



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 – Laura Spelbring and Charles Sapp were nominated for President; Steve Reynolds was nominated for Vice President; Rob Conaway was nominated for Secretary, and Walt Ahlgrim was nominated for Treasurer. There were no other nominations and the VP, Secretary, and Treasurer candidates were elected by acclamation; Charles Sapp was elected as President. Rich Hinkebein will continue to also serve as club Librarian and Rob Conaway will also serve as the newsletter editor.

Ornament exchange •

A highlight of the November meeting was the ornament exchange. We had fourteen participants this year and each went home with a beautiful ornament. There was a large range of ornament styles from bird houses, to Celtic knots, to acrylic casting, all with a variety of surface embellishments.



Additional pictures of the ornaments in the exchange are included in the President's Challenge section. (Left to right: John Hoeing, James Otto, Dan Schmoker, Rich Madden, John Spelbring, Laura Spelbring, Steve Reynolds, Steve Nagy, Dave Ackmann, Rob Conaway, Bob Goulding, John Buehrer, Michael Blankenship, Charles Sapp)

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, cookies, deviled eggs, candy, and tasty wines. Several members brought their hand crafted plates and goblets. The double class room provided by CJAP provided ample room for everyone to have access to the food, drink, and seating.



Library News > Rich Hinkebein● Nothing new was added to the library last month. Rich is reviewing several DVDs and books for the library. Let him know if you have any requests. The library list on the club website is current as of 28 June 2015.



A reminder to all members: *"If you can't get to a meeting, ask another member to return the library item for you or mail it to me."*

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 5-7, 2016.



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 by Turned Treasurers. Bring your own tools and wood for projects (bowls, tops, spindles,...) to work on during your shift. Volunteers will receive a ticket for free admission to the show. Please let Jeff

know ASAP of your schedule as there is not much time for coordination between our Jan 24th meeting and the Woodworking Show. Thanks in advance for your help with this event.

End Grain Sealer● By partnering with the Festus Show Me Turners we have been able to purchase Anchor End Grain Sealer. It will be sold in two (2) gallon containers for \$20. If you only want one gallon, buddy up with a club member. It is scheduled to arrive in late November. We will let you know when/how to pick it up. A pre-purchase sign-up sheet was provided at the November meeting. Contact [Steve Reynolds](#) immediately if you would like to purchase some and did not sign up. It is expected that our portion will be sold out prior to our next meeting.

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 2016 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. *Look on the back of your membership card for vendors that sponsor the club and offer a discount!*

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 2015 were spent will be provided in the January newsletter. Contact Walt if you have any questions.

President's Spin● Thank you for your support of the club this year and during my term in office. 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 we appreciate the sharing of knowledge and instruction from our members.



A special thanks to the CJAP staff for opening their facility to us for the Wine and Cheese social. The training room provided us with all the space and tables we needed for setting up the ornament display, food line, and space to meet and greet. Thanks to all of you that provided the great snacks and wine.

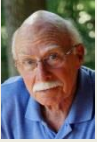
We have been having some issues with our old sound system and the board felt it was imperative to have a working system to bring you the demonstrator's presentations. We authorized the purchase of a system that will allow us to operate 4 mics simultaneously – 2 hand held and 2 body packs. Walt then built a box to house the amp, mics, and speaker so that we can move them from the storage area to the meeting room. The cost of the mics, cabinet, and hand truck was ~\$360. We can think about adding a second amplifier speaker if needed. Let us know what you think.

Note that the March meeting will be on March 20 due to a conflict with Easter on the 4th Sunday.

As I leave office I look forward to serving as an advisor on the board, sharing my talents as a demonstrator, and continuing the friendship and relationships I have developed with all of you. Thanks again for all your help.

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 Celtic knot turning by Bob Goulding. Congratulations to Bob. The other entries in the President's Challenge are shown in the President's Challenge section of the newsletter.



Meet the incoming President> Charles Sapp●



When I started turning I quickly realized that I needed more than books and videos could provide. I was fortunate to find the Woodturners of St. Louis. The club offered contacts, mentors, resources, demonstrations, assistance, and instructions for its members of all turning skills, just what I needed. I look forward to working with you to utilize our new facility to better serve you and do more for our members. I do want to thank Bob Goulding for getting several demonstrations lined up to start the year. We have some great ones already scheduled.

Some of my goals for the upcoming year are to:

- Coordinate with the other turning clubs in the area/state
- Promote the club at events, public forums, and community activities
- Involve more members in demonstrations
- Provide hands-on training
- Encourage men, women, and youth to become woodturners
- Offer day long seminars and hands-on classes by recognized demonstrators
- Utilize member's survey feedback to structure demonstrations and events

As you know from my term as Newsletter Editor, I enjoy writing and could continue to elaborate. And I will, but I'll save it for another newsletter/meeting.

I welcome your input, feedback, and look forward to working with you. Please give me a call or email me or the other officers and give us your suggestions on how we can make the club more responsive to your needs – Charles Sapp

January 2016 Pre-Meeting ● Last year we followed the AAW basic training program for new turners. This year we will follow the same approach BUT we will offer hands-on lathe work. Gary Hinegardner, club member, has graciously offered to loan us 2 or 3 mini lathes for the program. We will still start the Pre-meeting at 11:30AM. Bill Farny will briefly discuss lathe safety and then demonstrate proper use of a roughing gouge. Members will then have hands-on time to practice. We can use a couple volunteers to help instruct and assist with the hands-on (call/email Charlie if you will help). If we have sufficient participation, the program will continue with hands-on turning with the spindle gouge, cutting beads and coves, skew,

Those that want to do the hands-on turning must bring a face shield and a roughing gouge. Material to turn will be provided.

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. We will be looking to our experienced members to help present this material in future meetings, so please let Charlie 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.

January President's Challenge – Burn It• No, it doesn't have to be an old log from your fireplace. The survey indicated that a lot of you want to work on embellishing your work. This is a challenge to start that journey. The burning can be with a wire, a hard surface (Formica or wood), a wood burner, or even a torch (just be careful in the shop). Entries will be judged by the members. A gift certificate will be awarded to the winning embellished turning. **If we have more than 8 entries, all participants will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate from Craft Supplies, USA.** 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, 28th Annual Symposium, Jan 29-30, 2016](#)> The Symposium will be held at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Boulevard in Franklin, TN. The 2016 Symposium features some of the worlds' leading woodturners including: Clay Foster, Glenn Lucas, Rudy Lopez, and Bob Rosand.

• **In Memorandum: Bernhard Voss** – Longtime member of our club, Bernhard Voss, died on November 12, 2015. He was a survivor of a Nazi concentration camp, lifelong student and teacher, artist and craftsman. The woodturning training studio at Craft Alliance was named for him. He will be missed.



Community Projects• **Beads of Courage – Steve Reynolds**> Children's Hospital in St. Louis has told us that they will be needing more BOC boxes around the end of February. This will be an on-going community program for our club. You can hold on to your boxes or bring them to the meeting and I will store them. Smaller boxes (~4" deep x 3" diameter) or larger boxes (~4" deep x 6" diameter) with loose fitting lids and a knob are needed. They will become keepsakes for kids undergoing cancer and heart treatments that use them to store their Beads of Courage. Wooden beads are also requested and will be used for special rewards. (See the May 2015 NL for tips on how to turn beads by Dave Ackmann.) The club has the BOC logo beads available (\$1.25 each) whenever you need more – contact Steve or Charlie for the beads. BOC bags are also being made for another hospital. The [instructions on how to sew the draw-string](#) bag are on the club web site. Thank you again. – Steve Reynolds

Using PVC for Beads of Courage Boxes• **Rick Madden** > I learned about using PVC pipe for the boxes on [WoodturnersUnlimited.com](#). There are three posts by Johnny Tolly about the PVC boxes; "Starting 2016 Beads of Courage Boxes", "Making PVC Beads of Courage Boxes", and "Wooden Jaws for Turning PVC Pipe". None talked about the ends, so I just "winged" it. Here's how I did the wood parts. This is a good way to make a BOC box when you do not have wood large enough and eliminates the need to do a lot of hollowing. The top and bottom pieces can easily be made from ¾" stock. You can purchase short lengths of the PVC at Lowes or Home Depot. I used the 6" diameter pipe cut to ~4" length.



For the base, I rough cut the piece on the bandsaw, drilled a 5/16" hole about a half inch deep for the worm screw that comes with Nova chucks. I used a shim on the worm screw so less than 1/2" of threads were showing. Mount that on the chuck and true up the edge and face. I then measured and marked with dividers the pipe size. I used a 1/8" parting tool to cut the groove for the pipe about 1/4" deep. Sand and finish that side (I used sanding wax and finished with beeswax and mineral oil mixture). Reverse the base using Cole jaws.

I had to get longer screws (like 1-1/4 or 1-1/2 long in 6mm size with some rigid tubing over the threads). True up that face and hollow out the center to a depth that will get rid of the drilled hole. Sand and finish.

For the top piece that will go on the pipe and house the lid, same procedure with worm screw and groove. Finish same as base. When reversing this piece in the Cole jaws, it's important to use a backing piece between the wood and Cole jaws slightly smaller than the wood. I used a piece of old paneling about 3/16" thick. This will prevent hitting the metal jaws when parting out the center portion for the lid. From there, you can cut a step inside for the lid, or not. It is your choice.

For the lid, rough cut on bandsaw, drill a 1/2" hole. Choose material for knob. I had scraps laying around that I used. If you want, you can turn a tenon to hold in the chuck, or, if the piece will fit in your jaws while square, that will work too. Turn a 1/2" tenon to fit the hole in the lid. Glue lid to this tenon and use the tailstock without a live center to hold things in place while the glue dries. Turn the lid inside and finish as much as possible around the edge and outside since the Cole jaws will get in the way. Reverse in Cole jaws and shape the outside and knob.

Other tips:

- Since the BOC bead is lettered on both sides and thick, you can cut the plastic bead in half. It can be held in the jaws on the chuck and cut with a [Dremmel tool/wheel](#).
- The PVC can be painted (they make paint for plastic); covered with fabric (glue it on or sew the seam to form a cylinder); covered with decals (or just include a set of decals for the receiver so they can personalize it); or even decorated by turning.
- When using decals make sure they are compatible with your printer. Testor makes decal paper that works with an ink jet. They come with clear and white backgrounds. A clear decal may "disappear" depending on the color of the figure and the background. Office Depot/Max will print on decal paper (files can be uploaded on line or loaded on a flash drive).
- [Duct tape](#) is now used for decorating. Provide a roll for the receiver to use for personalizing the box.
- Please share your other ideas for decorating!



AAW Grant● We have applied for a \$1500 educational grant that would be used for the purchase of mini lathes and accessories to be used for the hands-on training and public event demonstrations to promote woodturning. We expect to hear their decision around the end of the first quarter of 2016.

Survey● Thanks to everyone that participated in the club interest survey. We had 57 responses which is 63% of our membership. The results will be summarized and analyzed to plan events for the upcoming programs. A summary will be provided at our 2016 meetings and published in future newsletters. Congratulations to Mike Bockerstette and Michael Blankenship, the winners of the gift certificate drawing for participating.

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. The article this month is on cubes in a sphere.

Club Members in the News>

● **Michael Blankenship / Turned Treasurers** – Michael’s ornaments, for sale at Turned Treasurers in Belleville, was featured in the Post Dispatch’s items to buy for Christmas. Michael is also one of the demonstrators at the 2016 AAW symposium in Atlanta, GA.

● **Bowls for Food** – The Festus Show Me Woodturners club had a display at the Woodcarving Show in Belleville to raise money for a food pantry. The program is called Bowls for Food. Members turned and donated the bowls (and other turnings) for sale. Another great public service program by a turning club.

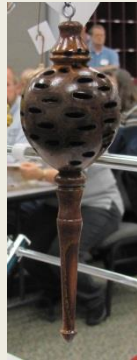
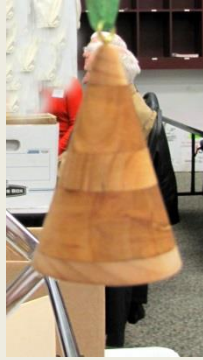
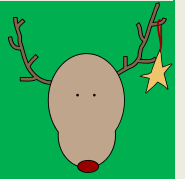


Upcoming Events:

Calendar of Upcoming Events		
Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30am – 12:30	Meeting 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Jan 24, 2016	This will be the first in our series that offers <u>hands-on training</u> . Bill Farny will lead a demonstration on use of the roughing gouge. See the NL article for more information. Couple of assistants needed – contact Charlie	Meeting demonstration with Jeff Hornung on embellishment – dying, textures, gilding, airbrush, and reactive metallics. See some of his work at www.thewalnutlog.com
Feb 28, 2016	Demo and hands-on turning with the use of a spindle gouge. Demonstration leader and a couple of assistants needed – contact Charlie	Meeting presentation by Kim Carr. She is an accomplished artist and will discuss gallery and juried art work and how to use social media to promote your work.
Mar 20, 2016 <u>Note the change in meeting date due to a conflict with Easter!</u>	Demo and hands-on turning on cutting beads and coves. Demonstration leader and a couple of assistants needed – contact Charlie	Meeting demonstration on turning a duck call with Keith Buxton from the Festus Show Me Turners.



November President's Challenge and Ornament Exchange



November Show and Share



Lidded boxes from tulip wood, Quebrocho, and Kingwood finished with Danish Oil by Jeff Nasser.



Walnut and holly BOC box and big leaf maple burl bowl by Bob Goulding.



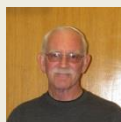
Acrylic pens and pen holders by Dave Ackmann.



Segmented Western red cedar BOC box, walnut cookie jar, and cherry with maple accents vase by Michael Blankenship.



John Hoeing turned this box for BOC and will replace the beautiful spindle with a knob that kids can handle.



Rick Madden made this BOC box using a section of 6" PVC and covered it with fabric. See the NL article on BOC for more info on how to do this.



Beads of Courage boxes turned by Ron Andracssek.



Natural edge pear bowl turned by Alex Nadler.

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 the Carpenter's Joint Apprentice Training School; 8300 Valcour Ave; St. Louis, MO.

<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.



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>.

Forty nine (49) percent of our membership also belongs to the AAW. 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.

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