



# Turnings

Central Illinois Woodturners, AAW

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## July Meeting

The July meeting will be at the Woodworkers Shop in Bloomington on July 11, at 6:30. We will feature a swap meet and a discussion of shop aids, jigs and tools you made. Members should be prepared to talk about their favorite tool or jig.

## Abralon Purchase

Dick Coers suggested that the club go together to order some 3" Abralon hook and loop abrasive disks. More later.

## Next President's Challenge

The next P.C. will be a spindle based kitchen tool or scoop. This is for the August meeting in Peoria.

## Club Officers for 2005:

Terry Quiram - President  
Greg Ferkol - Vice President  
Paul Cobb - Treasurer  
Dave Bloom - Librarian  
Bob Adam - Newsletter Editor  
John Weible - Webmaster

## Show and Tell

This month's items were brought in by: Joe Tupy, Dick Coers, Dave Lee, Bob Adam, Rich Waller, Ron Bell, Greg Ferkol and Terry Quiram. Thanks to all.

Note: photos are being sent under a separate email for those who do not want to wait for them to download.

## Central Illinois Woodturners Show at MCAC

The club now has nearly sixty turned items on display in the lobby gallery at the McLean County Arts Center. A number of club members provided items both for sale and not for sale to be on display at MCAC through mid July. The show was arranged for and set up by Bob Adam with the help of the Art Center staff. Dave Bloom provided display units to help enhance the show. Members with items on display include Dick Coers, Dave Bloom, Dave Kraft, Dave Lee, Dwight Crane, Bob Adam, Wilson Banks, and Terry Quiram. Some exceptional work is on display. Please support your club and come see the exhibit.

The Art Center is at 611 North East Street in downtown Bloomington. Go to <http://www.mcac.org/directions.htm> for directions to the Center.

## June Demo

Dick Coers put on a demo and discussion of burls. He talked about the characteristics of various burls, how to deal with them, how to use them to their best advantage and how to tell them from other deformities on the tree. He suggested that it is best to remove the bark as soon as possible after harvesting them, especially in warm weather.

Dick brought in a number of samples from his extensive burl collection. Unfortunately, Dick was mugged by several unsavory characters in a poorly lit corner of the parking lot after the meeting and his entire collection was stolen. Police have 40 suspects (CIW members) under surveillance. Just kidding ☺

## Arrowmont vs. Marc Adams School of Woodworking

I was asked to share my opinions of the above schools, since Dave Lee and I just returned from a class at Marc Adams.

Here is a brief comparison. Arrowmont has the following: larger lathes, smaller classes, 2 dust collection systems vs. none, more picturesque location (78 wooded acres in downtown Gatlinburg, TN) lower cost per day, greater variety of woods to turn, a display of professionally turned items, tools, books and supplies for sale at the bookstore, great food, lectures each night, a great party Thursday evening, longer days (8 hours of class and 4 hours open shop each day vs. 7 avg.) and a generally more creative and friendly atmosphere. Both had great teachers (Ellsworth vs Hosaluk.) Arrowmont management thanked us for attending at the end of the class and asked for a critique. Adams said nothing. Arrowmont, on the other hand, is a 9 hour drive and Adams is about 3 1/2 from Bloomington.