



Turnings

Central Illinois Chapter

Newsletter for Central Illinois Woodturners

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November Meeting

The November meeting of the Central Illinois Woodturners was held at the Woodworker's Shop in Bloomington on November 10. Twenty members attended the meeting.

Show-N-Tell

Terry Tjaden---turned hats from chestnut oak. **Rich Waller**---natural edge bowl. **Dick Coers**---kitchen utensils from basswood. **Bob Adam**---(3) legged vessel from catalpa, bowl from Mexican ebony and a walnut rolling pin. **Dave Bloom**---bowls from soft maple, sassafras and cherry. **Dave Harmer**---bird house ornaments. **Dave Lee**---weedpot and lidded box from aspen wood. **Dave Donnan**---ornaments from walnut and soft maple. **Dwight Crane**---natural edge bowls from oak and yew root. **Keith Adams**---bowls from plum and apple burl and ornaments. **Dave Kraft**---tops. **Bill Smith**---walnut vase and bowls from pear wood and coffee bean.

Demonstration topics

Is there anything in particular you would like to see demonstrated? If so, send an e-mail to me at carroll@dpc.net with the topic or let us know at a meeting.

Setting up a lathe (aligning centers)

*Working with green wood
Outboard turning*

Reverse chucking

*Working with punky wood
Tool sharpening*

December meeting

There will be no December meeting. The top-a-thon on December 6 will take the place of our regular meeting.

January program

Keith Adams volunteered to do a demo for the January meeting. At this time it's unknown what Keith will demo for us.

November program

The demonstrator at the November meeting was Steve Sinner from Bettendorf, Iowa. Steve is a member of a club in the Quad Cities area and Chicago area. He turned a couple of thin walled and thin stemmed goblets for us, demonstrating the Exocet tool for boring into the end grain. As he turned the goblets, Steve gave us lots of tips on turning, sanding and finishing. He finished his demo by showing several pieces of his work and describing the techniques and procedures he used to make the piece. Beautiful work Steve, and many thanks for taking the time to come to Bloomington.

You can read Steve's article about boring bars in the Fall 2001 issue of *American Woodturner*.

The Exocet tool is available from Link Technologies International Limited. The e-mail address is linktech@ihug.co.nz.

The sandpaper he talked about is 3M 260L. It's available in large quantities from R.S. Hughes Co. Phone (877)774-8443.

Steve's finish is a mixture of Park's mineral spirits (not the odorless variety) and Minwax Helmsman spar varnish. His final coat is a 50-50 mix polished with a plastic polish.

Top-a thon

The 4th annual Top-A-Thon will be held Saturday, December 6 at the Woodcraft store. All proceeds from the sale of the tops will go to the Children's Home of Peoria and Children's Miracle Network. All members are welcome to come to the store and turn. We'll start turning about 9:30. This event will take the place of a regularly scheduled December meeting.

Turners at open house

Bob Adam, Dave Bloom and Dave Kraft turned at the Woodworker's Shop open house November 14 and 15. Thanks for representing the club at this event and thanks to the Woodworker's Shop for the use of their building for our meetings.

