



# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The new year. This is always a time to reflect on the past year and recognize our accomplishments. It is also a time to set goals for the new year before us. I have set many goals I hope to accomplish, both in my professional life as well as my personal life.

Our club has also set many goals for 2006 which will make our membership stronger and experiences richer. We would like to purchase a lathe and video equipment, and will be looking for ways to continue to raise money to do so. The specific type of lathe is still up for debate, but I believe owning a club lathe will allow us more flexibility with our demonstrations. Video equipment will give us all a better look at what's going on during the demonstrations.

Last year, in our efforts to raise money for these purchases we added a few raffles and pot shots which gave our members an opportunity to buy chances to win great pieces of wood and various tools. We will continue to offer raffles, as it has been very well received by our club.

Many members have expressed their interest in the opportunity to acquire turned objects made by other members. Any club member wishing to donate one of your pieces to be included in a raffle, please talk to Jo Williams. We hope to offer this in the next few months.

We already have two professional demonstrators set up for this year, look for the article about them within this newsletter. The first is Ray Key and should not be missed. Ray is one of the

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### NEXT MEETING

January 22, 2006 ~ 1-4pm  
Woodcraft

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premier turners in the world and will be sharing a wealth of information.

It is a great honor to have been elected to the position of president for the Woodturners of Saint Louis, I look forward to serving our members for the next two years. I hope that we continue to thrive as a group and continue to grow as time goes on.

*Matt Keim*

## DUES REMINDER

Just a reminder to all club members... It is that time of year again and your membership dues are due. For 2006, membership, dues will be \$30 per individual and \$40 for a family.

## BERNARD VOSS TRUNK SHOW AT CRAFT ALLIANCE

Bernard Voss was recently featured at Craft Alliance with a “Trunk Show.” Bernard normally sells his work through Craft Alliance as well as many other galleries, but a trunk show allows a buyer to see a larger variety of an artist’s work in one place at one time.

Bernard had many items for sale. You could see potential buyers everywhere touching, holding and contemplating his work. Many of the customers that day seemed to not be familiar with the turning process at all. I often saw Bernard explaining the process with such enthusiasm that the customers would become interested and continue to ask questions.

Many eyes were opened to the beautiful art of turning. Bernard turns a wide variety of items but is most noted for his off center lidded boxes.

As I spoke with Bernard that day, you could feel his excitement for woodturning. Bernard has a long history in woodworking and carpentry and has taught in the Fine Arts Program at University of Missouri Saint Louis since 1997.

Bernard turns mostly reclaimed local hard woods, trying to help direct the demand away from exotic hardwoods and appreciate and explore the beauty of our domestic timber. Most of his work is one of a kind and functional. His work can be seen at Craft Alliance in University City, Missouri.

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*Bernard shows one of his turnings to a customer.*

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## RAY KEY TO VISIT ST. LOUIS

The Saint Louis Woodturners are pleased to announce that Ray Key will be in Saint Louis for a demonstration and workshop this March.

Ray is one of the premier woodturners in the world and is internationally known for turning beautiful bowls and boxes.

Ray emphasizes his personal approach to turning wood focusing on elegant simplicity and purity of form. He has been turning wood for more than forty years and his making, teaching and demonstration skills are known worldwide.

After leaving St. Louis Ray will be teaching two week long courses at Arrowmont.

*March 26-April 1: Objects of Pure Form*

*April 2-8: Woodturning: Aim High & Go Beyond*

See their website, [www.arrowmont.org](http://www.arrowmont.org) for more details.

The members and friends of The Saint Louis Woodturners have the unique opportunity to attend an all day demonstration and/or an all day hands on workshop with Ray.

The demonstration, held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, is \$30 per person for members, and \$40 per person for non-members. Non-members may join

the Saint Louis Woodturners prior to March 18<sup>th</sup> to receive the member rate.

In addition to the demonstration, there will be two hands on workshops, held on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The workshops will be limited to 6 students per day and will

cost \$90 per person. If requests to attend the workshop exceed limits, a lottery system will be used to determine who will attend the workshops. All names turned in by February 5 will be entered in the lottery. Please specify which date or dates you are interested in. If a lottery is not necessary all interested will be able to attend the workshop and remaining slots will

be awarded on a first come first serve basis.

Lunch will not be provided for these sessions. It is recommended that you bring your lunch in order to maximize your time with Ray. Water and coffee will be provided.

Don't miss this opportunity, as Ray is only in the United States a few times a year.

Please call Jo Williams at (636) 375-0022 to make your reservation for the demonstration and/or the workshop. All checks must be received by February 28<sup>th</sup>.



## NOVEMBER'S WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

Our November meeting was held at club member Tom Tyler's company office. Tom offered to host the meeting to give us all a chance to view his wonderful



collection of woodturnings and wood art. Tom's collection was truly a highlight of the afternoon. Tom has been a collector for many years and has amassed a collection that is very impressive. There is no doubt that some of his pieces will some day show up in a museum. Tom took us on a tour explaining the origin of many of the pieces. It was hard to select a favorite as so many were so perfectly executed.

It was neat to see so many pieces that you had only previously seen in magazines and books. Tom allowed you to hold and touch most of the pieces which gave us an opportunity to really study them. There wasn't a turner present who did not walk away truly amazed and inspired.

Another highlight was the ornament exchange. We had 14 participants this year, more than double than last year, and each went home with a beautiful ornament. There was a large range of ornament styles from snowmen, to icicles, to hollow globes. In addition, many turners brought items for show and tell, some of which are featured on page 7, and some were even turned from wood picked up at the annual picnic wood swap.

We also held our officers elections and elected yet another group of enthusiastic members to serve our club. Matt Keim was elected to the position of president, Mike Marxer vice president, Dixie Smith treasurer and Jo Williams secretary. Be sure to congratulate your



*14 members participated in this year's ornament exchange.*



*Members show off their ornaments after the exchange.*



*Show-n-tell pieces from November's meeting.*

new officers, and offer them your assistance, if so inclined.

This year's wine social offered a lot to our members... great food, inspiration,

and the door prizes weren't bad either. We will all look forward to the next social.

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## NOVEMBER SHOW-N-TELL



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION --WOOD TURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

\$30 Individual Membership • \$40 Family Membership

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this application along with your check for one-year's dues to:

**Woodturners of St. Louis**  
**2420 Cypress**  
**St. Charles, MO 53301**

or, bring it to the next Meeting.

## WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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### CALENDAR

**January 22, 1-4pm**

Regular Meeting at Woodcraft.  
John Buhner will demonstrate  
making scoops.

**February 26, 1-4pm**

Regular Meeting at Woodcraft  
Challenge = Make a scoop!

**March 18-20**

Ray Key Demonstrations and  
Workshops