



TURNINGS

Central Illinois Chapter

Newsletter for Central Illinois Woodturners

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Next meeting:

March 10 -
Meeting at
Millworks in
Bloomington -
Keith
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demo a mini
hollow form

The February meeting was held at Woodcraft in Peoria on February 11th, 2008. There were 29 members and guest in attendance. We bid welcome to our guests, Even and Joann Harer and hope you enjoyed yourself. We also welcomed new members, Bob Briggs and Bryan Thomas. The next meeting will be at Millworks in Bloomington on March 10. The program will be presented by Keith Zimmerman and he will be demonstrating how he turns mini hollow forms.

Members Challenge

The next
Member's
challenge for
March is to make
a vase/weed pot
and flower. Both
vase and flower
must both be
turned items.
Jerry Rhoads
showed some
examples at the
meeting.

Opening Announcements

The Children's Home thanked our club for our donations. Also, they had an unfortunate event: their activity barn burnt and there was insufficient insurance to cover the building and contents. Might be an opportunity to help them.

Dick Coers announced the 2008 Midwest Penturning Gathering in Champaign on March 29. They have a web site set up with information. This will be the second year. Last year was a great time. Something like 50+ people from 6 states. Demos, show and tell, pen blanks swap and sale, door prizes, etc. The location will be at the Carpenter's Hall, 402 S Duncan, Champaign, IL (Just south of the corner of Duncan and Springfield (Rt. 10).) The website is:
<http://s3.excoboard.com/exco/forum.php?forumid=16068>

Treasurer's Report

Terry reviewed
the income &
expenses for the
month

The Ornamental Turning Symposium on Sep. 26-28 is in St. Louis. You have to be a member of their AAW chapter to participate. Dues to their chapter are \$35. More info at Ornamentalturners.org

Membership

2008 club dues
are due.
If you want to
mail your dues,
send them to
Dave Carroll at:
10198 N. Point
Rd., Tremont, IL
61568.

Roger Buss from Woodcraft announced the following events at the store:

An open house April 18-19th with demonstrations and vendors
March 1st sale! There will be a 10% on selected items until
them for CIW members if you tell the associate when checking
out.

Peoria Area Woodworkers website is being developed by the
store - watch for details.

Bill Paullo has small and large hollowing systems from Don
Pencil Woodturning. He is willing to bring them to a meeting if

He can also be contacted at (309) 925-3222, or email at carroll@dpc.net

Education

Committee Members: (Dave Kraft - Chair, Mary Fairfield, Mike Haskell)

2008 Calendar

See the calendar page for details

Mar 10 - Meeting in Bloomington

Apr 14 - Meeting in Peoria

Apr 26 - Duane Leach Demo in Peoria

May 12 - Meeting in Bloomington

May 31 - "Living History" Day in Toluca

Jun 9 - Meeting in Peoria

Jun 20-22 - AAW Symposium

Jul 6 - Art in the Park

Jul 14 - Meeting in Bloomington

Jul 25-27 -

Chicago Woodturners Symposium

Aug 11 - Meeting in Peoria

Sep 8 - Meeting in Bloomington

Oct 11-12 - Trent Bosch Demo

Oct 13 - Meeting in Peoria

Nov 10 - Meeting in Bloomington

Dec 13 -

Top-a-thon

there is interest.

Terry Quiram mentioned that he now makes Three point tools if anyone is interested.

Jim Meizelis brought some brochures North House School in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. He discussed his experiences at the school: "If you are interested in learning rustic skills in a scenic and historic location, it was a super experience on the shores of Lake Superior. You build your own personal pole lathe and turn a simple item for practice. The rough timber is from a local saw mill and basic hand tools are used for the most part. At the end of the class, I had a pole lathe to take home plus several pieces of block stock. Given the location and the take home lathe, it is well worth the trip. Additionally, this is one of the most scenic areas of North America and the trip along the North Shore offers many opportunities to sightsee: Duluth harbor, Split Rock lighthouse, Gooseberry Falls, Grand Portage, Isle Royale, Thunder Bay, etc.

The instructor makes Windsor chairs as a "day job"... Sometimes on a pole lathe."

Chicago Woodturners are pleased to present a Woodturning Symposium, to be held on July 25, 26, 27, 2008 at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL 60060, in the north Chicago suburbs. The website is:

<http://www.chicagowoodturners.com/>. A link to the flyer with more details is:

<http://www.chicagowoodturners.com/symposium/flyer.pdf>

Library

Club Librarian Ken Baird reported the library had a new DVD, "Hollow Forms and Urns - A Workshop" by Mike Mahoney. There have been 4 items missing for a long time. They are: the book "Green Wood Turning" by Michael O'Donnell, the book "Useful Wood Projects", the VHS tape "Box turning" by Bin Pho, and the VHS tape "VNatural Edge and Hollow Forms" by Chris Stott. There are 2 other items that have recently gone missing. They are "Turn it on Volume 2" by Jimmy Clewes and "Finishing Secrets of Pens" by Russ Fairfield. If anyone knows where any of these items might be, please return them to Ken. Thanks.

New Business

John Katzke announced that The Baby Fold in Normal is asking for donations of ornaments for Christmas trees the organization sells to raise money. Each tree is "pre-decorated" then raffled off. Please keep the Christmas spirit alive all year by making two or three ornaments that are 2" -5" tall and weigh 3-4 oz. Bring them to the Peoria Woodcraft store and they will be on display throughout the year. Also price them appropriately so

that the Baby Fold has an idea of their value.

Jim Meizelis brought up that we are looking for ideas to "pizzazz up" our meetings to keep the membership interested at all levels. Jim will be sending out a request for your ideas. Jim will look into AAW insurance requirements for mentoring in your home.

Club Lathe - The club officers are looking into buying a lathe to accommodate demonstrating larger turning demonstrations and projects. Approval was given to continue research. A Jet 1642 is being considered which will be stored at the Woodcraft store for official CIW functions. It will not be available for general walk-in turning and fixtures will be the responsibility of the demonstrator. Jim Meizelis will look into AAW insurance requirements.

Terry Quiram announced that our barrel of Anchor seal (for sealing fresh cut wood) is about gone. After discussion, it was approved to acquire more. Roger Buss said that Woodcraft may be able to handle bulk sales too. This will be investigated further

Old Business

Manager of Millworks (Duane) the store will be having a show February 22 & 23 and they would like the club to have a demonstrations area. Jerry Rhoads will be coordinating

Hartville tools is offering a discount program of up to 20% (first year, %15 following years) for club members and a 3% return to the club. Your name must be on their list for you to qualify. Jerry passed out Hartville catalogs to those interested in them. Please let Jerry Rhoads know if you want to participate by sending him your address.

The CIW website now has a Classified page for selling tools and materials. Contact webmaster [Keith Zimmerman](#) to have something added to the page.

There are still a few gallons of Anchor Seal is available to club members at \$10 per gallon. Contact [Terry Quiram](#) to purchase some.

Tool raffles

The tool raffles for February were won by Walt Didesch, who won a pepper mill donated by Bill Paullo, and Jerry Rhoads, who won a can of Renaissance Finishing Wax

Show-n-tell (In order of appearance)

Jim Meizelis
Dave Kraft

Roger Buss (for Paul Cobb)
Terry Quiram
Tom Tonozzi
Harold Levin

Click [here](#) to see photos of the Show-n-tell.

Demonstration



Roger Buss gave us a presentation on his trip to the western Amazon headwaters in Peru. The visuals showed a very different land than we know in central Illinois. The area he visited is only 300 feet above sea level and 2,300 miles from the mouth of the rivers. During the wet season, the water rises 80 feet! There are no roads in or out: all traffic is by air or water. The wood harvesting and milling operation is helping an extremely economically poor region move from cocaine harvesting to a more beneficial product. About 12 different species of wood are available. The harvesting is controlled so as not to damage the wood resources available and insure ample supply for future generations. Woodcraft will be the supplier of the exotic wood products from the area. Ask to see Roger's photo album at the Peoria Woodcraft store.

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