



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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September 2015

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

September Picnic●



The annual club picnic was a great success with about 50 club members and family attending the event at Sutter Mill Park. Special thanks go to Laura Spelbring for coordinating the event, making the flower arrangements in the vases turned by club members for the table decorations, and for fixing the coffee. Thanks also to Paula and Jeff Becker for doing the cooking; to Ray Koeneman for reserving the pavilion; to all members and their families that attended and brought that great food; and those that helped set up and clean up.



Several of the members took on Laura's challenge to turn wooden plates for the picnic. (Editor's note: I think Ron got his out of the critter's box.)



Sell, Swap, Socialize● Chainsaws, drills, finishes, wood, even ducting for a dust collection system were offered at the swap and sell table. Members found some great bargains and had an opportunity to socialize before lunch.



President's Challenge (September) – Turn a Yoyo (and demonstrate its/your capability)●

Several members turned yoyos and demonstrated their skills. Spouses even got into the competition. The competition was so close that Bob awarded gift certificates from Craft Supplies to all of the entrants! Close up photos of the yoyos are in the Show and Share section of the newsletter.



Gail Elble gives Dick Maes some pointers while Steve Nagy and Sharron and Bob Goulding warm up.



Walt Ahlgrim looks on as Dixi Smith tries the "giant yoyo".



Jon Spelbring, Bill Farny, and John Buehrer prepare for the contest.



John Buehrer gives the "giant yoyo" a try with Walt and Gail observing.



Dan Schmoker and Ted Laffey warm up.



Ted Laffey gives the "giant yoyo" a spin.



Greg Sapp "walks the dog" while Dale Sapp and Sharron Goulding try some yoyo tricks.



Steve Nagy's yoyo broke off the string and tried to escape but was quickly retrieved.



Steve Nagy, Dick Maes, Gail Elble, and Jon Spelbring practice for the competition.



Gary Johnson, Dick Maes, Ted Laffey, Dan Schmoker, Dave Ackmann, John Buehrer, Steve Nagy, Laura Spelbring, Jon Spelbring, Rich Hinkebein, Sharron Goulding, Bob Goulding, Charles Sapp

Critter building• Creating critters and works of art from scrap turnings is always a favorite activity of the picnic as it gets a lot of members involved. As soon as the hot glue was ready, the scrap pieces were gathered by up by the teams to assemble their creation. Three teams created pieces. Each piece was judged by the audience. Gary Johnson, Bill Farny, and Jan Hoffman created the winning piece. Steve Nagy purchased the critter after a spirited bidding war.



Steve Nagy, Jan Hoffman, Bill Farny, Gary Johnson

		
<p>Contestants focus on design and themes for their critters.</p>		
 <p>Claire Andracsek and Dick Maes.</p>	 <p>Ray Koeneman, Jenny Harris, and Jan Hoffman.</p>	 <p>Participants</p>
 <p>Dick Maes and Claire Andracsek with their entry.</p>	 <p>Contestants had a plethora of material to work with.</p>	 <p>Jenny Harris with her entry.</p>

Club Members in the News>

- Dan Burleson – Dan was a juried artist at the Mosaic Festival in St. Charles. Michael H (former member) is shown with Dan at the show.





President's Spin > Bob Goulding● Thanks to everyone for their help with the picnic. The food, President's Challenge yoyo turning and contests, and critter building were outstanding. Well done everyone!

Our October meeting will be a special one with Charles Yonk turning a three sided Christmas ornament for the pre-meeting demo and Rick Madden demonstrating thread cutting and showing several other jigs he uses at the main meeting demo.

The President's Challenge for October is to turn a mushroom (its functionality is up to you).

Then in November we will have our ornament exchange at the wine and cheese social along with election of officers for next year. - Bob Goulding

Club News>

Attendance/Treasurers Report● Approximately 50 members/guests attended the September meeting/picnic. Dues for 2016 will be payable starting in January 2016. Beat the rush and pay at the Oct/Nov meeting - \$30 individual; \$40 family. – Walt Ahlgrim

Sandpaper● Dan Burleson plans to bring sandpaper for distribution to members at the October meeting. Please bring a turning (bowl, box, pen, top,...) to the meeting and give it to Dan for compensation to the vendor that is providing the free sandpaper.

October President's Challenge> Turn a mushroom● Turn a mushroom shape with its functionality being up to you. One entry per member; entry must be turned within the last three months for the competition. Entries will be judged by the members and a gift certificate awarded to the winning turner.



Library News > Rich Hinkebein● The library was open for returns and DVD check outs at the picnic.



New DVDs this month –

- “Turning Basics for Furniture Makers” by Steve Shanesy. This DVD gives basic instruction for adding turned elements to furniture. It was produced by the publisher and editorial director of Popular Woodworking magazine who states he learned woodturning to expand his shop skills.
- “Segmented Turning, a Learning Experience” by Bill Kandler. He gives a detailed lesson in this type of project including a chapter on using a computer program “Segmented Project Planner”.

One portion of our club library that can be used more is the book section. There is a lot of material that is useful for beginners, teachers, and students, which we all are. Most are easy to read during TV commercials, in waiting rooms, or whenever you have a few minutes. Please take a look at our books at the next meeting.

An index of our club library is available for members on the [club website](#). Our library is a great source of inspiration and knowledge. Please take advantage of this wonderful club benefit. – Rich Hinkebein

Scholarships / Training• The AAW offers scholarships/grants for training. For 2015 the AAW Education Opportunity [Grants](#) (EOG) had 93 applications and 19 were approved in the amount of \$22,644. Applications must be submitted by December 31 annually. Contact any of the officers if you would volunteer to write an application for our club.

In addition, the AAW Board of Directors announced a [scholarship](#) initiative. In recognition of the invaluable contributions made by our local chapters to our educational mission, scholarships to two of the nation's leading woodturning centers will be provided in 2015 to members of the American Association of Woodturners. Our chapter will be allotted one nomination.

If chosen by the AAW, the member submitted by our club for the scholarship must agree to host a demonstration for the club within 6 months of the training on the subject matter from Arrowmont or JC Campbell. If you are interested in being considered, contact President Bob Goulding (in writing/email) stating that you agree to the terms by Oct 31st.

The program is to provide tuition only. Any room and board and travel to the school locations will remain the responsibility of the nominee. John C. Campbell Folk School is located in Brasstown, NC; Arrowmont is in Gatlinburg, TN. *All classes will take place in 2016.*

Tech Tips>

- [AZ Carbide](#) is a supplier for carbide cutters. They sell all shapes and sizes that woodturners use. E.G. a 10.5mm square cutter is \$5.65 each and a \$2 flat rate shipping. – Dan Burleson
- If the air flow for your Trend Air Pro face shield drops off and the filters are clean and the battery at full power, check the turbine on the motor shaft. Remove the motor/turbine assembly and tap it on a hard surface or your hand. If the turbine is loose it may just fall off into your hand. If so, apply a drop of superglue to the turbine and press it back on the shaft. – Charles Sapp (thanks to Brian at the Bridgeton Rockler store for tracking down a tech support group in the USA to help me with this issue).
- To sand the inside of a hollow form with a small opening, cut a sanding block into about a 1" blank, insert it on a "L shaped" rod, and feed it into the opening. A little thumb pressure on the sanding block keeps it from rotating and it will sand as far in as inquiring turners are likely to reach. The sanding blocks are available at [Harbor Freight](#) in a variety of grits. Or you can glue your own grit on the foam with some spray adhesive.– Charles Sapp



[More Woodturning Magazine](#)• This is a monthly online magazine for turners that is published 12 times each year for \$25. In return for providing this information and a link to their site, they provide an article and a list of turning events around the country for the club each month. The article can be accessed via the "[members only](#)" tab on the club web site. Let me know if you like this feature and if we should continue it.

September Show and Share



Segmented hollow form by Michael Blankenship from cherry.



Jenne Ahlgrim (left) shows the bags she made for the Beads of Courage program. She has the labels available for anyone that would also like to make the bags. See the [June NL](#) for more information on this club project. Mercy Children's Hospital may use up to 30 of these in a day for their patients.





Symposiums>

- [Tennessee Association of Woodturners](#); 28th symposium; Jan 29th and 30st, 2016; Franklin, TN

Upcoming Events:

Calendar of Events		
Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30am-12:30pm Demonstration	Meeting Demonstration 1:00pm
Oct 25, 2015	Pre-meeting demo by Charles Yonk on turning a three sided Christmas ornament. 11:30am	Meeting demo by Rick Madden on cutting threads and other jigs/fixtures used for turning. 1:00pm
Nov 22, 2015	No pre-meeting.	Christmas party, ornament exchange, and election of officers
Dec 2015	No meeting. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Have a great Holiday Season	
Jan 25, 2016	TBD	TBD

Missouri Tree Killing Insects and Diseases • Check the [Missouri Department of Agriculture](#) web site for information about moving wood within and out of the state. Tree killing pests hitchhike on the wood and spread diseases that destroy our street trees, forests, and natural areas.

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.

Remember to vote for your 2016 AAW Board of Directors. **Voting must be completed by Oct 20, 2015.**

Why join AAW? The collective value of existing publications available with a new membership exceeds \$120 – for a cost as low as \$45 (for an online membership). AAW continues to deliver more value and woodturning content to meet the needs of a diverse range of members. They have doubled their yearly publications count by complementing the six annual issues of *American Woodturner* with six issues of the *Woodturning Fundamentals* online magazine. As you may have heard, the publisher of Woodturning Design magazine recently announced they are going out of business. AAW's expanded publications will also help to fill any remaining gaps in the market for hands-on projects and information to help build foundational woodturning skills as a result of their absence.

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.



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 (except September and December) at the St. Louis Carpenters Joint Apprentice Training Facility; 8300 Valcore Avenue; St. Louis, MO 63123. <http://www.stlturners.org>

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