Words From Your President...

Well, the sun is back in town; that’s the big sign that the meeting-year is coming to a close. The April meeting will be the make-up meeting from February with Dave Betler from the Pittsburgh Chapter (Pittsburgh being a secret word for the mystery box) turning a wing platter. Also at the April meeting, the president of the Pittsburgh (secret word) Chapter, which is also the host Chapter/organizer of the 2015 symposium, will be joining us. Note: if you have not made your reservations to attend the AAW Symposium in Pittsburgh (secret word for the mystery box), I strongly suggest you do so very soon because the hotels in the area are filling up fast. So take advantage of the AAW early bird special which ends May 22nd and get registered for the symposium. If you are short on funds, call one of your fellow club members/woodturners and share a ride and/or a room; this will save you lots of money.

I would like to give a special thanks to Vince Welch from www.vinceswoodnwonders.com for coming to talk to the club about sanding and giving us all kinds of tips. Believe me they do work! If you missed this discussion, please visit his website or stop by his booth at the 2015 AAW Symposium in Pittsburgh (continued on page 2)

HONORABLE MENTION:
Each month Central Ohio Woodturners Club profiles fellow members who bring with them inspiration, originality and creativity; and have contributed to the spirit of Central Ohio Woodturners. This month we make Honorable Mention of two of our finest, Nancy Kerns and Nelson Meyer. They each have received distinguished awards and honors for promoting woodturning. Their organizational skills have promoted growth of the club both in numbers and direction and their services hold the club mission and activities together.

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Pittsburgh (secret word). While at his booth please give him thanks for providing all the sand paper for the Youth Turning at the symposium.

We have begun making plans for our summer activities which will include demonstrating at the State Fair on July 29 through August 9. I would also encourage you to become an exhibitor at the fair to show off your work. Who knows, you may win a ribbon or even some cash. Details can be found on the State Fair website at www.ohiostatefair.com. If you have any questions, please give Sandy Libertini a call at 614-579-5743 or email her at S.Libertini@expo.state.oh.us.

Over the summer, we also hope to have an open shop or two and maybe a picnic or a field trip. More information is coming, so keep your email box cleaned out so you will receive the emails and updates from Nelson. If you really feel inclined to show off your shop and would love to be a host and have a barbecue for the club, please let one of your officers know before we get our summer activities started.

Our annual year-end meeting will be held on May 6th. This meeting will be full of all kinds of activities starting with our annual potluck (Nelson’s mouth is watering for a blueberry pie). Don't forget to bring a covered dish to share with your fellow woodturners. There will also be some awards given out. If you're interested in running for an office and being part of the leadership of your club, please let the nominating committee, Bob Pfister and Steve Wagner, know as soon as possible, we will be voting on officers at the May meeting. If you would like to nominate somebody to be an officer, please make sure you get their approval first and then give their name to the nominating committee. Officers must be AAW members.

Our big event at the May meeting will be the auction, so if you have a piece that you would love to donate to the club, please bring that piece to the meeting and we will be glad to put it in the auction. Please remember to promote the auction to your friends, relatives and neighbors. In looking ahead to the Fall, our officers are in the planning stage of putting together topics and guest turners for next year’s programs. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please pass them along to Max Kackstetter as soon as you can, as he is working diligently to finalize next year’s schedule.

Don't forget our next mentoring session will be held on April 18th, featuring Bob Pfister and Walt Betley. They will be showing us how to do the Celtic cross and other fancy pens. This will be held at Woodcraft from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Bruce Kerns is looking for volunteers to help with the Ohio School for the Deaf mentoring program that will be held at Woodcraft on April 20, April 27 and May 6. Please contact Bruce if you're interested in helping.

Once again, I encourage everybody to start promoting the auction for our May meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the April meeting with our guests from Pennsylvania. Thank you.

Your President - Paul N. Courtright
Woodturning is a form of woodworking that is used to create wooden objects on a lathe. Woodturning differs from most other forms of woodworking in that the wood is moving while a stationary tool is used to cut and shape it. Many intricate shapes and designs can be made by turning wood.

On March 14, 2015 at Wood Werks Supply, Max Kackstetter demonstrated how to turn “Captive Rings”. The well-attended demonstration started at 10 a.m and continued to 1 p.m. This mentoring session was a hit with the attending club members who stood in rapt attention, taking in a captivating skill! Max did a good job of getting people to try it themselves.
Hi, this is Nancy Kerns. I am really more of a ‘woodturning groupie” than a woodturner. In fact, it is a stretch to say I am a woodturner at all. I started going to meetings with Bruce, my husband of almost 42 years, back in 2002. He was thinking about getting back to turning after years away from it and I wanted to see what was being turned by other people at the Show-and-Tells. He claims I went so I could “suggest--over and over again” projects for him to make.

I was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, because it was the closest hospital to our home in Burghill, Ohio, which is about 3 miles from the PA border in northeast Ohio. I have 4 brothers and 1 sister and we grew up in Burghill on a small farm. We never had much money. My dad was a steel mill worker and by mom worked as a nursing home aide until she went to school and became a licensed practical nurse, which was no small feat with six kids. I lived in the country and grew up loving the outdoors. Our playground was whatever we found to do. I remember we had ropes in the barn (old, hand-hewed with massive beams) for swinging in the hayloft. We thought it was great fun to play tag up there and swing on the ropes and crawl through the hay bale tunnels. It is a miracle no one was ever seriously hurt.

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At different times we had a couple cows, a couple horses, a couple big hogs, chickens, ducks and a few turkeys. My dad’s true calling was his gardens. Counting the sweet corn it must have covered 8 acres. We kids used to pick the sweet corn and sell it in the front yard for 25 to 30 cents a dozen. My mom canned everything; a skill I have not developed. I am a vacuum seal and freeze it person.

My high school graduating class was 94 people. We still have reunions every 5 years. When I left for college in September 1970, Ohio State naturally, I have never really returned except for visits. I graduated in August 1973 with a degree in accounting and married Bruce in September 1973. We met at Ohio State on the rifle range of the ROTC building. I had been late to sign up for physical ed class and the only choices left were modern dance and rifle target shooting. Being a not very coordinated person I went with the rifles. Turns out I have (or had) a good natural aim and spent 3 years on the women’s rifle team. Bruce was on the men’s and the ROTC team and that is where we met. We were married 2 weeks after we graduated and a month later he went on active duty and we moved to Fort Benning, Georgia. 27 years, 14 moves and 2 sons later we returned to Columbus to settle.

On our second tour in Germany I received my Masters in computer information systems from Boston University Overseas branch. Over the years I have been a cash control clerk at the PX in Germany; 1 season with H & R block in Georgia; sold real estate in Tennesse; substitute teacher in Texas; financial debt volunteer consultant in Washington State; hospital accountant in Pennsylvania and finally (and currently), an accounting software consultant. Also along the way, I have been a Cub Scout leader from the little Tiger Cubs up through the Webelos.

I have also dabbled in crafts. A little sewing; a little cross stitch; went through a bread dough phase; glass etching; needle point; toll painting. Master of none but enjoy learning them.

I have cut my hours back so I can spend time with the three grandkids who live in Westerville. (Josh and Alex are 5; Lily is 3) and have free time to go visit the other two in Portland, Oregon, a couple times a year. (Freyja-2; Rhiannon-7 weeks) We have not seen Rhiannon yet and are headed there in mid April.

For the past 10 years I have done volunteer taxes in Pickerington for the AARP foundation. It is for seniors and low to medium income people. It is a challenge but I really enjoy helping people with their taxes.

As a part of the Central Ohio Woodturners I have been the librarian, secretary and currently hold the position of membership. Being the membership person makes me aware that we have a great turnover of new members. A few continue to come and often become very active members but a majority drop after 2 years. They never say what the reason is for dropping. It is too bad since the club membership is a wealth of information on turning and some of the nicest people you will ever meet.
COW Member Profile Nelson Meyer: *in his own words...*

I was born on a farm in Nebraska. While I never wanted to farm, I continue to appreciate the joy of accomplishing a difficult task and the ability to repair almost anything. Going to town to buy a part or a tool was avoided at all cost! There was little time for woodworking, however.

I went to college at a small school in Iowa and then spent the next four years at a Lutheran seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Upon graduation, I was assigned to Ohio, and took a small urban parish on “the hilltop” in Cincinnati in 1968. With little money to buy furniture, I convinced my wife that if I could buy a Montgomery Ward Radial Arm Saw (with 2 extra shafts to rout and grind!), I could make the bookcases we needed for the same price as buying them. Fortunately, I came in on budget, and that started my woodworking hobby! I still have that saw, but would like to find a new home for it.

After 5 years, it was clear that parish ministry was not for me, so I accepted an opportunity to start a family life education program for Lutheran Social Services in Dayton. We moved and I taught classes on communications and value development, primarily to parents. After another 5+ years, we moved to Detroit and I establish a similar program in Michigan.

In 1982, I came to Columbus as President of Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio, then a small, struggling agency. I found that I really liked administration and with the help of supporters in unexpected places, saw the agency grow until it was recognized by Business First as the second largest not-for-profit in Central Ohio (excluding hospitals, of course). My two greatest satisfactions came from seeing this agency grow to serve 5,800 people a day and from helping establish a national association of Lutheran Social Service agencies which, together, provide service to one in 50 people in the U.S. each year.

I retired in 2005, but have stayed active by consulting and serving on 2 boards for my seminary in Iowa. I am completing my consulting work and hope to spend more time in my shop.  

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My wife, Shirley, is a retired elementary teacher; we will celebrate our 50th anniversary in June. Our immediate family consists of a grandson (8) and daughter-in-law in Wisconsin, and a daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter (5) here in Columbus.

I joined C.O.W. in 2005 when I retired and have gained so much from our club and its members. I am mostly self-taught, but have learned much by taking advantage of the club’s hands-on workshops. I do most of my turning on a Powermatic 3520B in my basement shop, but also use a Jet mini-lathe I bought from Devon Palmer.

I avoided Show & Tell and the President’s challenge when I first joined, fearful that my work would not measure up. Gathering courage, however, I began to participate in the President’s Challenge and found that it had me turning things I never would have tried on my own. I also found that the discipline of having to produce something by each club meeting kept me turning regularly and helped me grow. I am grateful that members have been so kind with their comments!

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Secretary for the past three years; it has been a rewarding experience!
Central Ohio Woodturners Monthly Meetings and Demonstrations

April 14th, 2015
The Pittsburgh Club will be demonstrating at the April meeting. They will demonstrate a thin platter instead of a heart shaped bowl and they will also make a presentation to ask for volunteers for this year’s AAW symposium.

May 12th, 2015
The May Club meeting will feature our annual picnic and auction at the church. Auctioneer, Jim Brown, is confirmed to do the auction. The picnic will be Pot-luck style.

This Meeting begins at 6.00 p.m with the pot luck. At the Holy Spirit Church basement, 4383 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43213

Swap meet on April 14th 2015 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m prior to the commencement of formal club meeting. Members can set up shop on one of the tables to sell/barter/trade or give away wood, tools, pen blanks, etc. but must be limited to things related to wood working or wood turning. There is no fee to participate in the swap. please see one of the officers or check your e-mail from Nelson Meyer for scope and limitations of this exciting activity. Bring your money and be prepared to negotiate!

President's Challenge and Mystery Box qualification for the Tuesday April 14 meeting:

Presidents Challenge: The April meeting President's challenge will be to turn and bring “anything.”

Mystery Box: entry eligibility will be to repeat the “secret word” from the Newsletter

Mentoring Session - April 18th 2015: The next mentoring session will be held on Saturday, April 18 at Woodcraft, from 10-1. Bob Pfister and Walt Betley will demonstrate how to construct "fancy" pen blanks, including the Celtic knot and other designs. The session will have little turning, but will focus on how to build the blank to get interesting and unique designs.

COW Officers Positions: A nominating committee has been appointed: Bob Pfister, pfisterrm@gmail.com and Steve Wagner, srwagner72@yahoo.com. They are seeking nominations for the four officer positions: President, Vice-President/Program Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Each is a 1-year term. Each officer must be a paid-up club member and a member of AAW. Please forward your suggestions to Bob or Steve. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Mentors Needed: The Ohio School for the Deaf has requested another mentoring series on April 20, 27 and May 6. Mentors are needed (signing is provided) as well as a lead instructor. Anyone who can help is asked to contact Bruce Kerns at kernsturns@gmail.com.

Suggestions Needed for COW Club Mentoring Sessions 2015-2016: Steve Wagner, our mentoring coordinator would like would your suggestions for Mentoring Sessions for the coming year. Please send him an email at srwagner72@yahoo.com with your suggestions and interests. Our Club is member driven and to better serve your interests your input is vital.

WoodCraft Store Under New Management: Jim Baumgardner announced that the Woodcraft store and franchise have been sold to Robert Smith as of April 1. Mr. Smith is active in commercial real estate in the Columbus area and is also a woodworker. Jim and Ruth will remain in the area for the time being; Jim will help in the store on a part-time basis.
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes highlights for March 31. 2015:

The Steering Committee of Central Ohio Woodturners Club met on March 31st at Woodcraft Store
Key items are as follows:

✔ Treasurer: Balance of $3,530.73 as of March 31 2015.
✔ Pittsburgh Club will be demonstrating at the April club meeting.
✔ Mentoring Sessions – April 18, Woodcraft – Celtic Knots by Bob Pfister and Walt Betley
✔ Chapter Collaborative Challenge is coming along well with April or May unveiling of the display.
✔ May meeting will feature annual picnic and auction at the church. Auctioneer, Jim Brown, is confirmed to do the auction.
✔ Nominating Committee with Bob Pfister & Steve Wagner have been appointed for Officers' elections.
✔ Presidents Challenge: The April meeting President's challenge will be to turn and bring “anything.”
✔ Mystery Box: entry eligibility will be to repeat the “secret word” from the Newsletter

Woodturners share love of craft; 100-year-old shows his skills

Hundred-year-old Marion Dunham of Naples, Fla., who originally retired in Rome, is an honorary member of the Northwest Georgia Woodturners. (Carolyn Grindrod, RN-T)

Redheart wood chips cascaded into a pool of shavings that covered Marion Dunham’s feet as his wrinkled yet steady hands moved back and forth and the hum of his lathe filled the room. The 30 or so men and women who gathered to watch at the Charles C. Parker Center in Etowah Park buzzed just as loudly to one another — marveling at Dunham’s technique, craftsmanship and skill. A video camera recorded Dunham’s every move as he created the wooden barrel for a ballpoint pen. At a 100 years old, Dunham is the oldest member of the Northwest Georgia Woodturners, although he’s an honorary one because the former Roman now lives in Florida. He agreed to demonstrate his craft at the group’s most recent March meeting. “Each month we gather in here to swap secrets of the trade, provide support and ideas as well as just get together as friends,” said Al Donahue, vice president of the group. “Each month we have a guest or one of our members provide demonstrations on different techniques and projects we can do with wood turning.” This time, it was Dunham’s turn to show that the hobby can be enjoyed at any age. “My son-in-law taught me how to woodturn when I was 96,” Dunham explained. “He had his own workshop in the garage, and since moving to Naples, I’ve been working on bowls and pens ever since.” Dunham sells his work to help support missionary trips for local churches. As Dunham’s lathe continued to spin, it whirled up memories of how the year-old club first formed. (Monday, March 31, 2014 Rome News Tribune RN-T.com )

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Thank you for having me at your club. My contact info is 877-284-8969 and Vince@VincesWoodNWonders.com.

1. Please feel free to copy my sanding suggestions from the educational link from my website above. It summarizes much of what is included here.

2. Angle drills are not made for sanding. Drills have torque which works well for getting out deep scratches and tool marks. Low to no heat extends their life.

3. Pneumatic sanding is best at 180 grit and higher. Pneumatic needs a large air tank preferably 60 gallon or more.

4. Lower grits are best used with a firm pad for support. As you progress through the grits use softer pads.

5. High sanding speeds only degrade your sanding discs and fouls your Velcro.

6. Most discs we use are Aluminum Oxide. Silicon Carbide discs are known as "Wet and Dry" discs.

7. As a reference Vince generally starts sanding a 12 inch bowl at 60-700 rpm lathe speed and slows his speed as he progresses through the grits. At 320 grit he is sanding 50-100 rpm. 80 vs 400 grit! You have to slow your sanding speed to maintain sanding efficiency!

8. Using either mineral oil, lacquer/lacquer thinner 50/50, sanding sealer or your favorite finish will help condition the wood allowing for sanding troublesome areas on the piece to be minimized. This process also helps seal end grain.

9. Domestic woods sanding requires generally not as higher of a grit as sanding exotic woods.

10. Reverse sanding is a personal call but generally not needed for domestic woods.

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President's Challenge for March 2015 – :

Ron Gardner and Bruce Kerns won gift cards for their entries in the challenge
COW Member Displays

George McConnell

Bob Dadik

Floyd Anstaett

Bruce Kerns

Freddy Dutton

Freddy Dutton
As pictured on Snainton Woodturning Club
SAFE TURNING

Marty Gottesman, MD

LATHE SAFETY - PART I

Before Turning on the Switch

In past issues I have discussed respiratory safety, general shop safety and other topics. It’s finally time to talk about safe use of the tool that makes us turners, the lathe. Like people, they come in different sizes and colors with various features but lathe safety is the same for everyone.

Basic shop safety rules apply to lathe use and if you want a refresher check out my article in the March 2014 newsletter. I will remind you of a couple of basic tenets.

1. Never work while under the influence. This includes alcohol, drugs and fatigue. If you are too impaired to drive you’re too impaired to use potentially dangerous equipment.

2. Always have a cell phone in your pocket or at the very least a phone within arm’s length. Most shops are isolated to some degree and this may be the only way to get help.

3. Eye protection must always be used. A full face shield can prevent a broken nose, facial lacerations, concussions and even death and needs to be used most of the time. A safety shield does not really protect the eyes and safety glasses need to be used with one. Hearing protection would also be a great idea.

4. Breathing protection is a must, especially when sanding. The finer the dust, the deeper it gets into your lungs. Emphysema and asthma are no fun so don’t forget dust collectors and air cleaners, too.

5. No long sleeves, jewelry, hanging, long hair or even gloves. They can catch on a lathe and choke you, remove your fingers or even scalp you. If you don’t believe me, check out the following web sites:

   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9grSq-TWMQ   The good part is about 40 seconds into it. You’ll never wear long sleeves around the lathe again.

   http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/04/13/yale.student.death/   A college co-ed was killed when her hair was caught in the lathe.

   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X21B_ViwsL0   Face and eye protection are a necessity.

   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOhHeyoZLaY   This is why you never use a spindle roughing gouge in bowl turning.

I will finish this article with a discussion of basic lathe safety before switching it on. Next month I will cover issues related to a running lathe.

1. Make sure the height of the lathe is appropriate for you. If it is too high or low you may develop back or neck pain. Orthopaedic surgeon visits are not cheap, even though we’re mostly nice guys. With your elbow bent to 90 degrees, the spindle should be at the level of the elbow. Adjust the height with something safe and sturdy.

2. Keep debris and cords out of the way. A non-skid mat adds to comfort and can keep you from slipping and possibly injuring yourself.

3. Sharpen your tools. Dull gouges and skews can make your work more difficult and less beautiful and can be a safety hazard. Dull tools can also make you apply extra pressure.

4. Check the tightness of the piece in the chuck and drive spurs. Remember that as you turn green wood it loses water content and the chuck will loosen, so re-tighten frequently. Before chucking inspect the piece for cracks, checks and loose fragments. These can cause the piece to blow up and injure you.

5. Make sure all tool rests, banjos, tail stocks, etc. are tight. The tool rest should be no more than 1/8-1/4” from the work piece. Spin the piece by hand to be sure it rotates without contacting the rest.

6. Have good task lighting on your work. Light coming in at an angle gives you the best look at the surface and any imperfections.

Move any spectators out of the firing zone (also known as the red zone), the area directly on either side of the lathe from the work piece where the piece is most likely to launch at high speed. The faster the lathe speed and the larger the piece, the more dangerous the impact and higher the chance of severe injury. Momentum equals Danger.
Suspend disbelief for a few minutes and imagine that we are visiting the shops of a variety of wood turners, all of whom pursue different occupations or embrace a favorite philosophical outlook. Unobserved, we see the turner enter the shop, pick up a block to mount on the lathe, and say…

**PSYCHIATRIST:** Were you happy as a sapling?

**MASSAGE THERAPIST:** Let’s see if we can work out some of those knots.

**POET:** Whose woods these are I think I know.

**COMMUNIST:** No one should be able to own such beautiful wood.

**CAPITALIST:** Everyone should be able to own such beautiful wood.

**VETERINARIAN:** Holy cow! Look at the catkins on this dogwood!

**ANTIQUE DEALER:** Let’s see what’s in this old trunk.

**ENGINEER:** Do I have a backup block of wood?

**MIME:**

**CIA AGENT:** Hmm…this could represent a splinter group.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Who can I persuade to write about his own block of wood?

**NRA MEMBER:** They can have this block of wood when they pry it out of my cold, dead fingers.

**LOUNGE SINGER:** Seedlings…nothing more than seedlings.

**WOOD TURNER'S WIFE:** What does he see in you?

**PROCTOR & GAMBLE CHEMIST:** Pink ivory…why didn’t I think of that?

**SURFER DUDE:** Life’s a beech.

**POLITICAL ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE:** Life’s a Birch.

**OPTIMIST:** Everything’s coming up rosewood.

**JANITOR:** I’ve got to spruce up this place.

**ELVIS IMPERSONATOR:** Re-turn to sender….

**DOG TRAINER:** Too many bark inclusions.

**SPORTSCASTER:** Who could beat Ashe? Billie Jean Kingwood!

**BIRDWATCHER:** Is this cardinal, or partridge?

**DENDROCHRONOLOGIST:** You don’t look your age.

**FARMER:** What beautiful grain!

**CIRCUS PERFORMER:** Where’s my Ringmaster?

**CHIROPRACTOR:** I remember bringing this piece home from the lumbar yard.
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