

North Coast Woodturners is a woodturning club serving northeast Ohio. Our mission is to provide education, information, and organization to people in this area interested in the art and craft of woodturning.

1. Welcome to the club. Membership dues are \$20 per year; Family membership is \$25 and covers you and your immediate family. Persons joining the club after Oct 1 will be credited with both the current and future year. Dues are renewed each December.
2. You are also strongly encouraged to join the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Our club is the founding chapter of the AAW. AAW dues are \$60 and they provide a wealth of information to both new and experienced woodturners, including access to every issue of *American Woodturner*, back to 1986. The AAW annual symposium is a great experience.
3. When you join, you will be sent an ID for our club website. When you login you tell the site you forgot your password and you then will be able to create one that is known only to you. Our website home page is: <http://www.northcoastwoodturners.net/index.php> On our website you will see our current officers, our club treasurer is responsible for the club roster and web ID's. You will also be getting emails about once per month, and if not you need to check that you are on the roster. You also have the option to join our Facebook group. Our monthly newsletter is available on the website and by email.
4. Meetings are held usually the first Saturday of every month at Blossom Hill Community Center located at 4450 Oakes Rd., Brecksville, Ohio. Doors open about 8:30 AM and meetings begin at 9:30 AM. A standard meeting includes a short business portion followed by a two-hour demonstration from one of our club members. Three to five times a year, we bring in a pro turner to demonstrate. In that case, the demonstration will last until ~4 PM.
5. Show & Tell: Every meeting also includes a Show & Tell table. Members of all skill levels are encouraged to bring in their turnings for others to see. You should sign your name on the bottom of your work. \$10 gift certificates are awarded; one is based on a lottery with one ticket given for each piece on the table. The second award is to given to a piece deemed the "most interesting."
6. Turn & Learn: Every meeting also includes a Turn & Learn competition. After a demonstration by either an amateur or pro demonstrator, club members are given two months to make a piece based on the demonstration topic. Bring in your piece and club members will vote on the winner, who gets a \$20 prize.
7. Name Tags: You are encouraged to wear a name tag. You can buy an engraved name tag from the club for about \$7. If you wear your name tag to the meeting, you are eligible for the "name tag drawing" where the winner gets a free turning blank.

8. Raffles: Every meeting with an amateur demonstrator also has a wood raffle. Club members donate wood for the raffle. Every meeting with a pro demonstrator has a 50/50 raffle instead of a wood raffle. Raffle proceeds are earmarked for the coffee and donuts provided at each meeting.
9. Less Experienced Turners (LET). A LET class will usually be held after a standard meeting (one with an amateur demonstrator). Usually the topic of the LET class is based on the demonstration during the meeting, and will last about two hours. The club owns 8 small lathes plus all the tools you will need. Attendance is on a first come/first served basis, with a fee of \$10.
10. Participation Points: to encourage your participation in various club activities, points are awarded each month, and totaled at the end of the year. The top five point totals are given a cash prize. Points are awarded for attending, wearing a name tag, donating wood to the raffle, bringing pieces for Show & Tell and Turn & Learn, and helping with the LET classes. Points are tracked with the meeting sign-in sheet.
11. The pro turners that we bring in usually provide hands-on training on the Sunday following their demonstration. This hands-on session is open to all skill levels. Attendance is on a first come/first served basis, with a fee of \$100.
12. Mentors: several veteran club members have signed up to be mentors. Mentors offer free, 1-on -1 training at a mutually agreed time and place. The list of mentors is available on the club website.
13. Annual Auction: The club's main source for funding is the annual December auction. Club members donate wood and tools which are auctioned off. This is a very fun activity that also helps the club.
14. Wayne Center for the Arts: Nicknamed the "Wayne Arts Show," this exhibit is held every fall in Wooster, OH. Members of the North Coast and Buckeye Woodturners clubs are invited to submit up to 5 pieces to the exhibit for display and a completion. Judges award prizes to the winners in seven categories. The exhibit is always quite nice and well worth the drive.
15. Charities. The club frequently provides turned objects to various local charities:
 - a. Empty Bowls Project: every February we donate bowls to this activity that is aimed at fighting hunger. Cereal bowl-sized bowls are normal.
 - b. ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease): Every spring, we donate turned items to the ALS society auction.
 - c. City of Brecksville activities. When local organizations request, we provide turned items. Christmas ornaments for children to paint, and holiday gift sales are examples.

Remember, the City of Brecksville provides our meeting facilities at no charge to us, and our response to these charities is a way to pay them back.

16. The club benefits from several vendors that sell woodworking tools and supplies. In addition to direct support for our club, many of the vendors also provide benefits to club members in the form of discounts. So I thought it would be nice to list these

supporting vendors and the support they provide, as a gesture of gratitude and a reminder that club members can reciprocate by giving them some business, and benefitting the club at the same time.

Woodcraft of Cleveland: a long history of providing high quality blanks to our auction and to the Wayne Center for the Arts exhibition, as well as hosting our club for turning demonstrations to the public.

Craft Supplies USA: This mail order company provides a generous number of gift certificates, that we use as prizes for club competitions such as Turn & Learn, and Participation Points. They also provide discounts for pooled club orders, something that we have not tried to do.

Thompson Lathe Tools: located in North Olmsted, Doug Thompson provides quite a few tools as prizes at the Wayne Center for the Arts exhibition. Doug has also helped out in other ways, for example providing transportation for a basement-full of large equipment donated to the club a few years ago.

Klingspor Woodworking: this mail order company provides gift certificates to our club as well as offers a 10% discount to all club members. You must register on their website to activate the discount.

Doll Lumber: Eric Doll has hosted us annually for a summer picnic and provides substantially discounted turning blanks for that event. He also provides blanks as prizes as well as for our auction.

Packard Woodworks: another mail order company, they provide gift certificates.

TMI: Dave Houdt's company provides discounts to club members for pooled orders.

Hartville Tool: They offer a 10% discount to club members who order from their catalog.

Mirka Sandpaper: provides sandpaper packs as prizes for the Wayne Center for the Arts Exhibition.

Keim Lumber in Charm, OH provides wood for the annual auction.