

# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

October 2008

## NEW!

### Pre-meeting Workshop At October Meeting

Basics on turning 2 different  
Christmas Tree ornaments

11am-1pm

At  
Woodcraft

## Next Meeting

### In the Beginning There Was a Chainsaw

How to use a chainsaw to get the  
turning you want

October 26, 2008

1-4 pm

at

**Woodcraft**

2077 Congressional Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63146

## Up-Coming Programs

November

Wine and Cheese Social  
Auction

December

No Meeting

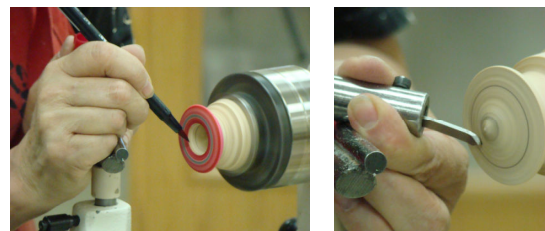
## Bonnie Klein Events a Huge Success



The Bonnie Klein workshops began with Tuesday's "Basic Woodturning" (pictured above). It was aimed at the beginner with the added bonus of helping others learn to teach novices. It was a resounding success with ten turners and four observers. The workshop focused primarily on spindle techniques (beads and coves) shaping and sharpening of the spindle gouge along with a few tidbits on other tools and suggested grinding angles. Thomas Simon reports on what he took away from this class: "Bonnie recommended grinding with a 100 grit wheel while wearing a visor (Continued on page 2)



Bruce Fink and Arnie Huglemann, above, intently observe Bonnie Klein's demonstration during the "Turning Boxes with Threaded Lids" class.



Above, left, Bonnie demonstrates the application of color using felt tip markers. On the right, she shows the use of a chatter tool and the position she describes as being at "7:30."

Bonnie reminded everyone of the ABCs of woodturning: Anchor; Bevel; Cut. Anchor the tool on the tool rest; align the bevel of the tool with the wood; cut. Thanks Bonnie!



with magnifying lens to see what's happening at the edge of the tool. I learned that facets are not really a problem."

"Bonnie uses inexpensive glue blocks assembled with a common 1x8 thread nyloc nut, epoxy and scrap wood drilled to fit with a 1-5/8 inch hole. Two projects were demonstrated and practiced. We made a top decorated with chatter-tool accents that she also uses on lidded vessels. I was finally able to understand how to use that tool fairly efficiently. The second project was a kit-less pen, shaped and colored like a carrot using a Bic refill as the cartridge. This piece allowed a lot of room for imperfections/*artist's interpretation*. The day closed with a brief demo of the thread-cutting jig that she manufactures and uses, available at her web site:

bonnieklein.com. For me, it was well worth taking a day off from work to attend and participate. Wish I could have been there for the 2-day class, too!!"

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Bonnie Klein showed some of her Lucite threaded boxes, above, and spin top boxes, right, at the Meet Bonnie dinner.

## Don't Miss the October Meeting

Dan Schmoker and Gary Hinegardner are conjuring up a great program on the chainsaw and how it relates to woodturning, including operation, chain types, sharpening, maintenance, safety and how to use a chainsaw to get the turning you want from a log. For hands-on learning bring your chainsaw, file and filing guide, if you have one.

## Announcements

The mentoring program will be kicked off on Sunday. So, come prepared to volunteer as a mentor or sign-up as a mentee.

## Elections in November

It's not only the national election in November, it's also our club's election. All offices, with the exception of President, are open for



## From the editors:

We speak for the entire club in thanking the following members for their time, expertise, and/or money. Thank you, thank you, thank you Dean Larson, Lloyd Richardson, Steve White and Mike Marxer.

September was a busy month for our club with the workshops and the picnic. We hope that most of you were able to get together with other turners some time during the month. That's what the club is all about, sharing your art and expertise with others of similar interests.

Thomas Simon

Katy Hinegardner





Elaine Navarro, above, enjoying the creative process.

## Family Picnic Fun



Once again we thank Ray and Cheryl Koeneman for all their efforts providing necessities for our annual picnic. Among the fun was a collaborative “contest” that resulted in the creation of these two delightfully silly characters formed from scraps and left-overs, shown above.

## More on the Klein Events

On Tuesday evening, September 23rd, club members and their guests crowded into a small meeting room at the Miller’s Crossing Restaurant for a delicious dinner and an opportunity to meet Bonnie Klein. Everyone enjoyed viewing both her presentation and the slide show of pieces by our members. Mike Marxer did a beautiful job of photographing and then presenting the images for all to see.

Bonnie’s presentation included a view of her life, including her workshop, home and extremely friendly raccoons. She shared photos of her work, such as: the magnificent spin top boxes carved and decorated by Jacques Vesery, threaded lid boxes using Lucite, bone and wood; tops of all sizes. She displayed beautiful pieces decorated with chatter work, bright colors applied with felt tip pens and her current favorite technique, carving rosettes and other geometric shapes inside and out of her small boxes using a Rose engine. A good time was had by all 22 people attending. Dave Endres suggested we make it a club tradition to have a dinner in conjunction with special event workshops. In that way, those who cannot take off from their day jobs will be able to participate.

The 2-day workshop was attended by 7 turners and was described by member, Bruce Fink as follows: “It was great. Bonnie is a wonderful teacher, very patient and able to understand the learner’s perspective.

She was able to breakdown processes into little steps so that I really understood. Her teaching went beyond modeling to actual hand-over-hand demonstration so I could feel the techniques she described. There was plenty of one-on-one teaching time, answering all of my questions. She showed us how to sharpen tools, explained the growth of the tree rings and how to support the fibers while turning the inside of a small box and much more.” Bruce lives in Collinsville, IL where he teaches microbiology and biology at Kaskaskia College. He stated that he appreciated Bonnie’s teaching skill, being a teacher himself.

## Library Notes

The club Librarian, Rich Hinkebein, reported at the last Board Meeting that the library of books and videos is being actively used by numerous club members. The club owns 73 VHS tapes and 75 DVDs. Currently, 32 videos are checked out. The DVDs are decidedly more popular than the VHS. Rich encourages everyone to check out what is available and reminds borrowers to please return items at the next meeting so that others might enjoy them, as well.

### Reminder:

Update your contact information on the spread sheet that will be circulated at the next meeting. Or send corrected info to [katy@hinegardner.org](mailto:katy@hinegardner.org).

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Bring this application to the next meeting along with your check for \$30 (individual membership) or \$45 (family membership) for one year's dues. Or mail to:

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1pm  
At Woodcraft

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**Christmas Tree**  
**Ornaments**  
**10am**

