

# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

December 2008

## Happy Holidays



### Holiday Festivities Enjoyed by All

The November meeting provided an opportunity to eat and be merry with members, spouses and friends. There was a full spread of delicious goodies, tasty wines and numerous smiling faces. A brief business meeting was held and the annual ornament exchange took place. (continued on page 3. See *Festivities*)

#### Next Meeting

**Surface Treatment  
by Matt Keim**

**January 25, 2008, 1pm**  
**Pre-meeting at 11am**

At

**Woodcraft**

2077 Congressional Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146



#### Upcoming Meetings

February 22  
Bowls

March 29  
No Meeting Nick Cook Weekend

April 26  
Candlesticks

May 17  
Build a Tool



## Board Members Generate Host of Ideas For Coming Year

Past president Matt Keim will demonstrate some texturing techniques for the January meeting. We are proud to announce the he has joined the ranks of professional woodturning demonstrators and is being sought after by clubs from other states. (Way to go, Matt!) An instant gallery will be the method of sharing your work on that day. So bring an item or two to show off. For February, an as yet unspecified demonstration will be “about bowls” and there will be a “Show and Tell.” In March, Nick Cook will be coming for three days of demonstrations and hand-on classes. The first day, Saturday, March 28th, will be a demonstration at Kirkwood High School followed by 2 days of hands-on classes with location to be announced. The cost for these events will be economically priced. This 3-day workshop will be en lieu of a meeting. April will bring candlestick making and May will be about building tools. The May meeting, by the way, will be the 17th instead of the 24th so as to avoid the Memorial Day weekend. The remainder of the year will cover topics such as color, commercial turning and ornaments. None of this is in stone and can be changed to accommodate the needs of the members. So, speak to your board members/officers and make your wishes be known. That is the only way to get what you need out of your club. Officers’ names, email addresses and phone numbers can be found in the box directly below this article.

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## Turning into a Club

### From Woodturners of St. Louis Newsletter, April 2000

“In August 1986, Dave Skinner, one of the AAW founding members, addressed the St. Louis Woodworkers’ Guild at one of their meetings. Ken Schaefer contacted those showing interest in turning and the other local AAW members, saying there were sufficient Woodturners to warrant having one meeting a year (one a year?!).

“In May 1987, Ken organized a gathering at the Woodsmith store to see a Richard Raffan video and share some of their work. Later that year he corresponded with the AAW to get suggestions on programs and by-laws. In January 1988, he invited seventeen into his home to watch Dave Skinner demonstrate turning. Five attended. Those five learned, shared ideas and realized the benefits of getting together. In February, Ken tried again, this time inviting eighteen to Dave’s home. Six attended.

“In March 1988, he put the formation of a local chapter on the line, sending out letters, requesting a response. The results were disappointing. There were three interested responses. Starting in 1991, Ken Schaefer, Fletcher Hartline, Dave Skinner and Bob Schmitz held fourteen monthly woodturning sessions on Sunday afternoons at Woodcraft.

(continued) Those guys were dedicated. The shavings were flying and interest was growing.

“In December 1992, Ken arranged for Dave Hout to come demonstrate.  
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## From the editors:

We hope your holiday is  
filled with loved ones,  
laughter and good will.

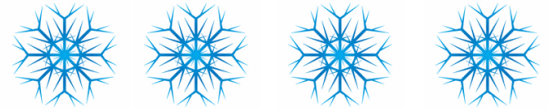
Thomas Simon    Katy Hinegardner





(Festivities) All officers were re-elected for another year with the exception of Dave who is serving the second year of a 2-year term as president.

Dave Endres and Gary Hinegardner acted as auctioneers for the first-time event of a money raising auction. The items auctioned off were the collaborative bowl by Kyle Feldmann and Dave Endres, and donated pieces by Joe Emons, Gary Johnson and Matt Keim. Kyle bought the collaborative bowl. Katy Hinegardner bought Joe Emons' piece made of Goncalo Alves. Bill Farney out bid everyone on Gary Johnson's segmented turning of Alowood and Paco Navarro walked away with Matt Keim's natural edged bowl of Red Maple. Last minute additions to the auction included a blank purchased by Charlie Sapp and a Cherry bowl by Gary Hinegardner that Elaine Navarro procured. The auction garnered a total of \$735.01. Regardless of how much money came in as a result of the auction, it was a lot of fun. It was also a delight to see the turned goblets and plates a few members brought to eat and drink from. John Buehrer, above, made a plate with carved fingers to hold his goblet. You have an entire year now to turn your own plate, bowl or goblet for next year's festivities.



(Turning) In January 1993, the group decided to form a chapter of AAW and the club has grown and flourished ever since.

"Beginning in September 1995, the club sponsored the Joy of Turning symposiums that have included demonstrations by the world's best turners: Alan Lacer, Bonnie Klein, Clay Foster, J. Paul Fennel, David Ellsworth, Alan Stirt, Todd Hoyer, Leonard Hartline, John Jordan, Betty Scarpino, Michael Hosaluk, Johannes Michelsen, David Hout, Ray Key and Craig Lossing."

This article was written, probably by Gary Johnson but he was not sure. Gary has served this club as VP, twice, President and newsletter editor. Thank you, Gary. Those who have served as president of your club are the following, in chronological order: Kenneth Schaefer, David Skinner, Gary Johnson, Dave Wahl, Fletcher Hartline, John Buehrer, Bill Rubenstein, Mario Vitale, Mike Marxer, Matt Keim and currently, Dave Endres. If anyone has been left out, we do apologize. But we thought this information might be of interest to current members.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**The Woodturners of St. Louis extend a warm welcome to our newest members:**

**John and Mary Makuta, Ballwin, MO**

**Terry Hartman, Hillsboro, MO**

**Jerry and Judia Goodson, House Springs, MO**

## **Library Notes**

The newest acquisitions for our library are:

*Woodturning, A Foundation Course* by Keith Rowley

*Classic Woodturning Projects* by Bonnie Klein

*Woodturning—Projects to Practice and Inspire / Techniques to Adapt to Suit Your Own Design* (two books in one) by Phil Irons

**Remember, you can return you library items to the Woodcraft cashier during business hours every day.**

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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St. Louis, MO 63141

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Applications for membership in the American Association of Woodturners are available at each chapter meeting.

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**Next Meeting:**

**January 25, 2008**

**Pre-meeting**

**Impromptu Demonstration 11am**

**Regular Meeting 1pm**

**At Woodcraft**

**It's a new year.  
Remember to pay your  
dues!**

