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# CICAAW Turnings

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## April Meeting Notes and Upcoming News

The April meeting was held at Don Skiles' shop, with Jim Dupler and Dick Gerard presiding and 35+ turners in attendance.

(See story on page 4.)

Hope to see you there!

We had a one-day, all-day demo in April given by Judy Ditmer.

(See story on page 2.)

There is a turning contest for May based on the March two-piece hollow form demo (see story on page 1).

June 6 is the annual Ladoga wood event if anyone wanted to go. (Not a CICAAW event.)

We'll have an Anchor Seal 55 gallon drum at the July meeting, so sign up for your gallons. It'll be \$10 per gallon.

The July meeting will be the annual picnic, featuring a professional lumber jack.

The calendar article eagerly anticipates warmer weather. (See page 3.)

Finally, it was announced that May's meeting will be held at the **Zionsville Boys and Girls Club** on the **3rd Sunday, May 17th at 2PM.**



### Show and Tell

The April meeting had a good Show.



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## May Turning Contest

The May turning contest is a two-piece hollow form based on the March demo by Clay Foster.

Bring a piece where it has the illusion of being turned through some small opening, while disguising the fact that it was actually turned as two parts.





**Judy Ditmer is quite a character...and I don't think it was just that the cold medicine kicked in.**

**Hearing her and Al (and others) banter was very funny...but not all repeatable here...**

**“For the jewelry, she turns lots of shallow bowls. Then she breaks them into bits...”**



**This Spring's color is “blue”. Modeling on the runway today are Jim and Dick, sporting the latest fashion of both “business casual” and “casual casual”.**

## April Meeting Demonstration

Judy Ditmer was our featured demonstrator at the April Meeting. She is a professional turner and author known for her production-turned jewelry and partially bleached bowls.

Judy was kind enough to bring many examples of her finished work for the show-n-tell table.

*(See photo, top right.)*

Many of these gorgeous pieces were purchased by attendees of the demo.

Judy started by filing the tool rest, lubricating the bed, and suggested cleaning the banjo/tailstock bottoms often.

Judy is a production turner, so her actual turning demonstra-



tions were very fast, with instructional sections between. People enjoyed her anecdotes, jokes, and production turning observations. *(See photo, left middle.)*

With 24 years of turning experience, there were lots of stories.

For instance, she told us about having taken the door off her Civic to fit the OneWay 1018 to get it home.

Judy noted that smaller pieces seem to sell better for her than larger art pieces.

Judy also tinkers lots of small jigs, drive spurs, and turning tools to quickly turn particular parts of her production pieces.



*(Bring your gadgets to the May meeting...see story on page 3.)*

A good selling item for her are the production turned tops. She discussed the techniques, including using quality beech hardwood dowels. Judy then gave a demo showing just how quickly she turns them! *(See photo, center bottom.)*

Judy also showed how she makes little desk/pocket clocks (similar to a turned paper weight with a clock face in the middle).



She prepares large runs of whatever she's turning. So, for tops, she'll drill, cut, and glue hundreds of dowels and bodies. For the clocks, she'll knock the corners off at the band saw to create octagons, drill the hole the size of the insert, and turn it with the chuck jaws in the hole.

Whatever it takes to speed up

the production run at each step of the way.

For the jewelry, she turns lots of shallow bowls. Then she breaks them into bits, then she'll color some of their edges, or color some of their faces, then she glues them together with E6000 adhesive. Each step is a separate production phase.

Many shallow bowls are turned from one large piece of wood, attached to a waste block via a tapered tenon, so nothing is wasted. She even lines up the blocks from smallest tapered tenon to largest so the waste block can be re-used each time.

The shallow bowls just get parted off for the back. She might add chatter to the front or vary the thickness, but it should be thin.

*(Continued on page 3.)*



## Calendar of Turning Events

The calendar of events is also available on our website so you can check it anywhere, anytime!

Have a turning event to post here? Email it to [webmaster@cicaaw.org](mailto:webmaster@cicaaw.org) please!

May 17th <i>Third Sunday!</i>	<b>CICA AW Meeting Demo: Jigs and Gadgets Zionsville Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>	July 12th 9 AM-5 PM <i>Picnic!</i>	<b>CICA AW Annual Picnic Demo: Lumberjack Don Skiles' Shop</b>
June 14th	<b>CICA AW Meeting Demo: T.B.D. Zionsville Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>	August 9th 2 PM	<b>CICA AW Meeting Demo: T.B.D. Zionsville Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>
June 26th- June 28th	<b>AAW National Symposium Albuquerque, NM <a href="http://www.woodturner.org">www.woodturner.org</a></b>	Oct. 16th- Oct. 18th	<b>Turning 2009 Symposium Cincinnati, OH <a href="http://www.ovwg.org">www.ovwg.org</a></b>

## Bring Your Gadgets, Gizmos, Gauges, and Guides in May

We all have them, we all use them. Catalogs are full of them. What are they? Well, they are not: Bowl gouges, skewers, spindle roughing gouges, spindle gouges, detail gouges, scrapers, hollowing tools, coring rigs, power sanders or inertia sanders. They are not woodburners, texturing tools, carving tools, air brushes, or spackling compound. What they are, are those other "tools" that we all seem

to accumulate and often use. Tools that solve problems or make our turning lives better and easier. Tools that add efficiency to the turning process. Things like drilling jigs for use in the tool post to bore holes in the side of a bowl or hollow form. Gauges like the "go-no-go" gauge that Clay Foster used to determine the maximum and minimum size of a tenon for

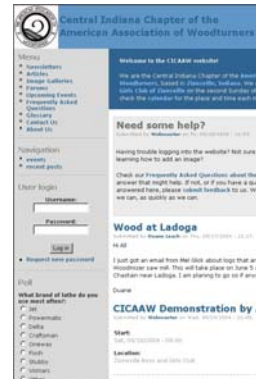
his chuck. Lay out tools or jigs for positioning cuts, drilling holes, or aiding in other tasks. So, bring your gadgets, guides, gauges, and gizmos and be prepared to speak about what they are and how you use them. If you have a turning that shows the end result, so much the better...bring it along too.

## April Meeting Demonstration, cont'd

Judy said that the purchaser maybe just thinks of them as earrings, but she thinks of them as sculptures, playing with shape, design, color, etc. It's a combination of production and one of a kind work. She'll turn out several hundred earring bowls at a time. After breaking the earring bowls, she sands the edges against various sanding drums on a single mandrel on a lathe. She noted that the E6000 glue fills gaps well, is flexible, dries

clear, and peels off easily for squeeze out. But she puts two dots of super glue as a "clamp" since the E6000 dries slowly. Judy turns everything at very high RPMs as well. Her smaller pieces are done at 4000 RPM. Judy finished up by doing a larger demo of her signature bleached bowls. She bleaches one section, to give the appearance that the bowl is created from multiple woods. For example, that the rim and foot are different than the body of

the bowl. (See photo on page 2, bottom right.) She tries to alternate the bleached and non-bleached areas to make them look like actual separate pieces of wood. She always neutralizes the bleach because she doesn't want the piece to ruin someone's coffee table some day. She sands the grain raised by the bleach then uses liming wax diluted with mineral spirits to enhance the bleach. Finishing with oil and wax.



You can always get newsletters (new or old) and other news from the club website at:

[www.cicaaw.org](http://www.cicaaw.org)

**"...bring your gadgets, guides, gauges, and gizmos..."**



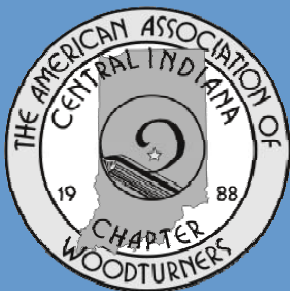
Pictures from the April demo and meeting can be found on the website.

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## Turning wood and making friends!

### Member Notes:

- If you have a new email address, please send it to [webmaster@cicaaw.org](mailto:webmaster@cicaaw.org).
- Are you a new member and don't have a nametag yet? Just email [webmaster@cicaaw.org](mailto:webmaster@cicaaw.org).
- Have something you'd like to mention here? Let us know!

### CICAaw Logo Shirts

Doug Bickel has once again volunteered to help the club out by organizing a CICAaw shirt order. These will include the new club logo (see bottom left, this page).

There will be sign up for shirts at the next meeting.

Sign up will include short or long sleeve preference. The shirts will most likely be a khaki type heavier cotton style. Doug also talked about getting some ball caps with the logo.

However, any orders will have to include payment in advance this time. Doug was on the hook trying to collect and deliver shirts for a lot of months last time.

So, if you're interested, sign up at the next meeting...and thank Doug for doing this!

## May Meeting at Zionsville Boys and Girls Club

The May meeting will be held at the Zionsville Boys and Girls Club.

Bring your gadgets, gizmos, gauges, and guides to share.

(See story on page 3.)

If you have a turning that shows the end result, so much the better...bring it along too.

See you there!

**What:** CICAaw Meeting

**When:** May 17th, 2PM-4PM.

**Who:** You and a friend!

**Why:** It's educational!

**Where:**

Zionsville Boys and Girls Club  
1575 Mulberry Street  
Zionsville, IN 46077

### Directions from the north:

From US-421 and SR-32, go SOUTH on US-421. (2.0 miles)  
Turn RIGHT onto W 156TH ST / COUNTY ROAD 200 S. (0.9 miles)  
Turn LEFT onto COUNTY ROAD 950 E / PLEASANT VIEW RD / N 68TH RD.  
Continue to follow N 68TH RD. (3.4 miles)  
Turn LEFT onto ZIONSVILLE RD. / ZIONSVILLE-WHITESTOWN RD. (< 0.1 miles)

### Directions from the south:

From I-465 and MICHIGAN Rd. (becomes US-421), go NORTH (2.8 miles)  
Turn LEFT onto CR-550 S / TEMPLIN RD. (0.6 miles)  
Turn LEFT onto S 1100 E / WILLOW RD. (0.1 miles)  
Turn RIGHT onto TEMPLE AVE. (0.3 miles)  
Turn LEFT onto TURKEY FOOT RD. (0.1 miles)  
Turn SHARP RIGHT onto ZIONSVILLE RD. / ZIONSVILLE-WHITESTOWN RD. (0.9 miles)