



NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN WOODTURNERS

newsletter

May, 2023

We had about 25 members in person, and 7 attending by Zoom. Also had 4 visitors that joined us. It was great to have Dennis Iott, Mark McCloskey, Bill Curry, and Chad Lomak join us. New member Jim Ellis joined us also. We had 8 students join us from the Career Tec Center.

May IRD

The presenter this month was Dr. Seri Robinson. The IRD started at 9:00. Dr. Robinson let the club members choose the piece of spalted blank to turn. She talked about different types of spalted wood. She turned at low speed to listen to the tool, also to prevent break out, using a flat top bowl gouge. She doesn't do much sanding; she suggested using a disc sander with foam pad if needed. She likes to use the disc sander in a drill press. Part of her demo she used different gouges to show what happens to the wood. She talked about using acrylic (DEFT) or a good top finish. Stay away from lacquers.

This IRD was recorded by Seri and will be available for club members to review. The link will be sent out when it's received. This will be available to watch for 30 days if you weren't able to be present.

You can find a 8 part movie on You Tube also. It's called "Spalted Wood".

<https://youtube/9fk1aqCWqrI>



Next Meeting: June 10th, 8:30 for coffee and donuts. Career Tech Center Shop or Online.

Lyle Jamieson will be doing a demonstration on how to prevent catches. He asks if you want to bring your tools in he would help with any issues you are having. **(Be sure they are sharp).** Please join us on June 10th.

Upcoming events: From the AAW Events Page –

Please go to <https://woodturner.org> for more information and to register for these events. You will need to be an AAW member, or new affiliate member to access the information. **[Free 3 month AAW Affiliate Membership for first time non-members.](#)** It will give you a chance to see all the things that full membership can give you.

2023 AAW International Woodturning Symposium, June 1-4, Louisville, Kentucky.

Kentucky Exposition Center
Watch for registration and hotel blocks to open soon on the AAW Events page. See details on the page or in American Woodturner Magazine.
You can sign up to watch from home also.

Election in June

Gary brought up that the club has 3 board members that have their terms ending. Please contact the nominating committee if you are interested. The voting will take place in June.

Crooked Tree Art Show

Rich Foa was contacted asking if we are interested again this year. They are having a show on July 29th. He will be getting more information.

Turning to the Future – is sponsored by the AAW to encourage and support students and instructors in reaching for and attaining the highest levels of skill in the use of the lathe. The contest is open to eligible students across North America. This event will be held in 2023, and offers 4 cash prizes. Watch the AAW Events Page, Turning to the future for details and entry forms. If you are an AAW member of affiliate member, watch your email for the weekly "Toolbox E-Newsletter: and the bimonthly

"Keep Turning E-Newsletter. Or go to the AAW website, Resources Page www.woodturner.org

Don't miss the AAW Member-Moderated Forum on the same page. This page also guides you to the other resources, including all issues of American Woodturner magazine, Woodturning Fundamentals and others.

Treasurer's report by Jan Bachman. Our account stands at \$7318.00, with all current expenses paid. Dues of \$40/year are due. If you are a year or 2 in arrears, you need only pay the current 2023 dues to maintain your membership, as per Board action.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser – They had a great turn out. The club had a good turnout of people interested an how turning is done. There was a good number of bowls that sold, quickly that was on the silent auction table. The club is still trying to find out how much was raised.

Great Job Everyone

Student Mentoring – Ken Hunter, our student mentoring coordinator, needs a few more turners to rotate in the Thursday mentoring sessions at the school. Remember, no matter how little you think you know about turning, it is massively more than what the student who hasn't ever turned knows. Introducing a student to the lathe, lathe safety, and very basic turning skill is very rewarding. There are 2 sessions each Thursday; morning, afternoon. You can do one or both. Give Ken a call **(231-499-9474)** and get in the rotation. The school now has 2 lathes for students to use, and Instructor Tom has asked if we could step up and handle 2 students in each morning and afternoon session, so we really need turners who can volunteer a little time guiding students into the craft/art we like so much.

Wig Stands – Our project coordinator, Dennis Ferguson, says that we are in need of more wig stands for the cancer centers in TC and Kalkaska. If you don't have the plans for them, reach out to Dennis Ferguson, dennis45th@gmail.com This is our continuing community action project, and we need to keep it going. Contact Dennis with your completed wig stands. (231)492-6475 or dennis45th@gmail.com. Dennis even brought in 3 wig stand kits, ready to turn. They were rapidly claimed.

Club Demonstrators – Please step up and do a demonstration for the club. We need demonstrators for 2023, starting in October. Club demonstrations are always about projects that the demonstrator chooses.

We never ask you to demonstrate something that you don't know how to do. You know that you have some turning project you enjoy doing, so please step up and volunteer to show how to do that project at a club meeting. Talk to Gary, Pete, Kris, or Jan, and choose a month to show us what you enjoy doing.

Club Historian – Pete Meyer is our club historian. If you have old club photos, documents, anecdotes, memories of members or projects past, please get in touch with Pete. (231)499-7935, or hammergrips@gmail.com

Shop Tours – President Gary is setting up tours to member shops, after a meeting. **A tour of Gary Newman's shop has been set up to follow the June meeting.** Would you be willing to have club members come to your shop after a meeting? Get with Gary and set up a date.

Bring Back Raffle:

\$1 per ticket. If you win, you "bring back" a prize for the next month.

Gary Perkins was the winner in April.

With the IRD in May, the next Bring Back will be in June

Hats, Shirts

Gary brought the hats that have been picked out. He will be ordering 12 of each and bring to the next meeting when they arrive. If anyone wants shirts an order will be put in at a later date.

For Sale:

Supplies: CA Glue and Anchor Seal Wood Sealer.

Joe Breech is the keeper of the 55 gallon drum of Anchor Seal. If you need some, please call him at 231-218-1021. Either make arrangements to pick it up from him, or have him bring what you need to the next meeting. Cost is \$10.00/gallon.

CA Glue – Glue will now be stored at the Career Tech Center, Club storage box. If you need glue between meetings, please call President Gary 231-640-0377 or Treasurer Jan 734-730-7038.

Wanted:

If there is something you are looking for send an email or text to me and I will post it here.

Show and Share: We didn't have because of the IRD. We will have it again starting in June.

Public Demonstrations Rich Foa, our public demonstration coordinator and WIT liaison, reported that we are doing a demonstration in July at the Crooked Tree Craft Sale. We have been asked to do a gallery exhibit at the Oliver Center for the Arts loaning examples of the great turnings in Frankfort. The date still hasn't been set up yet. We are asked to consider from our collections. We also have invited to do a demonstration at the Traverse City Commons in October. And also we have been invited to another gallery exhibition in Charlevoix in February of 2024.

New Training Coordinator, Kieran Goodman. If you need a little help on some aspect of turning, or are an experienced turner willing to reach out to folks who need a little help learning how to turn, please contact Kieran Goodman. He will put you in contact with the right folks who are close to you. Give him a call, (812)298-5747 or drop him a line, musicfalls@yahoo.com

Board of Directors – Your Board of Directors for 2023 are:

President – Gary Perkins - 231-640-0377
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Our Board members are here to serve the club. If you have a need, concern, or suggestion, please get in touch with one of us. The Board meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm virtually by Zoom. All members are welcome to attend by

contacting me, your secretary, before a meeting so I can send you the Zoom invitation.