



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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2005 AAW SYMPOSIUM

by Matt Keim

Now that the dust has settled and the chips have cleared, what happened at the symposium? The St. Louis Woodturners had a great showing at this year's symposium, totaling close to 30 members in attendance.

Our chapter collaborative took first place in the Fantasy category with our "Rendezvous at the Pond" entry. Two members took home free Jet mini lathes with



all the necessary accessories from the Youth Turning Program, a \$1,000 value. Bin Pho's donated items to the live auction, which over 1300 people attended, helped bring in a tremendous amount of money for the Educational Opportunity Grant program.

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NEXT MEETING

August 28, 2005 ~ 1-4pm

Woodcraft

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The symposium was an outstanding event that gave woodturners from around the world an opportunity to share techniques, ideas and visions. Each day was packed full of demonstrations, gallery viewing, and vendor browsing. Friday and Saturday offered four rotations with up to 15 demonstrations to choose from during each, Sunday offered three rotations.

No one could possibly absorb all the great information offered over the three days. We have probably all forgot half of what we learned but kept twice what we already knew.

The camaraderie among this group was unbelievable. Every where you went turners from various places were discussing the galleries, vendor floor, personal projects or just telling stories.



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The rotations included demonstrations from basic bowl turning to advanced hollow form turning, carving and coloring. Every demonstration left you anxious to get home and turn.

Many demonstrations, such as box making, were demonstrated by multiple individuals during different rotations. This gave you an opportunity to see different approaches at achieving similar results. You could see how each turner finds what works best for him or her and masters that approach. As the old saying goes “there’s more than one way to skin a cat”.

Some demonstrations did not include any actual turning but instead covered related subjects. Some of these were lighting for digital and film imaging, tool steels and panel discussions. It was helpful to take notes for later reference since the amount of information presented was more than one could remember.

A new addition to this year’s symposium was the Youth Turning Program. As part of the program 20 lathes, complete with tools, chucks and safety equipment were given away to



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randomly drawn participants. St. Louis Woodturners were fortunate enough to have 2 members win one!

Look for a special article on this in a future newsletter. All the participants had the opportunity to learn from Bonnie Klein during daily sessions. Each of the 52 participants seemed to have a wonderful time and left charged with a new enthusiasm for woodturning. We are all aware of the need to get more youth involved in our craft. This program was a great addition to

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the symposium that I hope continues for years to come.

There were two exhibits at this year's symposium. A juried exhibit, "reTURN to the Land of Oz", and the instant gallery. The juried exhibit featured selected turnings that followed the theme of the symposium. It was sometimes difficult, though, to see where each item fit the theme. This exhibit featured wonderfully executed pieces that incorporated various media and techniques.

The most impressive display was the Instant Gallery where each attendee could bring up to three pieces. This exhibit was open to all members who attended and was not juried. Many of our members had turnings on display in the instant gallery.



Above: These are a few of our club members pieces on display in the instant gallery

Here you could hundred of turned piece from turners of all skill levels. If there was ever one place to go for inspiration and ideas, the instant gallery was it.

The symposium seemed to sum up what woodturning is all about and squeeze it into three days. If you missed it this time plan on joining us in Louisville next year as it may not return to the Midwest for a while.

The 2006 Symposium will be held in June. Look in future newsletters for continued information.



Above: Gary and Ray take a break with a cold treat
Left: Mike shows off his dinner, corn?
Below: Members mingle before the dinner and auction



TURNING FOR SALE

Anyone wanting to display vessels for sale at Krueger Pottery should bring them next meeting. Labeled, and priced. 60% goes to the turner, 40% to the store.

We are looking for vessels and bowls only, so they fit in well with the pottery displays. Questions, call Mike Marxer.

* AUGUST*

DEMONSTRATION

Think it's easy to turn a sphere, it's not! Join us for our August meeting. We will have demonstrations on how to turn a sphere. Demonstrators may include John Buehrer and/or Paco Navarro.

* SEPTEMBER*

CHALLENGE

September's challenge will be to turn a Bocce Ball. The demonstration in August will show you how to turn a sphere, which will help you accomplish this difficult shape. The standard size for a Bocce Ball is 113mm or 4.45in. Try to turn a solid sphere around 4.5 inches. Finish your ball any way you want, whether it is painted, marbled, textured, lacquered, etc. Make it your own. We will of course, plan to play many games of Bocce at the club picnic in September.

SAVE THE DATE

OUR ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC
WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

AT SPENCER CREEK PARK
IN ST. PETERS. LOOK IN THE
SEPTEMBER ISSUE FOR A MAP
AND MORE DETAILS.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

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CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNTS

WOODCRAFT is offering all our members a 10% discount on purchases through the end of the year. You must request the discount prior to being rung up. Restrictions apply so ask a member of the Woodcraft staff for details.

CRAFT SUPPLY - For combined orders of \$1,000 or more you will receive free shipping and approximately a 10% discount.

GREEN END SEAL

All members of the St. Louis Woodturners have the good fortune to purchase end seal at a greatly reduced cost. Dave Endres has been gracious enough to store the clubs drum of end seal and sell to our members for only \$5 per gallon. To take advantage of this great opportunity please contact Dave. If you contact him by the Friday before a meeting he will bring the end seal to the meeting and collect your money. Otherwise you may make arrangements to pick it up from his business.

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INDIA...

YOU CAN FIND TURNERS ANYWHERE!

Gary Hinegardner recently went to India to visit a friend. While he was there he looked up a turners shop run by the government. Gary was fortunate enough to purchase some of their turnings as well some crude tools.



RAFFLE

Currently there are 2 raffle prizes available. **Blackwood** chances are \$1-(only a few remain) Our next raffle will be a large block of **Myrtle burl** chances are \$1.

In September we will have a turning tunic, quite a unique design. (If you watch *Binh Pho DVD* he is wearing one.) Please come to our next meeting for more details!

NEW LIBRARY

Our library will be reopened in August. Please take a look, we have many new additions including DVDs. For a sneak preview, see page 7 for list of companies who have donated to our library.

Remember the library will only be open to our club at regular scheduled meetings.

NEW OFFICERS

November will bring new officers to the St. Louis Woodturners. Start thinking about who will be the future leaders of the club, maybe you?

All ideas and nominations are welcome. Please bring them to the November meeting.

2006 COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

The next collaborative project will be held at Bill Farney's home and workshop. The first meeting will be Saturday, August 27th. During this meeting the group will propose and select an idea. The project will be brought and submitted to the AAW 2006 Symposium Collaborative Challenge held in Louisville, KY next June.

	Directions/Name	Distance	Leg Length	Leg Time	Course
1.	Gravois	0 ft			
2.	Get on Gravois Rd and drive west	0 ft	0 ft	0:00:00	0° true
3.	Keep right onto Hwy 30 W	115 ft	115 ft	0:00:03	254° true
4.	Turn left onto Osage Executive Ln	11.2 mi	11.2 mi	0:12:48	222° true
5.	Turn right onto White Oak Ln	11.2 mi	180 ft	0:00:18	136° true
6.	3911 Scarlet Oak	11.5 mi	0.2 mi	0:01:10	0° true





JULY DEMONSTRATION

GARY JOHNSON ON SEGMENTED TURNING

July's demonstration on segmented turning was presented by Gary Johnson.

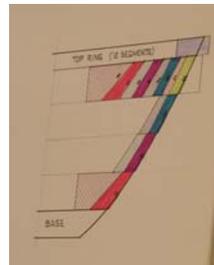
There are many types of segmented turnings that are popular today. Gary has found one style that he prefers and has stuck with it for years. He mostly makes what he calls basket bowls in mosaic patterns of Indian basket motifs. Gary's bowls are mostly 1/4" repeated pattern, stacked ring.

From the samples he brought you could see how meticulous you must be when constructing and turning segmented bowls.

Gary went through the process with us step by step explaining how careful planning could give you 2 bowls from one ring. (see diagram below)

When discussing form, Gary shared his opinion inspired from David Ellsworth...turned pieces should be visually appealing when viewed from both right-side up and upside down.

Gary's method was published in a step by step article in the Summer 1998 American Woodturner magazine. If you are interested in trying segmented turning this article would be invaluable.



Left: Shows the steps to make a segmented bowl

Left: Diagram showing how to cut and stack 2 bowls from one ring
 Right: Shows repeating pattern



JULY SHOW AND TELL



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THANK YOU!

We offer a very special thank you to the many companies who have contributed to our Club...and an even bigger thank you to Jo Williams for her countless hours of soliciting...

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A generous donation of Mini Woodturning Set.

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A wood block donation of Myrtle Burl. A very nice piece of wood currently on a raffle for only \$1.00 a chance still a few spots left
PLUS PLUS...The list of members names has been sent so be sure to tell them who you are and what club you belong too when you call and get that 10% discount off your purchase.(this company has great prices and good wood just ask some of members who shopped this booth in Kansas City.)

Best Wood Tools

1414 Milo Webb Dr.
Crossville, Tn 38572
931-788-0429
Sales@BestWoodTools.com
They donated a 6"Long T-Bar Tool Rest and the 5/8" Tool Post to go with it. This will fit the Jet Mini or the Delta Midi Lathes.

Choice Woods

Mr. Clay Johnson
451 Baxter Ave
Louisville, Ky 40204
502-587-0777
www.choice-woods.com
T-shirts for our door prizes we may just have another for the August meeting and September
PLUS PLUS..10% your orders you need to tell them who you are and what club you are with.

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

P.O.Box 3737
Hickory, NC 28603
800-228-0000
www.woodorkingshop.com
Strips of sandpaper (good stuff) we gave some away at the July meeting for doorprizes more to come at future meetings.....
Ask Joe Emons how much of this he bought at the show it will really surprise you..Joe do you think you can share any of that paper....4ozs a whole 50 cents ask Shirley why so much!

Lee Tree Woodworks

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Door prize donations

Unique Mesquite

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A spalted block of white oak this is going to be a door prize in November just in time to make a nice gift.

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Have you ever turned Black Plam? If you win this raffle you will be. If you are looking for unique nut or fossilized walrus teeth for miniatures or jewelry for turning, this is the place.

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I'm as tired now as I was acquiring all these great donations from the companies. Thanks to all of them for their support to our club. If anyone buys something from one or all of our sponsors be sure to thank them and to tell me.....great leverage for next year...by that time I will be rested up.

I may have two more donations but you will need to read upcoming newsletters to find out what they are. I don't have them yet but they are coming.....good stuff!

Also, we still have 4 openings for the Michael Bauermeister Demonstration Saturday, October 15 from 2-5pm.

John Buehrer promises this is worth going to but if you sign up you better attend or John is after you. (this is per John) So if you did sign up and can't go please let me know.

Jo Williams

DIRECTIONS TO THE NEW WOODCRAFT STORE

Join us for our next meeting August 28th at Woodcraft. From I-270, exit east on Page Ave (also known as Hwy D or Route 364). Stay to the right and follow the exit signs to Lackland Road. Turn right at the light onto Lackland Road. Turn left at the first street onto Congressional Drive. From Lackland, Woodcraft is the second business on the right side of Congressional.



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