



TURNINGS

Central Illinois Woodturners

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Next meeting:

June 9 - Meeting at Woodcraft - Program: Paul Cobb will do a program on tea light candles from segmented construction

Members Challenge

Turn an earring holder for the July meeting

Library

Don't forget to return items you've checked out

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.

He can also be contacted at (309) 925-3222, or email (see below)

Education

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

Club News and Announcements

The May meeting of the Central Illinois Woodturners was held on May 12th in Bloomington where Sheryl Monahan from General Finishes discussed finishes her company has on the market. There were 37 members and guests. We welcomed Pete Fassino's grandfather as a guest.

Officer elections are coming up in November. To make the club work, we need volunteers to fill positions. Please consider serving as an officer for next year.



AAW News

2008 AAW Symposium will be in Richmond, VA, from June 20-22. The AAW website for further information is www.woodturner.com

The Spring edition of "American Woodturner" magazine, page 5, right sidebar, middle item, announced that our club qualifies as a "Star" club. In recognition, the club will be presented with a plaque at the national symposium in Richmond and will receive a turning DVD set. Keith Zimmerman will represent our club at the National symposium and will accept the plaque. Other members that may be present are welcome to accompany Keith to accept the plaque.

Summer 2008 AAW President's Letter

From Angelo lafrate

Dear AAW Members,

Earlier this year, AAW Board members met in Richmond, Virginia, to put the finishing touches on plans for the 22nd Annual AAW Symposium. I am looking forward to the June 20-22 event with a bittersweet taste, as this will be my last symposium as a member of one of the finest boards, I

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Upcoming events

See the calendar page for details

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

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

Club Officers

President - Jerry Rhoads

Vice President - Dennis Belcher

Secretary - Jim Meizelis

Treasurer - Terry Quiram

Membership - Dave Carroll

Librarian - Ken Baird

Education - Dave Kraft

Newsletter Editor - Keith Zimmerman

believe, to lead our organization.

I would like to share some of the highlights of our Board meeting. At the February meeting, the Board approved the organization's strategic plan for 2008–2010. The Board decided to publish a AAW 25th anniversary book and hired John Kelsey to manage the project. John has extensive publication experience with Fine Woodworking, Cambium Press, and now with Fox Chapel Publishing. In addition to his vast experience in publishing, John is also an accomplished woodturner (although he claims to have been distracted from woodturning by other demands of life). Please join me in giving John a warm woodturner welcome. We are confident John will produce a book worthy of the AAW's silver anniversary.

The Board also reviewed the journal and adopted a strategy to restructure current publication methods that we feel are impeding efforts to expand to six issues per year. We expect that new production processes will be in place next year. When six issues per year might be published is a decision to be resolved later.

Finally, the Board considered sharing the EOG (Educational Opportunity Grant) auction price of donated artwork with the artists. The question before the board was whether to allow the artists the option of receiving up to 50 percent of the retail price of the donated piece.

According to current Internal Revenue Service regulations, an artists may claim only the value of materials (no labor) when valuing a contribution for tax purposes. The Board wrestled with this question during our November meeting in Chicago, and it was on the agenda again for the February meeting. We explored the pros and cons over the course of two days. Then, in a final vote, the motion to share auction proceeds with the artists passed.

We have enjoyed 20 years of generosity from all our members who have donated wonderful work for previous EOG auctions. This is an opportunity for the AAW to give something back to future donors and to make donations of possibly even better work more palatable. And, it is a stepping stone towards improving AAW's fund-raising and professionalism.

Finally, many of you are aware of the perilous condition of Phil Brennion, an AAW past president, after back surgery last summer. If you are interested in making a contribution to assist with medical expenses not covered by insurance, see details at our website. Barry Schwaiger of WMH Tool Group has generously donated a Powermatic 3520B lathe that will

be raffled in Phil's benefit. You can purchase tickets for the lathe at the Richmond symposium or through the AAW website. Thanks in giving Phil a helping hand.



Local Shows & Opportunities

June 21 - Art fair at Three Sisters Park - The group would like as many demonstrators as possible to participate. You can sell with no commission but they ask that each participant donate one item for a fund raising auction. Contact Walt Didesch for more details.

July 6 - "Art in the Park" weekend at Wildlife Prairie Park. Roger Buss from Woodcraft would like our club to be represented at the booth to demonstrate. We can also sell our work at the event.

July 25, 26, 27, 2008 - Chicago Woodturners is sponsoring a symposium at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL 60060, 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>

Baby Fold (Normal) - John Katzke reports 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 under 4 oz. Bring them to the Peoria Woodcraft store and they will be on display throughout the year.

Details of the requested ornaments are as follows:

- Each ornament tagged w/ makers name, wood types used, and value.
- Have them marked " Baby Fold/John Katzke"
- Deliver after March 15, so John has time to set up display area.
- Price them appropriately so that the Baby Fold has an idea of their value



Raffles

Roger Alexander, Jerry Sievers, and Dick Coers won the President's Challenge drawings.

Dave Kraft, Dennis Belcher, and Walt Didesch won the Show-n-tell drawings.



Show-n-tell

In addition to the monthly Show-n-tell items, the President's Challenge for this month was to turn an endgrain bowl. We had many entries for both.

Terry Quiram showed us two maple bowls and a palm bowl. Dave Kraft showed a natural edge endgrain bowl and a catalpa box.

Keith Adams showed us a globe made from layered plywood and walnut vase.

Bill Patton showed a cherry endgrain bowl.

Dwight Crane brought an endgrain, natural edge bowl, a maple vase, and a spalted maple hollow form.

Dave Lee showed us a threaded funeral urn and a lidded form.

Roger Alexander brought in two beautiful pepper mills.

Wilson Banks brought in an endgrain bowl.

Jack O'bryan showed us two wonderful bowls.

Hod Bailey discussed the bird calls he made.

Jerry Sievers showed us a weedpot and vase.

Dennis Belcher discussed a laced bowl, using leather lacing to enhance a crack.

Dick Coers showed an thin endgrain bowl he turned.

Keith Zimmerman showed some mini lidded hollow forms.

Walt Didesch showed two endgrain bowls.

See the [Show-n-tell photos](#) of our members showing and discussing their pieces.



Demonstrations



Sheryl Monahan from [General Finishes](#) was our guest this month to discuss the numerous finishes her company produces. She talked about their different lines of products, showing examples of how they could be used by woodturners. Of particular interest were the Urethane finishes, the water-based finishes, and the water-based dye stains. All these products have direct applications for woodturners. Sheryl did an excellent job of describing everything and addressing all our questions. You can get more information on any product by clicking on the link above.

