

# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

**Annual Election of Board Members** • The annual election was held at the regular November meeting. The position of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer were up for election. Nominations were opened to the floor, Bob Goulding was nominated for President; James Payne was nominated for Vice President; Charles Sapp was nominated for another term as Secretary, and Walt Ahlgrim was nominated for another term as Treasurer. There were no other nominations and candidates were elected by acclamation. James Payne will continue to also serve as Conference Administrator and Rich Hinkebein as club Librarian. Thanks everyone!

**Ornament exchange** • A highlight of the November meeting was the ornament exchange. We had eight participants this year and each went home with a beautiful ornament. There was a large range of ornament styles from snowmen, to turnings with relief carving, to sea urchins. Rick Madden is shown in the picture with the ornament that Michael Blankenship turned. Additional pictures of the ornaments in the exchange are included in the Show & Share section.



**November Wine & Cheese Social** • The November meeting provided an opportunity to eat and be merry with members, spouses and friends. There was a full spread of cheese, cakes, breads, sausages, and tasty wines.



## Library News > Rich Hinkebein● Last month the following items were added:



- A book-"Modified slim line pens" by Don Ward. He gives many creative ideas on using the basic slim line pen kit and some unusual accent pieces.
- A DVD "Turning Halloween Ornaments- by David Best. This DVD has good ideas on how to do something more unusual but his techniques can also apply to other projects.
- Woodturning Design Magazine – This issue includes articles on ornament projects and one on using decorative metals.

Due to space limitations as the library expands, all VHS tapes have been put into storage at my home and are available upon request. They will still be listed in the library index which is available on the [club website](#).

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.

When checking out material, sign/date the card and put it BEHIND the letter of your last name in the box. When you return material make sure you put the card back in the item and that the card goes with that item. Watch that you do not put multiple cards in one item. And please sign legibly so you can be tracked down if something is amiss.

Our library is a great source of inspiration and knowledge. Please take advantage of this wonderful club benefit.

**Tip of the Month>** Have you ever extended your tail stock quill and then not been able to retract it? It may be that the locking cam has moved out of alignment with the quill. Try to extend the quill just a little and the locking cam will release and you can pull it out and realign it. — Charles Sapp / Nova Tech Support

## Club News>

**Collaborative●** The AAW sponsors a competition for clubs to turn a collaborative. What is a collaborative? It is a project that is completed by as many club members as possible, with a minimum of six participants working as a team. All team members must belong to the AAW. There are size restrictions on the project but the work can be any turned object, functional or not. Pieces are judged in three categories: artistic, mechanical/technical, and fantasy. Rules are provided on the [AAW site](#). Judging will take place at the AAW's 28 international symposium in Phoenix, AZ June 13-15, 2014. All levels of turning will be involved – novice to experienced. Contact Jon Spelbring or Bill Farny if you have questions or would like to be a part of this project.

**Web site●** We have made some changes to the site based on your feedback. A "Gallery" page has been added and it will be populated with pictures of your work from the newsletter. If you have additional pictures that you would like posted, send them to the Newsletter Editor, Charles Sapp. We also plan to use pictures from the President's challenge on the front page slide show so that new turnings will be featured each month. Check out the site and give us your feedback on future improvements that you would like to see.

If you would like your work featured on the front page, just send Jon a note, along with 4 pictures that are composed, lit, and have a neutral background - 640x480 pixels. If you are a club member and registered on the site you can load pictures to your profile at any time.

We had to remove the open registration on the site because we were getting several thousand spam requests each month. If you are a club member and would like to register so that you have access to "member only"

information, send an email to [Jon Spelbring](#) or [Brandon Harris](#). If they do not respond within 48 hours, please contact them again via email.

**Membership dues are due**• Dues for 2014 become payable at the end of December (but you can always pay ahead of time and beat the rush). An [application](#) is available on the club web site. Dues are \$30 individual; \$40 family. If you are renewing, you don't need to complete a new application just pay your dues to Walt and make sure that the [contact information](#) we have on file is correct.



Membership provides many benefits. In addition to our newsletter, you will have insurance coverage while demonstrating at club functions and meetings, access to a wealth of books, tapes, disks, and magazines in our library, and access to our web site "member only" information.

**President's Spin**• The final chapter. Well, it's the final chapter for me. First, I'd like to say Thank You to:



- Dan Burleson. Dan matched me for time in office, doing a double stint as VP. He was there to step in when I couldn't be there, and provided us with several excellent demos!
- Charlie Sapp. This is the hardest working man in show business... wait, strike that, make that 'Woodturners of St. Louis'. He's done a fantastic job on the newsletter (including prodding yours truly for articles as necessary). He's done a bulk of the photography and still found time to act as our Secretary!
- Walt Ahlgrim. Da Man wit' da money. I honestly don't know how long he's been Treasurer - I think at least a US president or two ago. Walt has managed the money, dues, and basically kept most of the gory details safely out of my reach.
- James Payne. James volunteered to take over the events coordinator position from Dave Endres. Big shoes to fill (just kidding, Dave), but he's managed it. There's a lot more to it than "hey, wanna do a demo?". He handled the reservations, transportation (of both people and equipment), and made sure that the demos ran smoothly.
- Rich Hinkebein. This man has built what I believe to be the best library of any AAW chapter. He has organized and provided us with the best resource I can think of for woodturners from novice to expert.
- Dave Endres. While not an officer, and no longer holding the Coordinator title, Dave has continued to work very hard for the club, whether it was doing a short notice demo, passing on his coordinator knowledge to James, or even pulling a surprise rabbit out of his hat - snagging Nick Agar as a demonstrator. Thanks Dave!
- My boss.. err. wife, Laura. She stepped in to coordinate some of my harebrained ideas (Challenge), and is the one responsible for cookies and coffee being available at the meetings. She also stepped up to organize the annual picnic and encouraged (hounded?) the members to turn some beautiful vases for our table centerpieces. Who knows, maybe next year someone will convince her to run for office!
- Lastly, and definitely NOT least (is that a word?), the members. You've supported me, made suggestions, and brought in some truly excellent pieces for show and tell. A special thank you to those who also stepped up to do pre-meeting talks and demos. It made my job much easier!

This was my first time holding any kind of office in any club (or country, for that matter). It was a learning experience for me - and I mean that in a good way. Before I took office, I don't think I had volunteered for any demos. Why? Oh, fear mostly. Fear of not being good enough to hold the members interest. Fear of fumbling and making mistakes in front of an audience. Guess what? I think that may be my strength :). Seriously though, I did make mistakes, but everyone was supportive. No torches, no pitch forks. For you



members who are reading this, doing a demo is not a thing to be feared. It's a great way to contribute to the club, and it's an excellent learning experience. Yes, you are "teaching" during a demo, but in my opinion, you learn as much as you teach. If you REALLY want to learn a project or technique, try teaching or demoing it.

Looking back on the last two years, I've learned more than I had in the four or so years I'd been turning. Thank you all for the opportunity, and for supporting me. I hope that you show the same kindness and understanding to our new president, Bob Goulding.

Now that I'm a civilian again, I will continue to be the primary person to keep our website updated, and who knows, maybe I'll even do another demo (eventually). – Jon

### [Collinsville Woodworking Show](#)> **Volunteers needed for**



**demonstration booth**• The club has reserved a woodturning demonstration booth at the Collinsville woodworking show on February 7-9, 2014. [Jon Spelbring](#) will be contacting members to volunteer (or email him if you are ready to volunteer) and we'll have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for filling last minute slots. You can sign up for a 2 hour shift on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. A mini lathe will be provided; bring your tools and project (bowls, tops, spindles,...) to work on during your shift. In the past, volunteers received a ticket for free admission to the show. We have not heard the policy for this year.

**Attendance/Treasurers Report**• We had several members and guests at the November meeting but a head count was not taken. A summary of how your dues and other club income for 2013 were spent is provided in the Treasurer's report in this newsletter. Contact Walt if you have any questions.



Treasurers Report November 2013	
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
Uncategorized	0.00
Auctions	
2013	15.00
TOTAL Auctions	15.00
Demonstrations	
Carter	
demo	200.00
Lunch	-14.65
Workshop	-200.00
TOTAL Carter	-14.65
TOTAL Demonstrations	-14.65
Drawings	
Ticket Sales	50.00
TOTAL Drawings	50.00
End Sealer	
End Sealer Sales	255.00
TOTAL End Sealer	255.00
Members Dues	
2013	2,505.00
2014	660.00
2015	30.00
TOTAL Members Dues	3,195.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>3,500.35</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
Club Expenses	
Flyers	14.99
Government Fees	20.00
Insurance	425.00
Membership cards	5.90
Picnic	117.00
Postage	18.40
Tools	457.26
Web Site	964.50
TOTAL Club Expenses	2,023.05
Libaray	612.63
News Lertter	
Postage	146.68
Printing	496.23
TOTAL News Lertter	642.91
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>3,278.59</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>221.76</b>
<b>Bank Account Balance</b>	
<b>11/29/13 \$2,370.10</b>	

### **Meet the incoming President> Bob Goulding**•

In the early 1990's I visited a wood art gallery in Mendocino, California. I was blown away by the beautiful turned wooden bowls. Included in those bowls were segmented bowls by our own Gary Johnson. I wanted to learn to make those lovely things.



Santa brought me a lathe for Christmas, that year, and I took some lessons, through Woodcraft, from the legendary Fletcher Hartline. I also joined this club and have been turning ever since. I have recently come to truly appreciate what invaluable resources those have been and decided to become more involved.

After all these years of standing behind my lathe, there are some skills that I can do pretty well. There are still many that I'm not good at, like spindle turning and avoiding end grain tear out. I belong to this club because it helps me learn to be a better woodturner.

Surely, that is why you, also, belong to this club. We can best help you improve if you participate. Please tell us what it is that you would like to learn to do better. Often the best way to perfect a skill is to teach others

how it is done. It's amazing how much you can learn, preparing to present a demonstration. It doesn't have to be perfect.

My goal for the club during my term is to make it more interactive. Instead of a bunch of strangers sitting and watching others do demos, I want us to get to know each other and to let us know what you would like to get out of the club, so we can respond.

I welcome your input. Please talk to or e-mail me or the other officers and give us suggestions on how we can make the club more responsive to your needs. — Bob Goulding

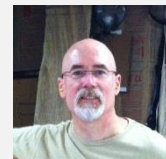
**Safety Shield & Videographer Assistance Needed●** Thanks to those that helped in getting the safety shield and video equipment set up prior to the meeting and put away. This will be needed at all the Woodcraft meetings when we have a demo scheduled so please continue to help with the set up and put away.

**Coffee and Cookies●** Complementary coffee is available at the meetings. Cookies are 50 cents each and purchased on the honor system.

**President's Challenge> November Turn a Goblet●** The President's Challenge for November was to turn a goblet. Functionality was encouraged but not required. The winning entry, selected by the members, was this laminated goblet by Charles Sapp. Purple heart, maple, and walnut were used for the turning. Congratulation to Charlie. The other entries in the President's Challenge are shown in the President's Challenge section of the newsletter.



Since this was the last competition for 2013 the President made some additional awards. Rich Hinkebein received a Craft Supply gift certificate for "Special Achievement" with his turnings throughout 2013 for the challenge; Charles Sapp received a Craft Supply gift certificate for participating in all of the 2013 challenges; and John Buehrer's name was drawn from those that qualified by entering at least six times during the year and he received \$50 in Craft Supply gift certificates.



**New Member●** Please join me in welcoming Brad Bernhard from Kirkwood, MO.

**January President's Challenge - Toy●** Turn a child's toy for the January meeting. It can be anything - just not a top. Entries will be judged by the members. A gift certificate will be awarded the winning turning and all entrants will get credit toward the year end drawing (minimum of 6 entries during the year). Entries should have been turned within three months of the challenge and a limit of one entry (or grouping) per member.

**Professional Turner Seminar●** The club has scheduled [Nick Agar](#) for a [seminar and hands on turning](#) event on 12-14 April 2014. The demo will be at Kirkwood High School and the hands on turning will be at Woodcraft. The demonstration cost is \$35 if paid before March 12; \$40 after that. Box lunches will be available Saturday at the demo for \$13. The hands-on workshops are \$100 each with a limit of 8 students each day. Registration may be made on the web site, but [payment](#) must be received to confirm your spot in the workshop. Check the web site for more information on the demo and workshop. Priority for the workshop slots will be given to members up to Jan 1, 2014, then it will be open to other woodturners. Contact [James Payne](#), Conference Administrator, with any questions.



**Club Membership Roster●** The club roster is available on our web site to members that have registered on-line.

**Symposiums> Tennessee Association of Woodturners (TAW) ●** 26th Annual Symposium on Friday, January 31st and Saturday, February 1st, 2014. The Symposium will be held at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Boulevard in Franklin, TN. Featured demonstrators will be Trent Bosch, Barbara Dill, Doug Fisher, and Kurt Hertzog. Check out their symposium webpage - [www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium](http://www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium).

**AAW Scholarship●** Congratulations to Tom Brock of the Lincoln Land Woodturners for being one of the AAW members selected to receive a scholarship to Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. Tom is also a member of our club. There were a total of 105 chapters that participated and a total of 138 AAW members nominated. [Twenty seven scholarships](#) were provided by the AAW. Our club did submit a nomination but we did not receive a scholarship.



**American Association of Woodturners●** The AAW is dedicated to providing education, information, and organization to those interested in woodturning. You can join the AAW at their site: <http://woodturner.org/member/MemberLogOn.asp>. Membership comes with access to on-line training information and includes a subscription to the *American Woodturner* magazine and discounts on AAW merchandise. Our club is a chapter of the AAW. Renewal of your AAW membership is due by the end of the year.

Please take a few moments to renew your [AAW membership](#)!

**Black Friday●** Not everyone was in line at Best Buy, Walmart, ... on Black Friday. It seems like most of our club was in line at [Hibdon Hardwoods](#)! This was my first experience with Hibdon but certainly an interesting one. They have a “sale” on hardwoods after Thanksgiving. They offer several exotic and local woods. Some are sold by the board foot, but many are cut-offs in a huge bin that are sold by the pound.





**Dayton, Ohio [Artistry in Wood Show](#)** ● I attended the Dayton show in early November. It is held at the Dayton International Airport and had over 200 exhibitors from all over the country. The show is believed to be one of the largest of its kind in the nation. The number of woodturners exhibiting and demoing is growing each year. The pictures below are from the show. You may want to consider attending next year.

Dayton, Ohio Artistry in Wood Show Nov 2013



Tigers Eye Maple / Laminated



Fantastic basket weave.



Bowl was turned, cut in half, dowels added and fabric woven around them.



Multi axis turning.



Amazing carving of the basket weave.



These bowls were NOT turned. They were made with a scroll saw set at an angle, cutting each ring from flat stock. You can see the blank below one of the bowls on the right.



It is a functional tandem bike. Children's toy? President's challenge? Hmmm?



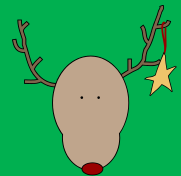
Very nice natural edge bowls.

## Upcoming Events:

Coming Events Calendar		
Dec 22, 2013	NO MEETING!	 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 
Jan 26, 2014	Meeting at Woodcraft	John Buehrer – subject TBD
Feb 23, 2014	Meeting at Woodcraft	Pre-meeting: Pen turning Meeting: Bowl turning
Mar 23, 2014	Meeting at Woodcraft	Tool control: hands on/multiple mini lathes available/turning on vegetables



## November Ornament Exchange



 	 	  	 
Michael Blankenship	Laura Spelbring	Dave Endres	Steve Reynolds
 	 	 	 
Charles Sapp	John Buehrer	Bob Goulding	Rick Madden



## Additional Entries for the President's Challenge – November Goblet



Jon Spelbring



Bob Goulding



Chris Weiler



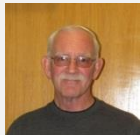
Dave Ackmann



John Buehrer



Ernie Guhl



Rick Madden



Unknown turner

Woodturners of STL  
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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.

<http://www.stlturners.org>

**Facebook site** • Check out the club Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Woodturners-of-St-Louis/292734664135601> and “Like” the page (click on the “Like” icon) to receive updates.



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