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# Chicago Woodturners Newsletter

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## A new milestone for the Chicago Woodturners

The March CWT meeting marks a new milestone in the history of the club. 36 years ago, the first meeting of like minded turners in a basement, to Woodcraft and

to the chapel in a High School, the club now meets in a modern facility at the Arlington Heights Senior Center!



**Special points of interest:**

- Don McCloskey
- Batavia Hardwoods
- CWT Tool Library
- CWT Mentors
- MPG Symposium
- Wilmette Maker Fest 2024



*The AH Senior Center entrance*



### IN MEMORIAM Don McCloskey



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**CWT MEETING**  
**Thursday April 11, 2024**  
 6:30 pm to 10 pm  
**Hybrid Meeting!**  
 Zoom info on back page.

The AHSC shines in so many ways, a contemporary setting for a meeting, air conditioning wi-fi, plenty of parking, and a room big enough to fit all of the turners who came to see the new space!

*More pictures on Page 6*



## Editor's Corner | *Phil Moy*



*Phil Moy*

### ***Moving is such a pain!***

Moving CWT from Christian Liberty was a Herculean task, and thanks to all who participated in the move of equipment, tools, books and artifacts to CSW and the Arlington Heights Senior Center.

Moves are another step in the journey, and the new club meeting location promises to be a big step for bigger and better meetings, with better AV presentations and a new setup for video for

demonstrations, which will be used at Turn-On! Chicago

I've moved to Jefferson Park, and everything is now in boxes. The woodshop is in a Pack-Rat stored somewhere in Bartlett until I can find a new spot for it.

Fortunately, I didn't pack away all my tools, pen blanks, a few kits and turning blocks. I'll have a mobile setup for turning. It's a good time to plan what I'm hoping to turn next!

***Phil***



## April Interactive Demo

**Frank Pagura**

Turning a Perfect Sphere

### WHY A SPHERE?

- Beauty in a shape is always based on mathematics.
- Symmetry is balance, a sphere is symmetry in 3d-wise.
- Look at nature, spheres are everywhere.
- As turners, we are lucky, the sphere fits snugly within the constraints of our lathe.
- I believe that mastering turning a sphere gives us invaluable skills which can be used for all the other shapes commonly made on a lathe.

I would like to invite you to attend the CWT meeting demo on April 11, 2024 where the star attraction is going to be THE SPHERE.

## Letters to the Editor

Comments, complaints or ideas? *Send them to the Editor!*

Email them to: [editor@chicagowoodturners.com](mailto:editor@chicagowoodturners.com)



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### CWT MEETING

Thursday April 11, 2024

Format: Hybrid

In person at the  
Arlington Heights Senior  
Center and by Zoom



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9157899589>

Meeting ID: 915 7899 5899  
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#### April Demo

**Frank Pagura**  
Turning a Perfect Sphere

## President's Curls | *Rich Hall-Reppen*

Welcome to our new members and welcome to second meeting at our new meeting place, Arlington Heights Senior Center. We've got a great demo by Frank Pagura about making spheres. Frank has also promised a safety discussion, too. Don't forget to bring in your pieces for our Gallery. We only had a few pieces at our last meeting and I know that many of you have been making some fantastic pieces. I'm busy finishing the bottom of a couple of pieces and signing my name.

On a sad note, we lost one of our Life Members in March. Don McCloskey, who spearheaded our Pens for Troops program; gave a great demo on making the Celtic cross pen; managed our lathe maintenance and repair; and helped manage the Vendor area at Turn on Chicago, passed away on March 25. You should have received an email with details for the visitation on April 5. Our thoughts to Wendy and Don's family. We are all thankful for the time we had Don in our Club.

Our demo for May will be by Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler. Following the May meeting your club is sponsoring a three day class held at the Chicago Woodturners. We already have 6 members signed up and have room for 3 more. Cost for the classes are \$400 for all three days or \$150 a day. More information on the classes is in another article in the newsletter. Graham and Melissa have demonstrated at Turn-On! Chicago in previous years. Both were demonstrators at the Louisville AAW Symposium. Don't miss the May meeting and signup for the remaining spots in the classes.

Speaking of Turn-On! Chicago. Al and Kurt announced a raffle of some nice wood for registrants signed up and paid prior to May 1. Don't delay. Also, if you plan on staying at the hotel, book your room through the link on the TOC web site. Kurt and Al are also looking for some more volunteers. Videographers can pick which sessions you want to help with the video.



Don't wait until the end to volunteer. We thank everybody who has volunteered already.

Greg Gallagos will be doing our club meeting demo in August and then holding three days of classes at the Chicago School of Woodturning after demoing at Turn-On Chicago. Brenda has a signup sheet for the three days of classes. Elizabeth Weber will be doing our demo at our November meeting and then holding classes on the Friday Saturday and Sunday after our meeting. Elizabeth demo'd at the AAW Symposium in Louisville last year.

Speaking of the AAW Symposium in Portland this year, the early bird discount expires on April 5. After that date, the price goes up \$120. So register now if you want to go to Portland. This is the first Symposium on the west coast since about six or seven years ago. I've heard they have some really cool wood on the west coast that we doesn't grow here in the Midwest.

See you all at our meeting at the Arlington Heights Senior Center on Thursday April 11.

**Rich**



As of this writing we are only missing 49 people who have yet to pay their 2024 dues. An email went out to those people requesting payment.

March update on Membership. We had no trouble setting up our membership table and supplies at our new location. We had a nice crowd of a total of 60 people – almost a record. 49 in person and 11 on Zoom. We had two visitors and hope they will decide to join our group. Since it was PI day, Rich Hall-Reppen brought in a pie for the door prize and Mark Jundanian brought some drill bits.

**Brenda & Stan**

## Interactive Demonstration | *Clint Stevens*



Nate Wick

### Nate Wick: Chainsaw Safety

If everything you know about chainsaws comes from Hollywood “B” movies, Nate Wicks' March demonstration helped set the record straight. Unlike Hollywood, Nate began with a safety review. If you only have a chainsaw, you are nowhere ready to cut wood. Investment in personal protection equipment (PPE) is essential. These include:

- Safety helmet with face shield. Nate uses an orange helmet with an integrated mesh face shield and ear muffs. Many versions are available, but this one seems to be a one item solution to much of the safety need.
- Hearing protection. Chainsaws make a racket. They make a 90-95 decibel racket. Such a noise can cause permanent hearing loss within a half hour. If you ignore this one, your response to other's comments will be “What?”
- Eye protection. OK, this one is obvious. We only get one chance with our eye. Gambling our vision in the middle of a wood chip storm is not smart.
- Leg and groin protection. Chaps aren't just for cowboys and the Village People. Kevlar chaps protect your lower half. If the chain tries to get to your leg, the chaps will shred and foul the chain saw. Cleaning a fouled chainsaw is horrid but not as painful as stitches.
- Steel toed boots. Not all hazards are from the chain. The saw itself and logs are heavy enough to win a crushing contest with your delicate foot bones.
- Safety gloves. Check the above safety gear. Now apply them to your hands. Our hands still have many things to accomplish yet. Take care of them.
- First aid kit. If all else fails.... Make it a serious first aid kit, not just a box of Band-Aids.

Maybe a plan for the day may not qualify as “safety gear.” But it belongs here as well. Bring enough fuel and bar oil. FYI, used motor oil is not bar oil. A good friend and a partner can be invaluable.

Nate gave us some pointers about proper chainsaw use. Kickback is one that stands out. Sloppy use can cause a chainsaw to unexpectedly jump off of the wood into the operator. Yikes! One cause is allowing the nose or upper blades of the chain to contact the log. The National Institute of Health (NIH) reports that there are over three million chainsaws sold every year. There are also 28,000 chainsaw injuries reported every year. The majority of these are from kickback incidents by inexperienced users. OK, we get the message and will take safety VERY seriously.

The business part of the chainsaw is...the chain. Stihl offers at least 26 styles of chains in many sizes. The goal is to pick the chain that best suits the work to be done. There are chains with narrow kerfs, chains for cross cuts as well as rip cuts. Some chains are for heavy duty work and others are for emergency crews.



As chains are used they eventually get dull. Sharpening the chain is a skill that every operator should be familiar with. This is most commonly done with a file specific to the chain and a depth gauge. The angle of the file is important as well.

Our demonstration was great for felled trees. Not only is it unethical to fell a mature tree, it's dangerous for a novice. Let's leave that work for the professionals. Nate gave us plenty to consider. We learned parts of the saw, how to handle a saw as well as start and stop it. We are better (and safer) for it. Thanks Nate!

**Clint**

## March Minutes | *Frank Pagura*



Rich Hall-Reppen welcomed everyone to our new meeting place, The Arlington Senior Center. As you can see this facility promises to be a much nicer, and accessible, site for all of us. We are grateful to Frank Magnifico and Don Felch for their leg work, they were instrumental in locating this as our new home for the foreseeable future.

**TOC news** Al Miotke indicated that to motivate TOC Symposium attendee sign up, which is notoriously slow early in the year, a new prize will be instituted. If you register and pay by May first, your name will be included in a raffle for three wood turning blanks. Kurt discussed the need for video operators for all the demonstrations, he still has some openings to be filled. The new boom tripod that Peter Paul constructed is being featured starting here tonight. Training on how to operate this new boom will be available.

Rich indicated that he forgot to get membership approval to secure a couple of **guest turner demonstrators** for hand-on classes for later in the year. He requested a vote for the Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler class.

The **CWT mentor list** is available on the CWT site, if you are interested in mentoring and want to be included, check with Andy Kuby and Al Miotke. Members who need assistance should take advantage of this valuable source of experience, it can greatly improve your learning curve and make turning safer and more fun.

**CWT Open Shop** will be on Saturday March 30, since the last Sunday of March is on Easter Sunday. Please let Andy know if you are interested, he'll make sure to have a lathe available for you.

**Pens for Troops** Rich indicated that Sol Anfusio has brought in a batch of beautiful pens, which he is donating to the Pens for Troops program. Rich suggested all should look the pens over, they are on the gallery table. David Warren has pen kits with him, you are welcome to them, bring them back completed, at the next meeting.

**Safety** The subject for tonight safety is the Push Stick, and the importance of making it a habit to use one with your table saw and band saw, regularly.

David Bertaud has volunteered to make several push sticks to donate to members to promote this simple safety method. He has done so, but like most well laid plans, an unexpected commitment made it impossible for Dave to be here tonight. So, we plan to have push sticks at the April Meeting, and they will be part of the door prizes.

As a supplement to the Push Stick, we would like to show you this short video featuring the Air Jet which is being used on the table saw in conjunction with the segments cutting jig to safely move segments out of the way. This worked well and turned out to be an effective help by blowing wood dust right toward the dust collection hose nearby.

**Membership** Brenda recognized two visitors attending tonight. We have 49 members attending in person and 14 via a Zoom link.

Rich Nye is our **Gallery Reviewer** tonight. Do check out the gallery submissions on the CWT website

Our Demo is on Chain Saws. Nate Wick will show us the ins and outs of chain saws, and most importantly the safe way to use them effectively.

Dutifully submitted by Frank Pagura, Secretary.



## More from the March CWT Meeting



## Wilmette Maker Fest 2024 - Saturday, March 9



The Chicago Woodturners organization is dedicated to educating and engaging the public in the art and craft of woodturning. Our long time friend Eric Mah took that charge to heart on March 9th as he single handedly represented the club at the Wilmette Library Maker Fest 2024.

Eric was helping young people make pens at that event. Through the efforts of dedicated members such as Eric, we have been able to reach out to several communities and provide hands-on woodturning experiences for aspiring individuals.

The Maker Fest featured many activities that I thought would certainly appeal to young people. The event featured 3D printers and virtual reality headsets along with traditional craft experiences. Despite facing competition from there high-tech activities, the pen making event was exceptionally

popular and obviously has an inherent appeal that resonates with younger individuals.

Furthermore, Eric's ability to engage and inspire the young crowd demonstrates the potential of one-on-one interactions in fostering a genuine interest in woodturning.

Teaching woodturning within local communities has an impactful effect, as exemplified by Eric at the Wilmette Library Maker Fest. The personal and direct interaction between woodturners and the public has a profound and heartfelt impact among individuals who are fortunate to experience it .

Woodturning education, when delivered with passion and dedication, has the potential to inspire and engage the public. When young people are involved, it contributes to the preservation and enrichment of this traditional craft.

Teaching woodturning in our own communities might not have the immediate cachet of being on a national stage but it is critically important. Eric's example has given us much to ponder as he has shown us one more way to reach people in our own neck of the woods.

Thanks Eric, for mking a difference!

**Clint**



*Eric Mah with a happy first time turner!*



## In Memoriam: Don McCloskey | *Marie Anderson*



### *An Ode to the Master Chief and our friend*

I don't remember exactly when Don found his way to the Chicago Woodturners. I believe it was during one of my Husband Dan's terms as president. I know we were meeting in the basement of the Woodcraft in Palatine.

When an opportunity to volunteer was available Don was first in line to jump in. Don's military training gave him some unique skills to "encourage" you to volunteer for whatever it was (I like to call them "weedeling and needling" and always with a grin) until you could not say no.

Don was the person who got us involved with Empty Bowls at Oakton. He tirelessly promoted our involvement in the Freedom Pens project (now known as Pens for Troops). He was a staunch supporter of the Beads of Courage Boxes. He actively supported Turn-On! Chicago from the beginning. Don organized multiple bulk purchases for the club. He served as Vice President, Tool Czar and he was the coordinator of the CWT Educational Grant Program. Don was able to get things done!

Don was an excellent teacher and a lifelong learner. He enjoyed turning and pushing the envelope on segmented designs. He regularly taught pen turning at Woodcraft for beginners. His favorite pen was the celtic knot pen.

Don continued to come regularly to our monthly meetings in that old van that he drove everywhere until his illness restricted him from coming. He was always positive even as new challenges came his way. He didn't sugarcoat what he was going through. He had a strong faith and a very strong will. I believe this served him well as he fought the biggest battle of his life.

I would be remiss if I didn't share a couple of stories that were shared with me:

"I remember one time, Don asked me if I had brought anything for Empty Bowls, to which I responded, of course, I have a bowl for you (thinking

that he would appreciate that I was donating something). Don kinda scoffed and said, Oh just one? That's nice, but I mean, I even got two from Paul Shotola (which was just after Paul had had his stroke). So of course I was happy to turn a couple more." ... Clint Stevens

"Don scared the heck out of me the first time I met him (He could be very gruff). As it turned out, he was just very loud. He was very passionate about Pens for Troops. I remember him standing up at every meeting asking for Pens for Troops or Empty Bowls. I remember Don making open segment bowls. I considered him the "King of Open Segmenting". He didn't invent it, but he was big into it. He wasn't perfect, but he made it look easy." ... Don Felch



"If you knew him, you would remember the almost southern "Bless your heart" look that he would send you when you were trying to get out of doing that thing he just asked you to do. You knew that look – the one with an eyebrow raised, it meant nice try, so, when can I expect that to be done? ... Dave Bertaud

"Don convinced me to turn my first pen and then challenged me to turn more for Pens for Troops. I remember him egging me on to join a competition turning pens. I lost. (He cheated, but we got another 20 pens done!)" ... Marie Anderson

Suffice to say, Don was the biggest character with the biggest heart that I know. If he believed in a cause he gave it his all. If he was your friend, you had no doubts about it. If you ever needed something, and it was within his power, he would help and most of the time you didn't even have to ask.

This club was made better when he joined and his passing has left a huge hole. My hope is that those who knew him will share their stories with those that didn't and by supporting the various causes, we will keep his memory and his legacy strong. Why not bring a turned pen or a donation for Empty Bowls to the next meeting?

Rest in Peace Don, we will miss you.

**Marie**

The visitation for Don will be at the Congdon Funeral home located at 3012 Sheridan Rd, Zion, IL 60099 on April 5th.

The visitation will be from 2PM to 6PM with services from 6PM to 7PM.



*Andy Kuby, Al Miotke, top embellishment by Sott Barrett on Rose Engine*



## Open Shop at the Chicago School of Woodworking

As part of our partnership with the Chicago School of Woodworking, no fee Open Shop Days will continue to be available to the members of the Chicago Woodturners on the last Sunday of the month. Open Shop Days provide our members with access to all our shared equipment and tools as well as incidental (or prearranged) mentoring. Each of the Shop Days has a facilitator/mentor on site.

The Chicago Woodturners has six JET 1642s, two JET 1224 mini's and three Powermatic 3520's in a dedicated turning area at the Chicago School of Woodworking. Turning tools are available, both from the school stock and the Chicago Woodturners lending library. Of course, all members are free to bring whatever tools and wood blanks they choose. Two slow-speed grinders, with a variety of aluminum oxide/CBN wheels and Wolverine Jigs, are available.

To avoid overcrowding, members who intend to attend should contact Andy Kuby [studio@riverwoodturner.com](mailto:studio@riverwoodturner.com).

**Next Open Shop Date: Sunday, April 28**

### Classifieds | *Dave Bertaud*

I will be conducting a tool sale at the shop that Lee Sachnoff had. Andy and I have been trying to get all the tools there into a list. There are a bunch including a Delta Uni Saw, Jet 1642 Lathe, Wolverine grinding jigs, turning tools. The list goes on. There are some turning blanks and lots of flat stock. It's a significant sized shop and I need to sell as much as possible. This will be a cash only sale.

The sale will be at 28835 N. Herky Dr. Suite 216 Lake Bluff IL 60044 on April 13th from 7AM to 4PM

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/336778202729620/>

### Instant Gallery | *Check out this month's gallery at [chicagowoodturners.com](http://chicagowoodturners.com)*





If you have not signed up yet – you want to do so soon to get the extra tickets for the big raffles. We also want to take some time and thank you for your attendance. We love doing this event and the people and penmakers we have met over the years.

- The schedule is up on the website, and it looks great. From some of our traditional demos like general turning from beginning to advanced, casting, and blank making to some annual topics like the state of the market – we have also added a marketing session for marketing your business. We also have a few MPG+ demos on boxes, small treasures, and small bowls.
- The Friday night activities look great. A meet and greet with Dick Sing. Dick is commonly referred to as the “Father Of Pen Making”. He will take you through his lifetime of turning – traveling the world teaching and demoing. A must see.
- If you participated in last year’s – “You Be The Demonstrator” you will want to do this again. Get up and give a five-minute demo and be in line for some spectacular prizes. And no worries here – everyone is always appreciative and it was a blast. You want to try this one. And meet some of your IAP friends in person. We are planning on a get together of all us IAP members.
- What you should bring –Your notebook – tons of information to pass out & business cards to pass out to your new friends
- Any “Pens For Troops” – we have donated hundreds of pens – bring your completed pens and we will get them to our troops (if you’re short on slim line kits, we will have some available there to complete your assembly)
- One last thing we feel the need to mention – get a few good nights’ sleep beforehand because we are up all night hanging in the hotel lobby just talking and having fun.

And finally, the intangibles. Come out and meet and reminisce with hundreds of fellow pen makers. From the optional pizza dinner, to the “you be the demonstrator” after session, you can win thousands of dollars in giveaways. We have the most generous pen making community around. Take advantage of it.

Check out the website for the schedule and the vendors. The Friday evening activities will be coming in the next few weeks. This is a great time and you simply don’t want to miss it. See you there.

This is going to be fun...

The MPG Team

**The Demonstrators**

Renae Alkhovsky	Ed Brown	Christy Caliendo	Mark Dreyer	Andy Kuby	John McDougal
Rob Nelson	Paul Prycik	Dick Sing	John Underhill	Fred Wissen	

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**Turn-On! Chicago 2024**

# Turn-On! Chicago 2024

## Woodturning Symposium

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### Demonstrators

Stuart Batty  
Roberto Ferrer  
Greg Gallegos  
Keith Gotschall  
Jeff Hornung  
Niclot Laurent  
Kristin LeVier  
Rob Wallace  
Elizabeth Weber  
Kurt Wolff-Klammer

## Work from our Demonstrators



Keith Gotschall,  
Pink ivory bowls



Greg Gallegos,  
Podlets



Stuart Batty,  
Cocobolo bowls



Roberto Ferrar,  
Wall hangings



Jeff Hornung,  
Nuts & Bolts

We had a very successful **Turn-on! Chicago** board meeting. The major take away is the concern of finding volunteers and donations for the auction. We plan on a Board meeting in April. Please volunteer your time to help make **Turn-On Chicago!** a great success.

Registration has started! Sign-up, if you want to pay by check, bring it to the February CWT Meeting. We are looking for volunteers to help in these areas: setup up and take down for the event, a videographer, check-in/raffle table, instant gallery, and Pens for Troops.

- Set up takes place Thursday August 1st and take down will be Sunday August 4th.
- The videographer will be operating the camera for each demonstrator. Usually the videographer does a back to back session for either a morning or afternoon shift. This is a great way to interact and get to know the demonstrator more personally.
- Check in/raffle table passes out material to attendees and sells raffle tickets.
- Instant gallery volunteer checks in the pieces for the instant gallery, along with greeting visitors as they look at the gallery.
- Pens for Troops will take place in the trade show all day Saturday, helping people make pens on the mini lathes.

Please respond to the form linked here [Volunteering for Turn on Chicago 2024](#), available on the TOC website

Help make this event as successful as possible for our club!

If you have any questions please reach out to Kurt Wolff-Klammer at [blhkgkurt@yahoo.com](mailto:blhkgkurt@yahoo.com).

**Registration is now open!**  
**Visit [www.turnonchicago.com](http://www.turnonchicago.com)**



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.

The last WIT Presents was on March 2nd and it was a little different. Our guest speaker was Dr. Craig Edelbrock who shared with us some of the life history of Joyce Anderson a pioneer women in woodworking/woodturning. Dr. Edelbrock is a well respected scholar, historian and biographer who has written several books. He will also be a demonstrator in Portland. This presentation is now available for viewing from the AAW website WIT Events Archive page or by using this link: <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/WIT/WIT-Presents-Joyce-Anderson.aspx>

We are fast approaching the 1 year anniversary of the WIT committee championing the Wig Stand Initiative. This initiative partners local woodturning clubs with local resources that distribute free wigs for cancer patients. Our local resource is the Living Well Cancer Resource Center which has 2 locations and distributes over 75 wigs per quarter. Currently, they hand out plastic stands when someone comes in for a fitting but with our help it will soon change to a beautiful hand turned stand that will certainly brighten the day of the recipient.

As of this writing, the nationwide total reported delivered wig stand count is 487. We are excited to see that this initiative has been embraced by so many different clubs. Our local chapters count stands at 20 delivered with 5 that are currently in the pipeline in various stages of completion (we have a local artist who has agreed to decorate them and several are awaiting the application of the polyurethane finish - required for waterproofing the tops).

Note: not that I'm keeping count, but 24 of these wig stands have come from members of the Windy City Woodturners, although several of the turners hold dual memberships. Only 2 have been delivered at a CWT meeting or open shop day ... just sayin'. (Consider the gauntlet thrown.) All are welcome to help with this worthy cause.

For detailed how to instructions just click here: <https://www.woodturner.org/common/Uploaded%20files/WIT/Articles/Collated%20articles.pdf>. It's a simple project that includes spindle and bowl turning skills so consider it a great practice project to improve your skills or just as a warm up if you have been away from the lathe for a bit. Plus you have the benefit of raising the spirits of someone who is going through some pretty dark days.

If you are heading to Portland in May, there are several WIT things happening.

First, there will be a SIG night meeting Thursday evening where you can meet other women in turning from all over the world. You will learn about the special events that we have planned for this years' attendees! (Don't miss it!)

Also, if you are going to Portland, please consider volunteering to mentor in the youth turning room. We have invited a group of young girls from the local "Girls Build" program (website: <https://girlsbuild.org/>) to come and learn to turn on Saturday morning.

As of now, we are expecting at least 30 girls to attend these sessions. Having mentors that are women gives these girls the opportunity to see that there are others like them that turn wood!

The MPG is happening this month (April 19-20). If you are going, please consider joining me for a community building and hands on WIT session where we will learn about different embellishment tools and techniques that you can use on your turnings. The session will be on Friday right before lunch. There may also be an opportunity for all in attendance to check out these tools and techniques hands on as an alternate session Friday evening. Head to the MPG website for most current information.

<https://midwestpenturnersgathering.com/GeneralWebSite/HomePage.aspx?Feature=1>

Lastly, As WIT Liaison for CWT and WCWT I would like to know what you are looking for from WIT. Many groups get together monthly, some weekly, some quarterly. There are lots of opportunities to connect but it's up to all of you! Does anyone read this? Is anyone interested in a workshop or hands on mentoring? Would you like to get together socially to get to know your fellow women in turning? The sky is the limit here while we figure out what this group can do.

Please reach out to me via email, phone or text and let me know what you think this group should be doing?

**Marie**



## Batavia Hardwoods Now Open in Batavia



Club member John Dillon and three friends have opened a retail hardwood store in Batavia, IL. The inventory includes hardwood lumber for furniture makers; turning stock for woodturners and a small wood gallery of finished products.

This venture is something John and his buddies have wanted to do for a while. When the space became available they grabbed it!

The store is located at 330 McKee St, Batavia, IL. 60510. The store hours are Saturday's from 9 am until 3 pm and by appointment. Phone: 630-761-5907

Email: [bataviahardwoods@gmail.com](mailto:bataviahardwoods@gmail.com) Website: [www.bataviahardwoods.com](http://www.bataviahardwoods.com)

**Stop by sometime and take a look. The turning stock inventory is mostly supplied by RJR Wood Products**



**Grand Opening  
Saturday, May 4, 2024**



**APRIL 2024**

# Chicago Woodturners Tool Library

Rich Piper ([richpiper@aiaillinois.com](mailto:richpiper@aiaillinois.com) 773-350-5617) has assumed the responsibility for the Chicago Woodturner's tool library and is in the process of transferring our tools to the Chicago School of Woodworking.

These tools will be available during Open Shop Days for members to use during the day. The tools will also be available for checkout so you can try them out at home before purchasing one of your own. A checkout system is currently being developed and any assistance would be appreciated.

Rich is working on organizing the club's tool library starting from scratch. He will need a member help in identifying what tools we may have lent out in the past but have lost track of. To that end, he requests that anyone who has a club tool, please let him know so it can be properly catalogued and made available to everyone.

Over the past twenty years the club has accumulated many interesting tools for members to use on a special project or just to try before investing. **One of the many benefits of membership.**



International Association of Penmakers



The Chicagoland Chapter of the International Association of Penmakers meets every third Saturday of even months, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Woodcraft.

Join us, learn more about making custom pens



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**Segmented Woodturners**  
Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

A leading international non-profit organization advancing both the art and craft of segmented woodturning thru educational activities for all interested parties from beginners thru studio artists.

**Exploring Possibilities**

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[www.segmentedwoodturners.org](http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org)

See reverse side for a list of membership benefits

**Mundelein Tool Library**  
*Caring Through Sharing*

A tool library is just like a book library—you can register and check out tools as needed. No need to buy that one-time use tool! We have over 1,600 tools!

**Hours & Location**

Tuesday 4–7 PM  
Saturday 9:30 AM–3:30 PM

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☎ **224-475-0435**

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## CWT Mentors

### Want to speed up the learning process?

Let a CWT Mentor help you. Leverage the wealth of woodturning knowledge at CWT!

Levels    B—Beginner    I—Intermediate    A—Advanced

Name	Town	Levels	Areas
Marie Anderson	Itasca	B, I, A	General turning, brainstorm with anyone
Dave Bertaud	Libertyville	B, I	General turning
John Dillon	Elburn	B	General turning
Tom Eovaldi	Evanston	B, I, A	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
Al Miotke	Mt. Prospect	B, I, A	General turning, segmenting
Phil Moy	Chicago	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
Paul Pyrcik	Lisle	B, I, A	General Woodturning, Overview of Lathes, Tools, Accessories, Shop Set-up, Turning Acrylics and Alternative Materials

## AAW Chapters in Illinois



Club	Contact	Website
Central Illinois Woodturners	Normal, IL	centralillinoiswoodturners.com
Chicago Woodturners	Arlington Heights, IL	chicagowoodturners.com
Flatland Woodturners	Champaign, IL	flatlandwoodturners.com
Lincoln Land Woodturners	Springfield, IL	llwonline.com
Northern Illinois Woodturners	Rockford, IL	northernillinoiswoodturners.com
Quad Cities Woodturners	Rock Island, IL	qcwoodturners.com
South Suburban Chiselers		
Illiana Woodturners	South Holland, IL	illianawoodturners.wordpress.com
Windy City Woodturners	Naperville, IL	windycitywoodturners.weebly.com

## Last Cut | *Phil Moy*



*Don McCloskey*  
Spalted Maple and  
Coco bolo vase  
CWT Gallery, AWT  
August, 2007

As I was wrapping up this issue of AWT, a few more things came in celebrating Don McCloskey, which I include here:

“In my mind, Don epitomized the famous quote attributed to Maya Angelou:

‘People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. People will never forget how you made them feel.’

Don always made those around him feel recognized, respected and important. I will always remember his welcoming smile, his infectious laugh, and his abundant kindness.

A quiet hero, a kind soul, a true friend. May he rest in peace.”

Paul Pyrcik

From Sharon Angelini and Sue Capillo at Oakton Community College's Empty Bowls Fundraiser

“We are so sad to hear of Don's passing. Both Sue and I remember him fondly, and send our condolences. Don's decision to partner with us has raised thousands of dollars to feed the hungry over the years. This year will be the 20th anniversary of our partnership.”

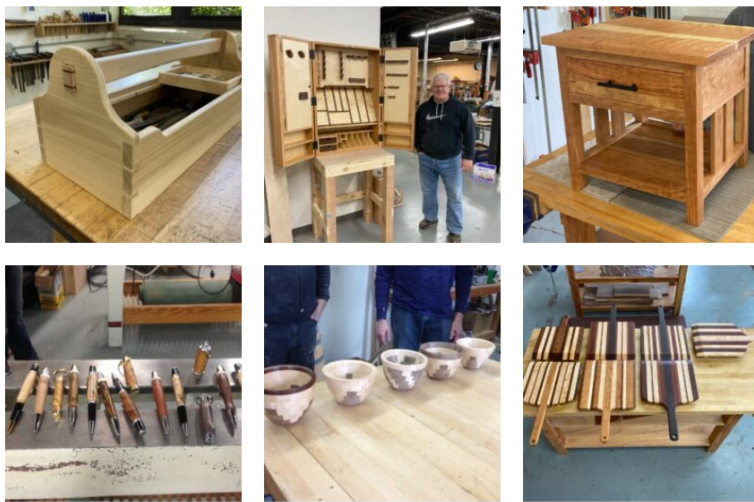
Sharon Angelini & Sue Capillo

I never had the opportunity to meet Don, but his lasting legacy of friendship, contribution and expertise carry on, and you can see it in our current club membership and activities.

Thank you so much, Don!

See you at the April 11 meeting at the Arlington Heights Senior Center!

**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.

We have chosen machinery and tools that are safe, up-to-date, and well maintained, so students can focus on learning and enjoy the varied aspects of building a quality piece of furniture or crafting wood art.

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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 resources, and more.



**May 23-26, 2024**

## The AAW International Woodturning Symposium is the biggest woodturning event in the world!

- **Internationally Renowned Demonstrators** – Top woodturners from around the world will be demonstrating for woodturners of all skill levels.
- **World's Largest Woodturning Tradeshow** – All your favorite woodturning and woodworking vendors will be in one place giving you a hands-on look at the latest and greatest products.
- **A Sense of Community** – Connect with a welcoming community of woodturning hobbyists, professionals, artists, collectors, and vendors.
- **Gallery, Exhibitions and Auctions** – The largest and most unique display of awe-inspiring wood art from around the world
- **Two Ways to Attend** – Register for full access to all the demonstrations, gallery, auctions and tradeshow, or attend just the tradeshow and gallery for free. For more information, visit [aawsymposium.org](http://aawsymposium.org)

## Volunteer at the 2024 AAW Symposium!

Just like our own Turn-On! Chicago, the success of every AAW Symposium is due in large part to the many individuals who volunteer for a variety of tasks before and during and after the event! Volunteering is a great way to meet other passionate people and have a major impact on the success of the symposium.

### Why Volunteer?

- Support the art and craft of woodturning.
- Be a crucial part of the success of the symposium.
- Meet new people from around the world.
- Work with a team of passionate people.
- Receive a symposium volunteer t-shirt.

### What do Volunteers do?

Volunteers are needed to help in these areas: Penturning instruction, Instant Gallery, Special Exhibitions, AAW Merchandise, Registration, Tool Room, Vendor Assistants, Videography, Volunteer Booth, and Youth Turning.

**DON'T MISS OUT  
ON THE  
Early Bird  
Discount**

SAVE UP TO \$120!



The early bird may get the worm, but you can get something better – up to \$120 off registration for the 2024 AAW International Woodturning Symposium.

Be the early bird and register by April 5 to save big on the biggest woodturning event of the year.

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Visit the American Association of Woodturners at  
[woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org)





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***New meeting location!***

**Arlington Heights Senior Center**  
1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights  
6:30 pm Social Hour, 7:00 pm to 10:00 PM

**CWT MEETING April 11, 2024**

*The Zoom info is new for March!*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9157899589>  
Meeting ID: 915 7899 5899  
Passcode: 003359



**Calendar of Events**

**2024 Meetings\***

Jan 9	May 9	Sept 12
Feb 13	June 13	Oct 10
Mar 14	July 11	Nov 14
<b>April 11</b>	Aug 8	Dec 12

CWT meetings are now on the 2nd Thurs of the month!

**Events**

Apr 19-20	Penmakers International — Chicagoland MPG	Chicago Marriott Northwest, Hoffman Estates, IL
Apr 28	Open Shop	Chicago School of Woodworking
May 3-5	Chicago Pen Show	Chicago Marriott Northwest, Hoffman Estates, IL
May 23-26	AAW International Symposium	Portland, OR
August 1-4	Turn-On! Chicago	Crowne Plaza, Northfield, IL

**It is even more fun when you bring a friend!**

**Reasons to join Chicago Woodturners**

- Monthly meetings & newsletter
- 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 any time of the year!

Pay with cash or a check 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](mailto:bkmiotke@comcast.net)

Or by snail mail

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