



# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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## July Demo – Duck Call by Bob Espy

Bob Espy gave us a demonstration on turning a duck call at the July meeting. Bob likes to use Osage Orange, Bacote, or Cocobolo for his calls. To minimize distortion in the wood he only turns wood when it reaches a moisture content of about 5% and typically uses a moisture meter to check the blank before turning. Bob's calls are recognized for the extra steps he takes to provide the quality expected by those who purchase his turnings. E.G., he pins the ferrule with 1/16" rods; bucking the pin on the inside and then filing them flush (almost invisible) while turning on the lathe and two lanyards. CA glue is used for the finish. Four coats are applied to the end and 12 coats are applied to the body of the call. Each coat is wet sanded for a super smooth finish. The duck call is then buffed out with the Beal system. Bob likes to use Echo inserts and NCF accelerant for the superglue. He feels the NCF aerosol sets the CA glue without giving the white bubbles you can get with a pump sprayer of accelerant.

Thanks also to Dave Endres for assisting Bob during the demo with side commentary.

## July Pre-Meeting – Lathe Discussions

Thanks to the club members that provided information about their lathes and answered questions from members during the pre-meeting. Powermatic, VicMarc, Robust, Stubby, Jet, Nova, and others were reviewed. Dave Endres tried to convince us that no matter what lathe you purchase it will only cost you \$500; so buy the best you can. Dave's premise is that the value will appreciate over time and you can always sell it for within \$500 of what you originally paid for it.

## August 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Woodcraft:

Pre-Meeting at 11am with demo on sanding by Walt Ahlgrim

Meeting at 1pm with demo on turning spheres by Jon Spelbring & Bob Espy

**AAW News:** Remember to vote for your 2013 **AAW Board of Directors**. You can vote online at:  
[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

## Upcoming Events:

### Calendar of Events

26 August 2012	Meeting at Woodcraft	Pre meeting: Sanding/Walt Ahlgrim Meeting: Turning Spheres/Jon Spelbring & Bob Espy
23 September 2012	No meeting; annual picnic at Spencer Creek Park.	See the newsletter article for more information.
13 October 2012 14/15 October 2012	Trent Bosch demonstration T. Bosch hands on turning	Time, Cost, & Location TBD, Learn more about Trent at his web site: <a href="http://www.trentbosch.com/portfolio">http://www.trentbosch.com/portfolio</a>
28 October	Meeting at Woodcraft	Pre meeting: TBD Meeting demo: Christmas ornaments
25 November 2012	Meeting at Woodcraft	Election of Club Board Members, ornament exchange, followed by wine and cheese social (members, spouses, and significant others invited) & web photo shoot. See newsletter articles for more info.

### Annual Picnic 23 Sept at Spencer Creek Park in St. Peters, MO

Members, their spouses, significant others, and family are invited to attend the club picnic on 23 September at Spencer Creek Park; 200 Sutters Mill Road in St. Peters. The Club will provide brats and hamburgers along with paper products and plastic ware. Members are asked to bring a side dish to share and whatever they would like to drink. Lunch will start at 1PM. Games will follow in the afternoon.

Rumor has it that there will be a bocce ball competition. Members that would like to enter the bocce ball competition must turn their own bocce ball. Rules for the game can be found at: <http://backyardbrigade.com/guide/bocce/115>. However, rules are subject to change based on input from our board members.

**Annual Election of Board Members:** The annual election will be held at the regular November meeting. The position of vice president, secretary, and treasurer will be up for election; Jon will be serving the second of his two year elected term. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Club President. Dan has indicated that he is willing to serve another term as VP. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

## Library News – Rich Hinkebein

New material:

August issue of American Woodturner magazine

- Turning Bowls DVD by Richard Raffan
- Elliptical Turning – an Introduction by David Springett

Let Rich know if you have a particular author or subject of interest. A complete list of library material is posted on the club website: [www.stlturners.org](http://www.stlturners.org).

**Photo shoot for club web site:** A professional photographer will be at the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to take pictures of your work for the club web site. To encourage members to populate the site, the Club will pay for one picture of your work that will be displayed on the site along with your name and link to your own site, if you choose. If you would like to have the site designer create a web page for you that is linked to the club's, the charge is \$25 and you would have to supply the digital pictures. If you need digital pictures of your work for your web page, the photographer will take up to five shots of your items for \$22. This would also include providing you with a CD of the shots in both a high and low resolution format. Plan on bringing the items you would like to have photographed to the Nov 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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## July Show & Tell



Chris Weiler / Weed Pot



Bob Espy / Powder horn (the horn is real, the end caps were turned and then leather dye used for staining it black).



Dan Burlison / Decorated hollow vessels





Dan Schmoker /Butternut bowls



Charles Sapp / Rings



Unique design for a steady rest used for turning long, thin finials.