

WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Sept Picnic •



The annual club picnic was a great success with over 50 members and family attending. A special thanks go to Ray and Cheryl for making the arrangements, providing the table decorations, and fixing the coffee. Thanks also to Gary and Katie for bringing the brats and doing the cooking. And thanks to all the members and their families that attended and brought that great food.



Figure 1 Ray Koeneman going for distance with an overhand throw.

The bocce competition was held while the brats were cooking. Chris won the completion for turning his bocce ball closest to the official diameter of 107mm. His came in at 108mm – well done Chris. Attention then turned to the actual bocce ball rolling.

Competition was tough as you can see in the picture, but after a couple of extra roll offs, Walt's wife, Jenne, was declared the winner.

The critter design competition always brings out the artsy side of our members and their families. Several members formed teams to create their works of "art" while others worked alone. After all the hot glue was used up and completion was closed, the attendees voted on the best creation. Congratulations to Claire Andracsek on winning the People's Choice Award. More pictures from the event are at the end of the newsletter.

Oct Meeting • Both the pre-meeting and meeting demonstrations will focus on turning Christmas ornaments. The pre-meeting will be on more basic designs and then the meeting demo will get into more complex ones. This will be an opportunity to get inspiration for turning an ornament for the club exchange at the November meeting. At the exchange in November you bring an ornament you have made and enter it into a drawing to win one made by another club member.



Figure 2 James Otto throwing; Walt on deck.



Figure 3 And the winner is Walt's wife, Jenne.



Figure 4 Claire her winning entry.

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.

President's Spin > Jon Spelbring ● Well, after the long hot summer fall is finally here. For me, as a turner, that means falling leaves, crisp morning air, and that it's time to tune up my chainsaw. I'm kind of developing a system - fall is for getting the shop in order, early winter is for gathering logs and other tree parts to cut up into bowl blanks. Winter is the time of roughing - bowls, that is. So, off to my local Stihl dealer I go.

But first, let's take a look at what's happening with the club. We've got a demo coming up with Trent Bosch. Walt tells me that we're still in need of more participation on the demo. Come on folks! Even the most seasoned turner can learn new things. The demo is Oct 13. Contact Walt to sign up. Hope to see you there.

It's also that time of year when we get to do some socializing. We've just had our annual picnic (which I think went pretty well - even if I am a terrible auctioneer). As a side note, Ray is stepping down as the main picnic coordinator. He and Cheryl deserve a big "Thanks!" from the club for setting things up these past many years. Ray will still reserve the pavilion, but taking up the responsibilities for the rest will be my wife, Laura.

Next up on the social calendar is the wine and cheese (and photos) social. Of course, before we indulge in the fruit of the vine, we will need to take care of business. That means elections. I'm sticking around for another year, but there are other positions that are up for grabs. If you are interested, please contact me or one of the other officers - or just have someone call out your nomination at the meeting.

Speaking of social, the club has a new Facebook page. It's just a quick way to put out information about the club, events, and members. So, if you're on Facebook, just click on the "Like" button on the page, and you'll receive updates. Our Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Woodturners-of-st-Louis/292734664135601>

One last thing in closing. We have our October meeting coming up soon - and we need demonstrators! My idea was to have a couple of people show simple ornaments for the pre-meeting and have 2-3 more show more complex ornaments for the main meeting demo. I know we have many turners who know how to make both simple and complex ornaments. If you would be willing to share that knowledge, please drop me a note - at present, nobody has signed up for either session. Remember, November is also the ornament exchange.

-Jon

Up Coming NL articles● Next month we'll have information on the turning demo by JoHannes Michaelsen where he turned a large thin walled vessel from a white oak crotch – beautiful wood rays through the entire piece. We will also have a article on “turning tips”. If you have one to share with the club members please send it to me for future issues.

Library News > Rich Hinkebein ●

New material this month:

DVD by Malcolm Tibbetts - "Lessons in Segmented Woodturning, Vol. 7 Jewelry" and 4 DVDs by Tim Yoder – "Holiday Turning", "Christmas Tree Topper 3 in 1 Project", "Definitive Guide", and "Get Turning".

Also, the person who answered the phone at the AAW office told me that they are no longer producing the set of DVD's from the annual symposiums.

Reminder that many of our VHS tapes are stored at my home due to space limitations in the library cabinet and they are available upon request to me in advance of the monthly meetings. A complete list of these tapes is available on our website or I bring a hardcopy with me to the meetings. The entire library list complete with new additions will be on our website after our final purchase this year, probably in October.

Our library is only open on Sunday at our club meetings and is open to all our members for checking out books, videos, and dvd's. We have an extensive collection for borrowing. It is a great source of inspiration and knowledge. Please take advantage of this wonderful club benefit. 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.

Best of Missouri Featured Artist ● Congratulations to our Club Vice President, Dan Burleson, on becoming a newly juried member of The Best of Missouri Hands (BOMH). BOMH started in 1989 as an



organization composed of only Missouri artists and dedicated to the development and recognition of Missouri's arts and artisans through education, interaction, and encouragement. Dan was recently the featured artist. You can read the write up at: <http://intouch.bomh.org/> and click on Featured Artist from the list on the right side.

Dan's work can also be seen at his web site: <http://dbwoodturning.com>. (Editor's note, Cecil Robertson, a member of our club is also a juried member of BOMH.)

Photo shoot for club web site ● A professional photographer will be at the November 25th meeting to take pictures of your work for the club web site. So be sure to bring your work to the meeting. The Club will pay for one picture to be used on the web site. See the August newsletter for more details and options for additional pictures.



New Member ● Please join me in welcoming our new member:

Mike Strang

Lebanon, IL

Trent Bosch Demonstration and Hands-On Turning • On Saturday October 13th the WTSTL will host special guest Demonstrator - Trent Bosch. Trent is an exciting and personable young woodturner and this is an event you won't want to miss. During the demonstration he will demonstrate the techniques and styles that have made his works among the most avidly sought for collections around the world. Cost for the demonstration is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Lunch will be available for \$10 extra per person.

On the following Sunday and Monday, October 14th and 15th, Trent will conduct hands-on training at Dave Endres' studio to provide turners an opportunity to learn and utilize the techniques demonstrated on Saturday. The cost of the hands-on is \$100. **Only a few slots are still available.** Maps and application forms for the demo and hands-on are provided in the August newsletter. Contact Walt Ahlgrim for details.

Upcoming Events:

Calendar of Events		
13 October 2012 14/15 October 2012	Trent Bosch demonstration T. Bosch hands on turning	Demo Oct 13, 9am; Kirkwood High School \$40 members/\$45 non members. Hands-On Oct 14 & 15, 9am; Dave Endres' shop, \$100/day. Trent's web site is: http://www.trentbosch.com/portfolio
28 October 2012	Meeting at Woodcraft	Pre meeting: Christmas ornaments 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.
December 2012	NO meeting	Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Emerald ash bore • Millions of native ash trees will be killed by a tiny, metallic green beetle, the emerald ash borer (EAB). To understand your options to treat your ash trees learn more about the destructive EAB - talk to club member, Dan Schmoker; contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum; or go to their web site:

www.mortonarb.org/plantadvice.



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and “Like” the page (click on the “Like” icon). Then, when the Club posts new information, e.g. seminars, demos, reminders,... that information will appear on your Facebook page. You can also post comments back to the club on the above site but be aware that “your Facebook friends” will also see those comments. The primary purpose of the site is for the Club to be able to push information out to its members. Please give it a try and let Jon or Charlie know of any problems or suggestions. Thanks for your time and consideration of this new approach to keeping our members informed.

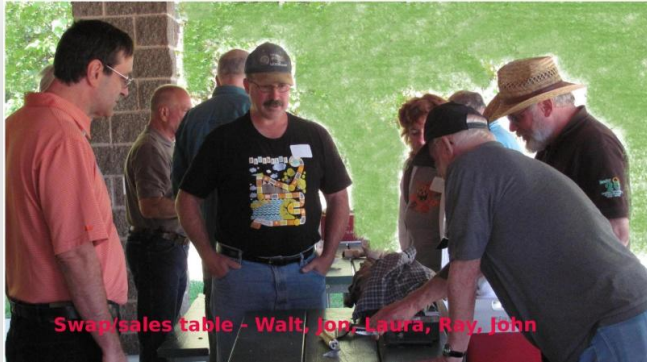
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September Show & Tell





Lots of great food.



Swamp sales table - Walt, Jon, Laura, Ray, John



Bocce throwing stopped quickly when Gary said the brats were ready.



Big B's critter.



Bob is working on his critter while Ron is worried that Claire will win and he'll have to figure where to put her creation



Critter building material



Critter building with Bill and Chris.



James, Jon - checking turnings for official dimensions

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Join the Woodturners of St. Louis: If you like turning wood, making things on your lathe and want to learn more about woodturning then join the Woodturners of St. Louis. Learn and share ideas with like-minded Woodturners of St. Louis. Our chapter normally meets from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm on the fourth Sunday of every month at Woodcraft Supply; 2077 Congressional Drive (Westport area), St. Louis, MO 63146.

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