It's



Phil Moy



Malcolm Tibbetts

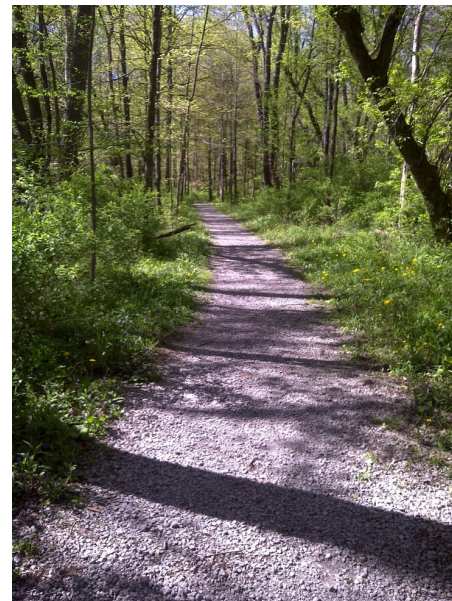
rumored to have over 1,500 pieces. Is there nothing more to do after having finished this amazing work?

Not for Malcolm, he's moved on to other projects. For him, there's more to his *Journey*!

As I look at the things I haven't tried to do yet, some of the tools that I have but have not used, like my Springett Chinese ball tools or the Wedgie Board that I won in the Segmenting Symposium raffle, I have lots of places to go!

Which brings us to what should we cover to help you along on your woodturning *Journey*. What areas of woodturning do we explore in 2023, whether it's in the newsletter, on the web site or in the Interactive Demos?

A New Year, a stop on



Here's a list of ideas:

- Levels of turning techniques
- Multi-axis turning
- Segmented bowls, vessels and pens
- Small turnings
- Writing instruments
- Piercing
- Carving
- Coloring
- Ebonizing
- Wood finishes
- Woodshop layout
- Equipment reviews
- Professional woodworkers
- Creating a woodturning business

What's on your mind? We want to know what you want to learn!

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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President's Curls | *Rich Hall-Reppen*

January, 2023



Welcome everybody to the New Year and my first column for the President's Curls.

I want to thank Andy Kuby for his successful tenure as President of the Chicago Woodturners during the past five years. The Club

survived and thrived during the Covid shutdowns due to his efforts and those of the other Board members. He led us back to our in-person meetings along with the virtual option for our meetings during 2022.

Now that we are finished making our Holiday gifts, it's a good time to look around our shop for things we can improve on during the upcoming year. The first thing I'm going to do is clean up the shop. I have bins of woodchips and sawdust that are heading outside to join the woodchips in our landscaping. I'm also going to clean out and / or replace the air filters on my air cleaner and dust collector.

Next, I'm going to tackle the wood collection. We all have some pieces of wood that we picked up as "road kill or found on ground" that we were going to turn into something useful. If that road kill is still hanging around the shop and hasn't been turned into a roughed out piece, it may be time for the firewood pile.

I'm looking at all of those cans, jars, tubes, and bottles of finish, glue and paint that all on the shelf. Time for the trash pile or hazardous waste disposal for those that haven't been used in the past year.

Hopefully, we all have our First Aid kits and fire extinguisher close by in our shop. Now is a good time to replace any items in the First Aid kit that were used in the past year.

Check the fire extinguisher still is in the green zone and ready for use. If you have a bigger shop, consider a First Aid kit and Fire Extinguisher on both ends of the shop.

Lastly, I'm going to figure out which tools I don't need anymore. While we are all one tool short of perfection, I know I have some tools I bought that I'm never going to use. Sell them in the Club's Classified Ads section or donate them to another club member or the local Habitat Restore outlet.

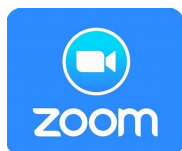
Stay tuned for news about upcoming professional woodturners coming to Chicago. We currently have Laurent Niclot scheduled for in person classes mid-February (including our meeting demo) and Mark Dryer & John Underhill in the April / May timeframe. Rich Nye is working hard to schedule three additional professional woodturners in 2023.

Lastly, help out the club by paying your dues at the January meeting if you haven't already done that.

See you on January 10, 2023.

Rich

CWT MEETING Tuesday January 10, 2023



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85619573298>
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The Safety Report resumes in February!

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2022 CWT Christmas Party



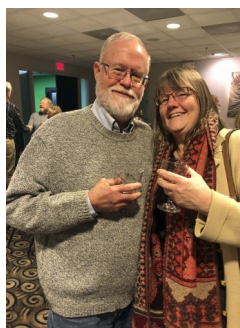
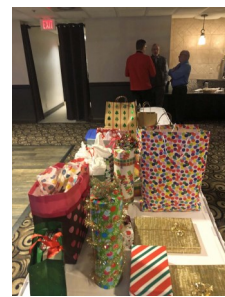
The Chicago Woodturners annual Christmas Party did not disappoint! Although the weather outside was a little wet, the environment inside was pure festive! Members and their wives/husbands/parents enjoyed a wonderful evening.

Beginning with a social hour, followed by the inauguration of our new President. Andy Kuby handed over the reins to Rich Hall-Reppen and made the earlier election official! Then it was time to party...we started with a wonderful meal and ended with gifts for everyone.

The participation of the gift exchange was almost 100% and everyone who participated went home with amazing pieces! We also handed out door prizes, most of which were the beautiful Christmas trees donated by many of our members! I can't thank them enough!

The evening ended with a fun dessert of make your own sundaes and homemade cookies made by myself and Rosemary Pagura. I know everyone had a great time and I can't wait to do it all over again next year.

Brenda



Classifieds



Stihl MS 661-CM chain saw with a 36 inch bar for \$900. This saw has reportedly been used less than 2 hours since purchased new in 2017. Please contact Tom Albrecht directly at tja490@gmail.com



American Beauty Standard Bed 2HP lathe, mint condition, 6 years warranty left — for sale for pickup from our garage in Glencoe, IL. All the associated tools and accessories are also for sale. Original receipt available.

There is also an entire industrial-grade woodshop for sale at my house.

Please call Vivian if you're interested, 917-667-5456.

Empty Bowls 2022 | *Marie Anderson*

Empty Bowls at Oakton

The last EB event of this year took place on December 3rd at Oakton Community College. WCWT and CWT members came out in force to support this final event and it paid off big time. After reviewing all the receipts I can report that we had a record breaking event!

Before I tell you the results, there are a bunch of folks that deserve recognition for their part in making this event (and in fact the whole 2022 Empty Bowls campaign) successful.

Obviously without your help and generosity in turning bowls and other items for this event we would not have been able to raise these much needed funds. So, thank you to everyone who helped, donated, visited, supported, and spread the news about our EB events.

This includes from both WCWT and CWT: Tim Rand, Todd Cohen, Andy Kuby, Clint Stevens, Dave Bertaud, Mark Jundanian, Mike Canfield, Tom Hargrove, John Dillon, Frank Pagura, Tom Albrecht, Pat Cogdal, Jack Harkins, Kurt Wolff-Klammer, Rich Piper, Derek Cadmus, Bob Shuford, Reto Gallati, Nelson Lehrer, Dan Anderson, Meredith Canfield, Dawn Herndon-Charles, Nathan Wick, Rich Hall-Reppen, Deb Hall-Reppen, Rich Nye, Phil Moy, Mark Dreyer, Paul Shotola, Don Kosik, David Longaker, Bob Leonard, Al Miotke, Brenda Miotke, Ron King and Marie Anderson.

There were many bowls that were not signed so if I missed anyone, please consider yourself thanked (and next year, please sign your bowls!)

I don't usually keep track but this year as I was getting everything priced for the sales, I noticed a couple of names appearing often so, (just to inspire a little competition next year), the top bowl producers were Derek Cadmus and Andy Kuby.

Derek says he always pulled at least a couple bowls whenever he was turning to add to his EB box. Andy must have done the same with his class demo's and coring sessions. The great thing about this year is that so many of our members participated and I believe this is why we had such a huge success.

The Oakton event raised a total of just over \$29,000 and the sales of wooden bowls totaled \$4,434 which is a full 15% of their total sales. That is awesome folks! We raised over \$2,100 during the event in Batavia along with 147#'s of pantry items. This brings the total raised this year to \$6,534 plus the pantry items.

This is a new record!

I don't know about all of you, but I am so very proud to be a part of this outstanding group of giving people. Pat yourself on the back and enjoy the glow.

We will take a couple months off of our EB workdays, but hopefully as you escape to your shops during this crazy holiday season you will remember that "someone's bowl is always empty" and consider starting your own Empty Bowls donation box for 2023. Thank you one and all!

Marie



Left: Brenda Miotke and Derek Cadmus managing the Empty Bowls table



Above left, Marie competes in "Battle of the Bowls", Right: Top bowl producers Derek Cadmus and Andy Kuby.

Left: Ron King and Clint Stevens with customer, Right: Marie Anderson and Clint Stevens celebrate record sales!

YouTube Review | *Richard Raffan*

Editor's Note:

Tom Albrecht actually wrote a Letter to the Editor!

Thanks for your YouTube Review, Tom! Hope the trend continues!

I find that the YouTube videos done by Richard Raffan are excellent for those of us wanting a straight forward no-nonsense presentation.

There is nothing fancy about Raffan's demos, he doesn't have a charming intro with fancy formatting, he's not a ham, no funny faces, he doesn't waste time explaining the minutiae of the process, he just shows us what he is doing in a humble human manner.

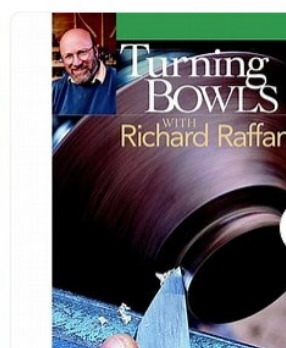
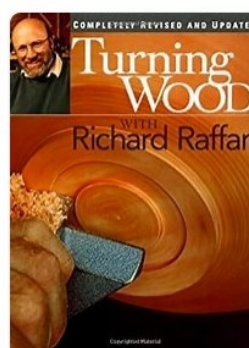
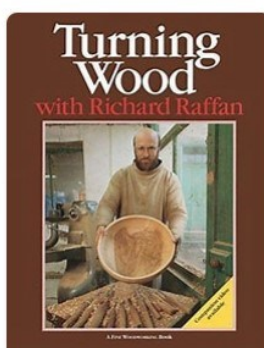
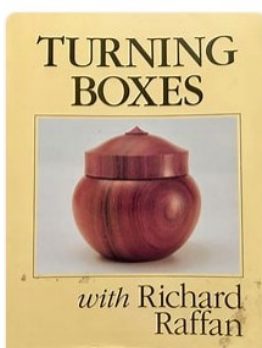
You will see him make mistakes, make bad cuts, break projects, cut himself on a sharp edge, and generally approach each project with a self-effacing attitude that gets the job done in a minimum amount of time.

This guy was a long time production turner who made his bread and butter, before becoming famous, by making and selling treen by the hundreds.

He has loads of professional tips that just pop up as part of his production process. It is all that and they are generally pretty short-- it's not a big time commitment.

In woodturning circles today Richard Raffan is best known as a writer and teacher, for his books, videos, and magazine articles, as well as for demonstrations and hands-on workshops.

But this notoriety came upon him in the mid-1980s on the back of a reputation established in the crafts in Britain in the 1970s, well before woodturning took off as the popular hobby and aspiring art form it is today, and before he moved to Australia in 1982.



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 video?

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



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.

Women in Turning | Marie Anderson

Women in Turning News for January, 2023

The Women in Turning Committee is happy to announce the dates have been set for the 2023 Virtual WIT EXCHANGE. Registration will open February 1. There will be a small registration fee for the participants. The actual collaboration will run from March 1-April 15 and the final presentation of projects event is scheduled for April 29th. More information will be coming in an email to all AAW women in turning.

There will also be at least 4 WIT Presents events in 2023. WIT Presents is a series of interviews showcasing women turners. I will share the interviewees and dates as soon as they have been confirmed.

If you know a woman who may be interested in woodturning please encourage her to visit one of our monthly meetings!

Marie

Also a few event announcements:

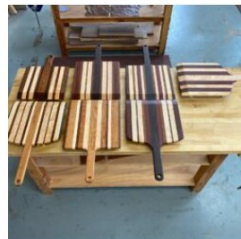
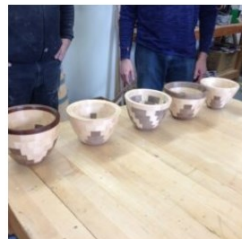
Meet the Woodturner: Live 2 - January 27th - 29th 2023 to register: <https://meetthewoodturner.com/>

Just announced, the 3rd Woodturners Online Worldwide Symposium will be held February 24-26, 2023 there are several familiar names on the schedule... check it out here:

<https://www.accelevents.com/e/woodturners-worldwide-online-symposium-2023#speakers>



Marie Anderson



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Batavia 2022 Citizen of the Year



BATAVIA, ILL – December 8, 2022 – One of Batavia’s “unsung volunteers” was named the 2022 Batavia Citizen of the Year (COTY) today. The Batavia Chamber of Commerce will honor John Dillon on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the Chamber’s Inspire 2023: A Celebration of Those Who Inspire Us! annual awards event.

Margaret Perreault, president and CEO of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce, commented that once again, the committee chose worthy award winners. John Dillon has quietly and consistently helped Batavians and the city in immeasurable ways.

Woodturning and More

For those familiar with the Batavia Boardwalk Shops, you may have purchased one of John Dillon’s hand-made wood pieces. After retiring from full-time work, he started taking woodworking classes at the Chicago School of Woodworking. As his skills grew, so did the number of projects that emerged from his shop. He joined with several other members of area wood turning clubs, the Chicago Woodturners and the Windy City Woodturners, and applied for a Boardwalk



John Dillon

Shop in 2021. They were accepted and sold beautiful hand-crafted products not only in 2021, but this year as well.

As is typical for John, he helped coordinate bringing a fundraiser, Empty Bowls, to the Boardwalk Shops. Over the past three years, they have raised \$7,000, along with a yearly food drive, for the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, Northern Illinois Food Bank and Fox Valley Food for Health.

Editor’s Note:

Congratulations John, from all of us at CWT!

Mentors

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Levels

B—Beginner

I—Intermediate

A—Advanced

Name	Town	Levels	Areas
Marie Anderson	Itasca	B, I	General turning, brainstorm with anyone
Dave Bertaud	Libertyville	B	General turning
John Dillon	Elburn	B	General turning
Tom Evoldi	Evanston	B	General turning, natural edge, thin wall, hollowing and carving
Reto Gallati	Chicago	B	General turning
Rich Hall-Reppen	Geneva	B, I	General turning
Andy Kuby	Riverwoods	B, I, A	General turning, spindles, bowls, platters, pens, multi-axis, ornaments, finials and other topics
Terry McCammon	Wilmette	B	General turning
Al Miotke	Mt. Prospect	B, I, A	General turning, segmenting
Phil Moy	Lombard	B	General turning, pens
Rich Nye	Batavia	B, I, A	General turning, carving, texturing, painting, burning
Frank Pagura	Elk Grove Village	B, I, A	General turning

Turning Events featuring or created by CWT members



Meet the Woodturner

January 27—29, 2023

For more information, visit meetthewoodturner.com



Roberto Ferrer

Woodturners
Worldwide
Online
Symposium
2023

Mark Dryer Marie Anderson

A banner for the Woodturners Worldwide Online Symposium 2023. The background is a dark woodturning workshop with a yellow circular graphic on the left. The text 'Woodturners Worldwide Online Symposium 2023' is in large white font. Below the text are two circular portraits of Mark Dryer and Marie Anderson.

February 24—26, 2023

For more information, visit World Online Symposium

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A banner for the 2023 PenMakers International Chicagoland MPG. The background is a wood-grain texture. The text '2023 PenMakers International Chicagoland MPG April 21 and 22, 2023 - Symposium - Hoffman Estates Illinois' is in white. Below the text is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Registration', 'Symposium', 'Contests', and 'Contact Us'. At the bottom are logos for International IAP, G+B GLUBOOST, Easy Wood Tools, Exotic Blanks, and Underhill Casting Solutions.

For more information, visit midwestpenturnersgathering.com

Last Cut | *Phil Moy*

My wish for the New Year is that we get a lot of snow, so much that the city shuts down. That way, I can spend more time in the shop.

It can't be too cold because frozen TiteBond is not a good thing (I did move the wood glues indoors, thanks to the Titebond Demo in October).

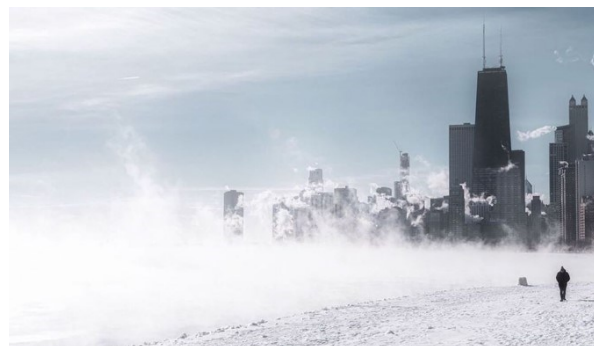
Events that we already know about? The 2023 MPG in April and the AAW Symposium in Louisville in the first week of June.

Mark Dreyer and Marie Anderson are demonstrating at the Worldwide Online Symposium in February.

Mark also announces the date of the Midwest Penturner's Gathering, April 21 & 22, 2023 at the Marriott Northwest hotel in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Symposiums can be addictive, and now that I have gotten past "My first Symposium" nametag, I planning on the AAW Symposium in Louisville in June. It's closer than Chattanooga and should be as informative and entertaining and informative as Chattanooga.

And, I did find my Dremel, a Model 395. Time to take a trip over to Home Depot site to see what wood carving bits they have as well as the Kutzall web site



Editor's note: As I write this, a few days before Christmas, the temperature is now -7 degrees and we are in the middle of a historic winter blizzard.

What's your experience with piercing or carving?

We've seen Jacques Vesery with a custom carving setup at Turn On! Chicago and also Rebecca DeGroot has talked about the bits she uses and her techniques.

As usual, send some of your stories, opinions and experiences!

Phil



The Windy City Woodturners had their Christmas Party December 21st at Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn

A fantastic time for all, overflowing with Christmas cheer, grab bag items and door prizes!

It was a great time to meet other turners and their spouses, and trade some stories from the woodshp.

2022 Windy City Woodturners Christmas Party



Left to right: Paul Sbotola, Phil Moy, Dawn Herndon-Charles, Bruce Wick, Nathan Wick, Jeff Walsma, Eileen Walsma, Rich Nye, Roy Lindley, Rich Hall-Reppen, Dom Constabile, Mark McCleary, Paul Pyrcik, John Dillon, Marie Anderson, Dan Anderson, Deb Hall-Reppen, Nick Page, Bill Hochmuth, Sandy Hochmuth, Mark Dreyer and sitting in front L-R Donna Dreyer, Barbara Costabile, Robin Pyrcik and Janet Lindley

AAW News



AAW 37th Annual International Woodturning Symposium

Louisville, Kentucky
June 1-4, 2023

The AAW Symposium is the place to be in '23!



2023 Featured Demonstrators: Pat Carroll, Ireland; Lynne Hull, US; Ulf Jansson, Sweden; Mauricio Kolenc, Uruguay; Joss Naigeon, France; Seri Robinson, US; Curt Theobald, US; Jacques Vesery, US; and Derek Weidman, US

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Online demos Virtual component details coming soon



Save the Date



SAVE THE DATE!
Emma Cook, The Tiny Turner | Topic TBA
Saturday, January 21, 2023
2 pm Eastern Time
Information Coming Soon



AAW is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the art and craft of woodturning worldwide through education.

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MEETING LOCATION

Christian Liberty Academy

502 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, IL. 60004. 6:30 pm Social Hour, 7:00 pm to 10:00 PM

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

Events

Jan 27 to 29	Meet the Woodturner: Live 2	Virtual Meetings
Feb 24 to 26	3rd Woodturners Online Worldwide Symposium	Virtual Symposium
April 21 & 22	Midwest Pen Turner's Gathering	Marriott Northwest, Hoffman Estates, IL
June 1 to 4	AAW National Symposium	Louisville, KY

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!

Pay with cash or a checks at the monthly meeting. (Make checks payable to 'Chicago Woodturners')

Application forms are found online! Contact Brenda Miotke for more information.

By email: bkmiotke@comcast.net

Or by snail mail

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