



**Central Illinois Woodturners Newsletter  
February 2010**

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Welcome to the February 2010 CIW newsletter. Sorry to be a little slow getting it out but sometimes "life happens!" Next month I'm planning a "Meet the Club Officers" section where we'll introduce our officers and help you get to know a little more about them.

If you've got ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, please get in touch with me at [moreau5575@yahoo.com](mailto:moreau5575@yahoo.com) or talk with me at our monthly meeting; I'm usually able to attend each month.

For other news and items don't forget to go to our club website at [www.centralillinoiswoodturners.com](http://www.centralillinoiswoodturners.com).

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Don't forget our club meeting **Monday, March 8** at Millworks in Bloomington; newbie session begins at 6 p.m. and general meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Program:** Terry Quiram will rough turn a green bowl and discuss some of the drying options.

**President's Challenge for March:** any type of spindle turning (President's Challenge is every other month at Bloomington).

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**Pro-Turner Nick Cook in Peoria Friday & Saturday, March 19-20**  
(see CIW website for details and registration info)



Nick Cook is a founding member of the AAW, board member of the John C. Campbell Folk School and turning consultant to Powermatic, Nick has the experience to interact with turners at all levels. Nick has led the Youth turning activities at the AAW Symposium for many years.

He is known for his 'projects' and his weekend with the CIW will focus on these small projects. Each project would be suitable for the beginner but even the best of us will pick up techniques to improve speed and quality.

**Registration Fees:** (CIW is subsidizing approximately half of the program cost)

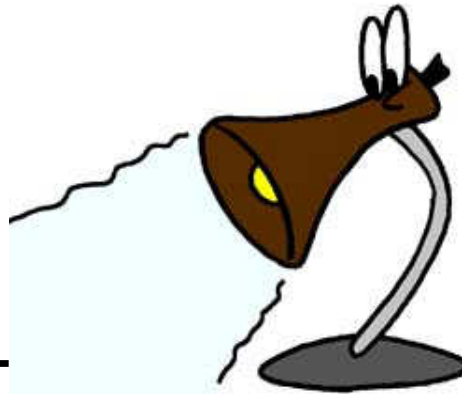
Friday or Saturday, One Day Only - \$ 20.00

Friday & Saturday - \$ 30.00

Non-CIW Members - Please add \$ 5.00

Registrations received after Friday, March 12th Please add \$ 5.00

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**James & Carrie Pearce**

**Joe Landon**

**James Pearce** was featured in an article in the Jan/Feb 2010 edition of Art & Society magazine; here's the link to see the full article with photos: <http://www.peoriamagazines.com/as/2010/jan-feb/timber-tabletop>

There was also an article on James' wife, **Carrie Pearce** of Wallcandy & Co., in the same magazine; here's that link: <http://www.peoriamagazines.com/as/2010/jan-feb/brushing-style>

As you know, James' shop in the warehouse district of Peoria has been the Peoria CIW meeting home since Woodcraft closed last year.

Here are a couple of quotes from the article about James Pearce:

*“Pearce got his start in the woodworking business in second or third grade when he made nameplates for his classmates, charging 50 cents per letter. Since these early beginnings, he has grown in his craft, earning a steady stream of work from clients who heard rave reviews of his workmanship.”*

*“Pearce typically sticks to locally grown hardwood. He is a self-proclaimed “walnut junkie,” but also uses other locally grown woods, such as ash, maple, cherry, hickory, birch and cottonwood. Much of the walnut he uses comes from trees that have been removed from area properties or fell due to storm damage. He likes the idea of purchasing the wood, creating the piece and selling it to a customer all within the same community, and has all of his wood milled locally as well. “If I’m going to make a piece of furniture,” he said, “I’d rather use local resources than outsource.” But if a client really wants a credenza and hutch composed of teak or Brazilian cherry, Pearce is happy to accommodate the request.”*

Also featured in the article is **Jennifer Costa**, assistant professor of art at Illinois Central College, who has presented programs for our turning club.

**Joe Landon** has been turning for the past two years and has received numerous awards for his hollow forms. One example is found in the AAW magazine (page 11 of American Woodturner Winter 2009) where Joe received First in the summer website contest theme "closed bowl/hollow form" for a dyed maple hollow form.

Congratulations Joe! You're a great representative of the CIW. Below are some examples of his work as posted on Lumberjocks.



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### **Highlights "From Garage to Gallery"**

I always look forward to the American Woodturner (The Journal of the American Association of Woodturners). It has great how-to articles as well as beautiful photos of some of the world's best turners' work.

I enjoyed advice given by some "pros" in the Winter 2009 issue article by Terry Martin "From Garage to Gallery" (pp.58-64). Here's a sample of responses I found helpful and sometimes humorous.

**Jean-Francois Escoulen:**

*"The best strategy is to develop good technique first, then try to do something special."*

*"Don't try to be the best and stay humble. You are a wood turner."*

**Binh Pho:**

*"The best decision I ever made in my turning career was to keep my day job and not have to rely on sales to make a living."*

*"Make what you love, not what others want you to make."*

*"I advise newcomers not to buy expensive wood to turn. Also, don't let a piece of wood determine the form of your piece and don't let a beautiful piece of wood intimidate you."*

**Peter Hromek:**

*"I recommend newcomers to work at one task for a long time and play with it till you don't have any more ideas. Often you will get a new idea even if you think you are finished with it. This is the stage where you start to develop your own ideas instead of copying somebody else's. We should play more ... like children do."*

**Mike Hosaluk:**

*"The best strategy is to give more than you take."*

**Neil Scobie:**

*"Watch as many other turners as you can, ask lots of questions, have an open mind, and be humble enough to soak up what they are telling you."*

**David Ellsworth:**

*"I advise newcomers to stick your ego in your back pocket every time you step up to the lathe."*

**Alain Mailland:**

*"Don't forget to share as much as you can with your friends. Share as much as you would like to receive, and then even more."*

**Mark Lindquist:**

*"I have two kinds of advice. The serious advice is to learn from the work of masters but never, never, never plagiarize! Also, don't*

*accept criticism as final pronouncement of your work. The less serious advice is don't thumb your nose at buyers."*

**Marc Ricourt:**

In response to the question about how to have a career woodturning, Marc said: *"The best strategies are, first you need to have a spouse with a good job."*

**Virginia Dotson:**

*"Probably the one thing that has helped my career the most is always having high-quality images of my work."*

**Tony Hansen:**

*"It's simple really. If you want to make money, you have to make products that the public will buy."*

**David Sengel:**

*"... the work of creating objects should mainly be either a hobby or a labor of love that is not confused by the need to survive financially."*

**Mike Lee:**

*"If you want to become a famous wood turner with your picture in the magazine and make a lot of money with the work to back it up you're probably doing it for the wrong reasons. Make work that is important to you first. If someone else likes it and wants to buy it, that's great."*

**Ron Fleming:**

*"I think I've been successful in a lot of ways except one and that is making a living from what I do."*

*"Don't ever think that your work is the best thing out there. Keep striving to make it among the best. It is a terrifying pleasure to work in wood."*

**Vaughn Richmond:**

*"... always look for an opportunity to donate a small amount of your time or a piece of suitable work to a worthwhile charity."*

*"Finally, the best strategy of all is to enjoy yourself!"*

**Giles Gilson:** (my favorite response in the whole article)

*"Q: "What has been the best decision you ever made in your turning career? A: I don't know ... I haven't made it yet.*

*"Q: What mistakes would you advise newcomers to avoid?  
A: All of them ..."*

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## **Central Illinois Woodturners Minutes – February 8, 2010**

**Next meeting:** March 8, 2010 - Bloomington

**Membership** (Bill Schulz - Absent) No Membership Report

- 23 Members Attended
- Guests Attending – Bill Webster (An original founding member of CIW)  
Bill makes and repairs band saw blades – Questions to Dick Coers
- Please pay your 2010 CIW dues ASAP  
Don't forget about your 2010 AAW Dues also.
- New Membership Cards are available for PAID members only  
Paid members will enjoy a 10% discount at Woodworkers Shop  
(Just show your 2010 CIW Membership Card)

**Treasurer's Report** (Terry Quiram - Absent)- No Treasurers Report

**Library (John Timerman):**

- Please don't forget to return items – Some things overdue from Library  
– Please Check

**Old Business**

- Don't Forget ! Woodworkers Shop in Pekin will display for sale any members turnings. There will be a 12% fee to cover any tax and credit card charge
- Officer slate is now complete:  
Pres. – Dave Carroll  
V.Pres. – Frank Kobilsek  
Sec. – Hod Bailey  
Tres. – Terry Quiram  
Newsletter Editor – Larry Moreau  
Webmaster – Keith Zimmerman  
Librarian – John Timerman  
Program Chairman – Joe Landon  
Membership Chairman – Bill Schultz

- AV Chairman – Dave Kraft
- Nick Cook All Day Demo 3/19 and 3/20 @ James Pearce's  
9am – 5pm Friday, 9am – 4pm Saturday  
Sign Up - Currently being taken  
You may use Paypal to pay fee of \$30  
(See Website for pricing and payment info)
  - Doug Thompson could be a possibility for a Fall Demo
  - Don't forget to renew your AAW Membership by paying your 2010 dues
  - Thank you to Dick Coers for conducting the "Newbie Session" prior to the February Meeting.  
He sure does make bowl turning look easy doesn't he !?!
  - Thank you to Keith Zimmerman for his excellent (as always) demonstration on finials.  
Another fine job!

### **New Business**

- President's Challenge for February Meeting – Turn a Spindle  
Ex: Honey Dipper
- Jim Meizelis (AZ Snowbird) has joined the Arizona Woodturners Association while visiting.  
Check out their website at [azwoodturners.org](http://azwoodturners.org)
- Reminder of CIW Member Supplier Discounts  
Hartville Tools – contact person – Jerry Rhoads – 15% (does not include sale items)  
Klingspor's – contact – Terry Quiram – 10% (does not include sale items or power tools)  
Craft Suppliers – 10% on abrasives (this needs to be double checked)
- A volunteer is needed to help Dave Kraft with the Audio/Visual Equipment  
Please step forward and give Dave a hand
- CIW Member Ron Hardy passed away and member Ron Pierce is helping Ron Hardy's wife Kathy sell the available woodworking tools. You may inspect the list of things on our website in the "For Sale" section. You may contact Ron Pierce at (217)735-2075.
- Joe Landon made a motion to allocate \$300 to The CIW Library to purchase new Learning DVDs. Bill Paulo seconded. An additional motion was made by Dennis Belcher to give the Librarian the power to purchase.
- Dave Kraft is to get some estimates on a large screen for our projector.
- Our Past President, Dennis Belcher, attended his last regular meeting.  
He is moving soon to  
North Carolina. Thanks for all of your hardwork Dennis. Fine Job ! You will be missed.
- **Show and Tell**  
James Pearce – hollow form w/finial  
Dave Kraft – gavel

