

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 Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer were up for election. Nominations were opened to the floor, Steve Reynolds 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. Rich Hinkebein will continue to also serve as club Librarian. Thanks to James for his service as Vice President and Conference Administrator.

Ornament exchange • A highlight of the November meeting was the ornament exchange. We had thirteen participants this year and each went home with a beautiful ornament. There was a large range of ornament styles from bird houses, to inside-out turnings, to carved ornaments. Additional pictures of the ornaments in the exchange are included in the President's Challenge section. *(Back row: Charles Sapp, John Buehrer, Charles York, Steve Reynolds, Bob Goulding, Jeff Becker, Bruce Lattimore. Front row: Michael Blankenship, Rick Madden, Laura Spelbring, Dave Ackmann. Not shown: Steve Nagy and Paula Becker.)*



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. Several members brought their hand crafted plates and goblets.





Library News > Rich Hinkebein● Nothing new was added to the library last month. Let Rich know if you have any requests for videos, books, or magazines for the library. The library list on the club website is current as of 10-28-2014.



A reminder to all members: *"If you can't get to a meeting:*

- *You can return that item to the Woodcraft store at your convenience, just put your name and St. Louis Woodturners on the item and the store will get it to me.*
- *You can ask another member to return it.*
- *You can mail it to me or the store.*

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. A complete listing of our library is on our club web site. Please take advantage of this wonderful club benefit and return items in a timely manner.

Club News>

Collinsville Woodworking Show> Volunteers needed for demonstration booth● The club has reserved a woodturning demonstration booth at the Collinsville woodworking show on February 6-8, 2015. We will be operating a joint booth with the Lincoln Land Turners. Jeff Becker will be coordinating this effort and Steve Reynolds will be the co-chair. Contact [Jeff](#) if you will work in the booth - two hour shifts on Friday (12 – 6pm), Saturday (10am – 6pm), or Sunday (10am – 3pm). A mini lath will be provided. Bring your own tools and wood for projects (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.



Web site● Most of the web site is open to everyone. However, there is a section with a club picture directory and library list that is restricted to members. Check it out.

If you have not signed on to the [club web site](#) but want to establish an account send your request to the President, Bob Goulding. Once your membership is verified, he will contact the web master and an account will be established for you with a temporary password.

If you would like your work featured on the front page, just send Jon Spelbring 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.

Membership dues are due● Dues for 2015 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.

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 2014 were spent is provided in the Treasurer's report in this newsletter. Contact Walt if you have any questions.

Welcome to new member● Please join me in welcoming Ted Laffey from Auburn, IL.

President's Spin● Thanks for your support of the club this year. We have had several great demonstrations and some of our members are now featured demonstrators in symposiums around the country. We have a lot of talent in the club and appreciate the sharing of knowledge and instruction from our members.



A blind gentleman who is interested in learning to turn attended the November meeting. He talked with Michael Blankenship (also a blind turner) and me about learning to turn. Michael thought it would be better if a sighted turner provided the instruction and passed on the tips that Michael has learned (tool belt, use of other senses,...). Contact me if you are interested in providing some instruction to the gentleman.

2015 will bring some changes to our meetings. We will still be meeting at Woodcraft on the 4th Sunday of each month. But instead of meeting in the dusty, power tool cluttered class room, we will be meeting in the clean, well-lighted, wood room. Woodcraft will allow us to clear out the exhibits in the room, providing us with a large open area to set up our chairs and demonstration lathe. I think we will find it to be quite an improvement.

| Cash Flow - Last 12 months | |
|---|---------------------|
| 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014 | |
| Category | 12/2/2013-12/1/2014 |
| INFLOWS | |
| Demonstrations | |
| Agar | -150.00 |
| Demo | 494.84 |
| Lunch | 63.20 |
| Workshop | 200.00 |
| TOTAL Agar | 608.04 |
| Berger | |
| Demo | -205.70 |
| TOTAL Berger | -205.70 |
| Jim Adkins | -300.00 |
| TOTAL Demonstrations | 102.34 |
| Drawings | |
| Ticket Sales | 225.00 |
| TOTAL Drawings | 225.00 |
| End Sealer | |
| End Sealer Sales | 95.00 |
| TOTAL End Sealer | 95.00 |
| Members Dues | |
| 2014 | 1,900.00 |
| 2015 | 935.00 |
| TOTAL Members Dues | 2,835.00 |
| TOTAL INFLOWS | 3,257.34 |
| OUTFLOWS | |
| Club Expenses | |
| Audio-Video | 179.65 |
| Coffee | 15.43 |
| Flyers | 36.86 |
| Government Fees | 0.00 |
| Insurance | 425.00 |
| Picnic | 126.23 |
| Tools | 14.22 |
| TOTAL Club Expenses | 797.39 |
| Libaray | 603.45 |
| News Lertter | |
| Postage | 15.68 |
| Printing | 46.30 |
| TOTAL News Lertter | 61.98 |
| TOTAL OUTFLOWS | 1,462.82 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | 1,794.52 |
| Bank account Ballance as of 12/1/2014 \$4164.62 | |

We will still start the regular meeting at 1PM and the Pre-meeting at 11:30AM. The Pre-meeting has always been planned to assist beginning woodturners. The AAW has recently made available an excellent Woodturning Basics Program, designed by some of the top woodturners. Starting next January, we will utilize that syllabus and will progress through the program in an organized manner. I think it will not only be a terrific help for beginners, but I think even our experienced turners will benefit from a good review of the basics. I know I will. Thanks to Bill Farny for presenting the kick off session in January. We will be looking to our experienced members to help present this material in future meetings, so please let me know when you would be available to help with the training. It is very important that we all turn safely and that we encourage and train new members in the proper use of turning tools.

Have a great holiday season. See you next year. - Bob

President's Challenge> November Turn an Ornament● The President's Challenge for November was to turn an ornament. The winning entry, selected by the members, was this cedar and maple turning by Rick Madden. Congratulation to Rick. The other entries in the President's Challenge are shown in the President's Challenge section of the newsletter.



January President's Challenge – Lidded Box with a Finial● Since a lot of turners got to practice turning finials for their ornaments, we'll put that experience to another challenge – turn a lidded box with a finial on the top for the January meeting. Entries will be judged by the members. A gift certificate will be awarded to the winning turning and all entrants will get credit toward the year end drawing (minimum of 6 entries during the year). Entries must be turned within the last three months of the challenge and a limit of one entry (or grouping) per member.

Symposiums● [Tennessee Association of Woodturners, 27th Annual Symposium, Jan 30-31, 2015>](#) The Symposium will be held at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Boulevard in Franklin, TN. The 2015 Symposium features some of the worlds' leading woodturners including: Nick Cook, J. Paul Fennell, Ashley Harwood, Todd Hoyer, and Dennis Paullus.

Club Members in the News>

● **John Peterson** – John had a booth at the Belleville Woodcarving Show and featured several of his bowls, platters, pepper mills and other turnings.



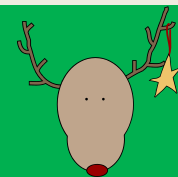
American Association of Woodturners • The AAW is dedicated to providing education, information, and organization to those interested in woodturning. You can join the AAW at their site:
<http://woodturner.org/member/MemberLogOn.asp>.

Membership comes with access to on-line training information and includes a subscription to the *American Woodturner* magazine. Our club is a chapter of the AAW and we encourage all club members to join the AAW. They have been publishing a great series of on-line woodturning training articles for members that are worth the price of membership by themselves. They have also indexed all of the past AAW magazine articles so you can search and find help with most any issue you may have or ideas on your next project.

Upcoming Events:

| Calendar of Upcoming Events | | |
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| Dec 2014 | No meeting. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Have a great Holiday Season. | |
| Jan 25, 2015 | Bill Farny will lead a discussion on lathe set up and safety for new turners. However, it will be of interest to all. | Meeting demonstration with Bill Rubenstein. Topic TBD. |
| Feb 22, 2015 | | Meeting demo with Walt Ahlgrim turning open spiral candle sticks. |
| Mar 22, 2015 | | Meeting demo with Matt Keim. Topic TBD. |





November President's Challenge and Ornament Exchange



Michael Blankenship



Laura Spelbring



Bruce Lattimore



Charles Sapp



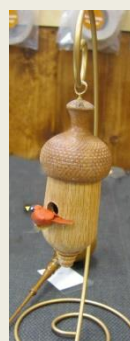
Jeff Becker



John Buehrer



Charles York (Charlie will be doing a demo on turning this ornament next year.)



Dave Ackmann



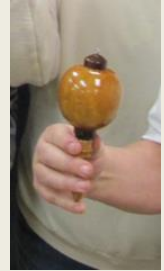
Bob Goulding



Steve Nagy



Paula Becker



Steve Reynolds

November Show and Share



Pepper mill by Jeff Nasser.



Walnut bowl by Bob Goulding



Walt Ahlgrim turned this yarn bowl from red oak.



Figured maple platter and top hat bottle stopper by Rich Hinkebein.



Charles York turned a tree topper and an off-center turning (that failed) into an ornament.

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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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