



# TURNINGS

## Central Illinois Chapter

Newsletter for Central Illinois Woodturners

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### February Meeting

The February meeting of the Central Illinois Woodturners was held at the Woodcraft store in Peoria on February 9. Twenty four members attended the meeting.

### Show-N-Tell

**Wilson Banks**---cherry vessel.  
**Keith Zimmerman**---ash weed pots. **Paul Cobb**---open segmented bowls. **Bob Adam**---platters from ash, oak and mahogany; catalpa bowl. **Dave Bloom**---natural edge lidded bowl and bowl from big leaf maple burl with corian rims. **Dave Harmer**---vessel from big leaf maple burl. **Harold Levin**---several small goblets and a bowl from locust. **Dick Coers**---platter from hard maple and large natural edge bowl from soft maple. **Art Witte**---cedar and hickory bowls. **Dave Kraft**---pencil holder. **Terry Quiram**---bowls from cedar, locust, elm, sassafras, walnut and spalted maple; miniature vessels from spalted maple.

### Club thanks Dick

The club presented a gift certificate to Dick Coers to express our thanks for the many years he served as our president. Thanks again Dick.

### TV star

Bob Adam made an appearance on WEEK TV February 13 and again on the 16<sup>th</sup> to talk about woodturning and show some of his work.

### March meeting

The Central Illinois Woodturners will meet Monday, March 8 at 7:00pm at the Woodworkers Shop in Bloomington. Don't forget to bring a chair.

### March program

Bob Adam is contacting the Bloomington Art Guild to find an artist, perhaps a potter, to discuss form at the next meeting.

### February program

Dave Bloom began his skew demonstration with a video of Nick Cook turning a garden dibble using a skew from start to finish. After the video, Dave turned one for us using a variety of skews. After Dave's demo, all who wished had the opportunity to practice the techniques demonstrated by Dave and the video. Thanks Dave.

### Woodturning schools

Following are the addresses for two schools we discussed in the meeting last month:

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts  
PO Box 567  
556 Parkway  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Website: [arrowmontwood@arrowmont.org](mailto:arrowmontwood@arrowmont.org)

John C. Campbell Folk School  
Rt. 1, Box 14A  
Brasstown, NC 28902

In the back of your AAW Resource Directory is a Demonstrator directory and a woodturning resources directory which lists several woodturning instructors and schools.

### Turners for Wood Expo 2004

The Woodworkers Shop Wood Expo 2004 will be held March 5 and 6 at Bloomington and Pekin. Bill Smith and Dave Kraft have volunteered to turn Friday at Bloomington. Dave Bloom will turn Saturday. We need another turner on Saturday so, if you would like to turn at this event, please let Bob Adam know.

### New Officer

Members elected Terry Quiram to be the club's vice president. Terry replaces Toby Cunningham. Thanks Toby and welcome Terry.

## **Books and videos**

Dave Bloom would like to inventory the club's books and videos. Please return any you have at the March meeting. Dave will put together a current list.

## **2004 Dues**

Dues for this year are \$20. If you have not already paid, please see Paul Cobb. Checks should be made out to Central Illinois Woodturners Club.

## **Learn to Turn Saturday**

One of the ideas presented at the February meeting was to have beginner's day. Dick Coers has scheduled a Learn to Turn Saturday to be held at Woodcraft Saturday, March 13, from 9:30 to 3:30. Dick said he would supply bowl blanks and spindle turning stock.

Following is the schedule for the day:

### ***Lecture and discussion***

**9:30** Choosing and setting up a lathe, including chucking and holding stock.

**10:00** Choosing and sharpening tools; ½ hr. lecture, then everyone sharpens tools.

**11:30** Lunch

### ***Workshops***

**12:30** Bowl turning; short lecture on design and techniques, then everyone turns.

**2:30** Spindle turning; everyone turns.

There are some things that need to be discussed:

Should this event be open to the public if they purchase a membership at the door?

Need volunteers to be discussion leaders and workshop leaders. Dick plans to have 6-8 lathes so 3 workshop leaders would be adequate.

### **Mentoring**

Another idea we discussed was to have a mentoring program. Tony Parisi is organizing this program. If you would like to be a mentor, fill out Tony's questionnaire (attached) and return it to him.

### **Other items discussed at the February meeting**

Dave Bloom suggested a club symposium. Prepare a list of subjects you would like to see and a list of subjects you can demonstrate. Bring your lists to the March meeting. Dick said the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau would help us if we want to hold a club symposium.

Continue to have demonstrations by professional turners, two a year if possible. Dick will put together a list of turners and what they do.

Discussed having a portion of our meetings specifically directed toward beginning turners.

Idea was brought up to participate in the national symposium challenge.

