

# CENTRAL ILLINOIS WOODTURNERS

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

Meeting Monday April 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM

**THE WOODWORKER'S SHOP**  
**13587 Manito Road**  
**Pekin, Illinois 61554**

*The CIW website ([centralillinoiswoodturners.com](http://centralillinoiswoodturners.com)) has a detailed map if you need additional directions.*

**Raffle:** Raffle prizes are a AAW Certificate for one-year membership and an Easy Wood Tools carbide turning tool.

Thanks for supporting your club by buying a raffle ticket.

**Demo:** As of this writing I have not received information about the demonstration for Monday's meeting.

### **President's Report:**

The following represents the discussion that was held at our last meeting concerning the direction of the club.

- 1. Meetings will continue to be at both Bloomington (Youth Build) and Peoria (Woodworkers Shop).*
- 2. The wig stands are a popular item from our club. It helps us "give back to our communities". We recently received very good public exposure via the Feb 23, 2018 Bloomington Pantagraph. IF CIW wants to continue the wig stand collaboration with the local school (or expand it) we'll need a coordinator. There is also the chance to expand the local school involvement to the Peoria area schools AND to the local universities, perhaps. OR CIW could work with the other, two "local" clubs for more collaboration. **BUT we need a CIW coordinator... Please provide your name to the President (<mailto:rakalex@frontier.com>).***
- 3. Turning Saturday will be hosted by CIW this fall. Tim Verbeke is the coordinator. We need local demonstrators, please sign up. **The Youth Build location can probably be used for Turning Saturday with proper coordination with them....***
- 4. Al Azinger will write an article for submission to the AAW newsletter about CIW's recent, wig-stand collaboration with the local High School Art class. This will hopefully increase interest in CIW and our wig stand project.*  
*Thanks, Al.*

5. The CIW Facebook page will be for those interested in participating via Facebook. No CIW business will be on Facebook (such as, Treasurer's Report,...). Meeting times and locations and points-of-contact will be available.

The CIW Website has a CIW Members only section where CIW business will be displayed. It is okay to have the same information on FB and the CIW website.  
BIG **'Thank you'** to Stephan for his work on the Web Site and Facebook pages!

6. We will continue with the 'Demonstrator First' format for our club meetings. We will continue to have a "free-for-all" discussion period following the demonstration. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold during this time, also. Then, we will have the "Show-n-Tell / President's Challenge" period, and the raffle drawing.

The Treasurer's Report will be discussed and approved next. (We do this to keep the membership informed AND to keep the information off the web page. We had some bogus receipts presented for payment...).

Part of the CIW Business meeting will be available for discussion of other club business from any club member. These items need to be published before the meeting in the club newsletter. Get them to Al (<mailto:alazinger41@gmail.com>) for inclusion before the meeting. This gives us a chance to think about the item before deciding on it.

This is NOT to prevent questions like "What kind of finish do I use ...?". This is to ensure more club members have a chance for input on a business decision. That is, for people who may not be able to attend to provide feedback. This feedback can be provided by a 'Reply All' email or one sent to any club officer (I am "rakalex@frontier.com", for instance).

7. Is there anyone who would like to be added to the 'Mentor's List' on the CIW website? OR to be removed from the 'Mentor's List'? Please be aware of the list, if you've not seen it lately... We need to update the Mentor's List to pick up AAW insurance coverage for our mentors. If you want to be added or removed from the list, please email Jim Gerkin at [jimgerkin@gmail.com](mailto:jimgerkin@gmail.com)

8. The CIW audio-visual equipment needs to be improved or upgraded. Some clubs are doing remote demos, for instance, via the web. This would probably work at Youth Build but not at the Pekin location. We might be able to permanently install a/v equipment at Youth Build to save Tim's time.

Tim will provide a list of equipment and costs to the officers for consideration.

9. CIW needs a sharpening system for the Youth Build location. CBN wheels and a Wolverine jig are the preferred solution. A list of equipment and costs will be provided to the officers for consideration.

10. The CIW Officers approved to maintain the receipts from the current year plus 2 previous years. All other receipts may be destroyed.

11. AAW CIW club insurance is due: \$440 per year. This insurance protects you from injuries to others when you are demonstrating or instructing, but only if you are an AAW member

12. The CIW Raffle has had better prizes recently and is producing more income than previously. Yippee.

13. Can members help by cleaning up around or moving the lathe after the end of the meeting, please? Thanks.

14. We will sit up an area near the Show-n-tell / President's Challenge display area for those who wish to receive feedback / critique on turnings. We'll see how this is adopted by club members. *OH, and also, we need somebody to provide feedback and critique...*

15. Previously, we have had a "Newbie" session scheduled to start at 6:00 pm which lasted 30 minutes before the start of the main meeting. This can be a short demonstration or a short discussion in answer to a very complicated question. *We need somebody to provide the demonstration or discussion. Are you that person? "I don't know or that is too complex" are acceptable answers, by the way. The Newbie Leader can decide the format. Such as, defined session topic or open forum.*

16. The CIW Newsletter will be published on the CIW Website. The Newsletter will contain the current President's Challenge description; Demonstrator's Information; and CIW club business.

The annual list of President's Challenges will continue to be on the CIW Website. Photos of the President's Challenges and other work will be on the CIW Web Page, also.

17. Photographers, please remember to send your photos to Jim Gerkin for addition to the CIW Website. Please include member's name. Other details are appreciated. *We need some Photographers, please.*

18. Hod and Roger L to create a 3-fold brochure for CIW to be available at our meeting locations and other events.

19. Is there any interest in or support of CIW Hands-on events at members' shops? We've had a few of these in the past ... We might be able to use the Youth Build room in Bloomington, but we would have to bring some small lathes.

20. Is there any interest in or support of Pro Hands-on events? This would cost more, but it does increase our knowledge. Also, we need members willing to host the pro turner overnight. We might be able to use the Youth Build room in Bloomington for the demo with prior arrangement, but we would have to bring some small lathes.

## **Officer Change**

The club has a new web-master. Jim Gerkin who is a new member has agreed to serve in this capacity. He takes over for Stephan Konrad who is taking a break from

the role. During the time Stephan has been in charge of the web-site, he has updated the format, kept the content current, and introduced a social site on Facebook for the club. He stepped in when the club was really needing help in this area and did a great job on behalf of the club. Thank you, Stephan! And welcome Jim!

### **Dues are Past Due!**

If you haven't paid 2018 dues, don't forget to bring your check book or money to the Pekin meeting.

Bill Schulz

### **Nice Work Jim**

Jim Meizelis had a tip on inside out turning published in the recent addition of American Woodturner. Way to go, Jim. You do us proud!

### **For Sale:**

Check the web site for items for sale. Tim has a band saw and Terry has a jet mini lathe with stand and other materials listed there.