



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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November 2016

November Meeting:

Well, another year has come and gone. We have re-elected the entire board to another 1-year term. Rich has agreed to continue to be the curator of the library. Please take a moment to thank the board members in the January meeting. 2017 promises to be a year full of excellent demonstrations, symposiums and hands-on opportunities.

The ornament exchange was again a great event. Everyone created a unique ornament which will grace a member's holiday decorations for years to come. Many choose to turn an ornament based on Michael Blankenship's demonstration. Others chose to make bird houses. Still others made complex multi-segmented turnings and carvings. Charles Sapp was the winner of the President's Challenge with his Santa carved/turned ornament.



Thirty pens were turned in to Woodcraft for the troops and ten were turned from the white birch log and presented to the CJAP staff. We will be continuing the Pens for the Troops turning next year. As a club we will be taking on a new community program of turning bird house ornaments for the local rest homes. Please contact one of the officers if you have a rest home in mind that would

benefit from this program. The pre-meeting demonstration in January is on turning bird house ornaments.

Here are a couple of links to get you started over the holidays:

http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning_projects.php?catid=11 and

<http://michiganwoodturner.org/images-techniques/Bird%20House.pdf>. There are also several youtube videos on the subject that are available.



Library News ● Our library is only open on Sunday at our club meetings and is open to all our paid members for checking out books, videos, and DVD's.

- Gilding & Chemical Patinations - DVD
 - David Marks & Grace Baggot
- Spalted Wood – The History, Science and Art of a Unique Material - Book
 - Sara C. Robinson, Hans Michaelson & Julia C. Robinson

Sign and 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 make sure that the card goes with that item.

Our library is a great source of inspiration and knowledge. We typically have around 90 items checked out by members at each meeting. A complete listing content is on the [club web site](#). Please take advantage of this wonderful club benefit and return items in a timely manner. The large meeting space allows me to spread out the material so you can review and check it out. Please let me know if you have any suggestions to improve our library. All of the magazines have been moved into storage, due to space limitations, with the exception of American Woodturner. Magazines are available upon request. – **Rich Hinkebein**



President's Spin ● This has been an exciting year for the club and we have accomplished a lot thanks to your enthusiasm and can do spirit. The year has been filled with great show and tell items, demonstrations, workshops and community service activities. Let me summarize some of our activities in 2016:

- Received approval of \$1500 educational grant from AAW for purchase of 3 Nova Comet lathes and accessories
- Used the 2015 member survey to provide demonstrations of interest
- Promoted our club at public venues (libraries, farmer's market, and woodworking show)
- Purchased and distributed over half a barrel of end grain sealer at a bargain price
- Received 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization status; secured sales tax exemption for club purchases; updated club by-laws
- Purchased and distributed polo shirts and club patches (patches available @ \$4)
- Distributed free sandpaper to club members
- Held off site green wood harvesting, safety, and turning demonstrations at Wood Hat Spirits
- Held 3-day symposium with Tom Boley
- Supported community programs: Turning Pens for the Troops, Beads of Courage boxes and bags for local hospital; and turnings from a white birch log for CJAP staff
- Purchased domain name: Stlturners.com and updated web site to perform on smart phones and tablets
- Sadly, we lost three of our long time members Bill Rubenstein, John Anderson, and Ray Koeneman
- Purchased cart for equipment storage, folding chair rack, and upgraded audio visual system with purchase of two flat screen monitors
- Received Stubby lathe from estate of Bill Rubenstein

Our mission is to provide education and information to those interested in woodturning and we will continue to pursue that in 2017.

- Several of you have already stepped forward to provide demonstrations for our meetings. Thanks your talent and sharing with others; it is most appreciated.

- We will be hosting a nationally known demonstrator in February 2017, Ashley Harwood. More [information on the workshop](#) and an [application](#) are attached to the newsletter and on our web site. It is a quick turnaround so be ready to respond.
- Skill enhancement days – full day of turning with instruction by knowledgeable club members is in the works. Contact me if you would be willing to provide instruction for this event.
- Promote club and woodturning education at public venues
- Continue community service programs – BOC, Pens for Troops, and bird houses for nursing home residents
- Grow our participation in AAW membership. Currently ~40% of our members also belong to the AAW. Membership and access to their past copies of the AAW Woodturning magazine; on-line video collection; and new search capability (Explore) make it one of the best educational values around. Try out the AAW's trial membership. www.woodturners.org (Ask your spouse for a membership this Christmas!)
- Pursue AAW educational grant for AV equipment that will enhance our displays and open the opportunity to record and share meeting demonstrations.

Your officers and Board of Directors are here to serve your turning needs. Please give us your feedback on what you like, what you do not like, and what you would like to see happen with the club.

Special thanks go 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.

Note that the June meeting will be on the 18th due to a conflict with the AAW symposium in Kansas City.

Have a great holiday season. See you next year. – **Charles Sapp**

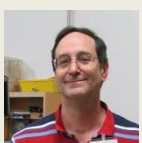
Club News:

Vice President's Report ●

Beads of Courage:



We have turned 36 boxes for the Beads of Courage program this year. Let's all remember that the Beads of Courage is program for kids in need. The beads are \$1.25 (13/16" in diameter)and available from Steve at the meetings. Please continue to turn boxes for the program and we will take any extra to the AAW symposium in KC in June 2017. Bruce Latimore won the 1st prize (\$25 Rockler Gift Card) and Jim Schneider received (\$10 Craft Supplies Gift Certificate) as the runner-up. – **Steve Reynolds**



Membership ● It is that time of year we all look forward to, dues season. The dues are the same as in previous years, \$30 for an individual and \$40 for a family. An [application](#) is available on the club web site. Renewals do not require an application. Simply pay your dues to Walt and make sure that the contact information we have on file is correct. – **Walt Ahlgrim**

Attendance/Treasurers Report ● There were approximately 40 members/guests attending the November meeting.

Secretary ● Thank you to everyone who has assisted me in writing the newsletter. I appreciate all of the efforts from the demonstrators to give information prior to their demonstrations. I would like to ask that all of the demonstrators provide a write-up either via email or a printed document. – **Rob Conaway**

In the News ●

Please check your Crafts Supplies Certificates, as some have an expiration date of 12/31/2016.

More Woodturning Magazine has an electronic/subsription magazine [More Woodturning Magazine – Current Edition Contents](#)

[AAW Explore](#) This is a new feature on the AAW web site that lets you search all of the past issues of the American Woodturner magazine for a key word – author, subject, Give it a try. It is another great resource offered with membership to the AAW.

Red Rooster Saw Mill, near Bourbon, MO is owned by a former club member Roger Branson. He currently has walnut, cherry and holly available. You can find the recent timber available on his [Facebook](#) page.

[Women in Turning](#) ● WIT is a new committee established by the AAW to encourage and assist women in their pursuit of turning. The committee uses contributions to fund demonstrations and equipment at symposiums. You can specify that your donations to the AAW go to WIT and/or you can make donations in the WIT box on the coffee/cookie table at our meetings. Laura Spelbring will collect the funds and make the donation to WIT on behalf of our club at the end of the year.

Web site ● If you have not signed on to the [club web site](#) but want to establish an account send your request to the President, Charles Sapp. Once your membership is verified, he will contact the web master and an account will be established for you with a temporary password. When you sign on for the first time you will be able to set your own password. If you would like to be featured on the home page, provide Jon Spelbring with 4 to 6 good quality pictures (640 x 480) of your turnings with the same background. You can also establish your own gallery! If you have any problems with web site operation, downloading, or general suggestions please contact the officers.

January President's Challenge ● Turning a Wine Stopper

We will be continuing our new voting procedure. During the break, review the items on the challenge table. Tear the tickets and write your selection for the President's Challenge on the back of the one marked "TICKET". Place in the President's Challenge bowl to be entered for door prize drawings. In addition to the President's Challenge winner selected by the members, PC entrants will receive an extra ticket for the door prize drawing (but only one vote for President's Challenge entries). The PC for January is to turn a wine/bottle stopper.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Dec 2016	No meeting. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Have a Happy Holiday Season.	
Jan 22, 2017	Turning Bird House Ornaments – Jeff Hornung	Turning Bar Bell Rattles – Jeff Nasser
Feb 10-12, 2017	Collinsville Woodworking Show – contact Jesse Tutterrow to volunteer	
Feb 18-19, 2017	Ashley Harwood Teaches Bowl Turning Workshop Day 1	Ashley Harwood Teaches Bowl Turning Workshop Day 2
Feb 26, 2017	TBD	TBD

Coffee and Cookies • Complementary coffee is available at the meetings. The price for cookies is posted. Purchases are on the honor system.

Facebook Group • Our club has a Facebook group that is a great way to post pictures of your work, provide tech tips, and share ideas. It is a closed group. When you go to the site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1157348070957128/?fref=nf> click on “Join” and your request will be processed by our Facebook administrator, Jason Hill.

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.



If you enjoy turning wood, making things on your lathe or 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 8300 Valcore Avenue, St. Louis, MO <http://www.stlturners.org>

Collinsville Woodworking Show • Jesse Tutterrow will be handling the organization of our booth at the Woodworker’s Show in Collinsville in Feb 2017. Last year we had an active booth with over 20 members manning it over the weekend. Now we need your help. Send [Jesse](#) an email or call him (314.265.3520) if you will take a two hour (or more) shift and for more details. Everyone who works the booth gets into the show free. We will be working the booth along with the Festus Show Me Woodturners. We will be staffing a table with show and tell, promoting woodturning and our club, and turning pens.

American Association of Woodturners • WTSTL is proud to be one of 350+ worldwide chapters of the American Association of Woodturners. We encourage you to join this fine organization. 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 November have or ideas on your next project.

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Professional Woodturner Ashley Harwood Teaches Bowl Turning Workshop



The Woodturners of St. Louis are sponsoring two full day hands-on workshops with professional woodturner, Ashley Harwood. Everyone is welcome to register. Application form is available on the club web site: www.stlturners.com.

Ashley Harwood currently lives in Charleston, SC, where she sells her work and demonstrates woodturning weekly at the Charleston Farmer's Market. She teaches woodturning at her studio in Charleston and has demonstrated in a number of professional venues throughout the US and abroad, as far away as Australia. She received a BFA from Carnegie Mellon with a focus in sculpture and installation, and her design aesthetic is heavily influenced by her background in glassblowing. Ashley focuses on works that are completed entirely on the lathe, without carving, texturing, or burning. She uses simple, classic forms along with distinctive design elements that result in an approachable body of work with a high level of craftsmanship. Primarily, she makes utilitarian bowls, ornaments, and jewelry. Her teaching has a strong focus on tool control and sharpening. Find out more about Ashley by visiting her website: www.ashleyharwood.net.

Saturday Feb 18th and Sunday Feb 19th, 2017 Hands-on Workshops

This class is primarily about technique. The aim is to build skills rather than create a masterpiece. The class will cover free-hand sharpening of turning tools using the platform on a bench grinder. Students will learn how to create the 40/40 grind on a bowl gouge. Throughout class, sharpening of other woodturning tools will be discussed as well. Students will practice the push-cut around the outside of a bowl, aiming for one pass all the way around the outside of a bowl with no torn grain and no strain on the body. The Seven Fundamentals of the Perfect Cut will be covered: lathe speed, stance, tool rest placement, chucking, sharpening, grain orientation, and technique. Later in the day, turning will focus on the inside of the bowl concentrating on even and thin wall thickness with no torn grain. Finally, jam chucks will be discussed for the reverse turning. Through improving technique, the quality of the cut can become nearly flawless, requiring minimal sanding, and the turning experience is more enjoyable. Advanced through beginner woodturners can benefit from honing their techniques to achieve a better cut! No experience required. Be prepared to make a lot of shavings!

Wood and Tool requirements:

Wood will be provided for the class. All students should have their own ½" or 5/8" bowl gouge and a spindle gouge. A Bedan, scraper (straight and curved), and bottom bowl gouge are recommended but will also be available on loan if you do not have them. Tools will also be available for sale.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from a master woodturner.

For more information contact: Charles Sapp 636.928.0149 or cwsapp@charter.net.

Woodturners of St. Louis
present
Ashley Harwood



**Hands-On Workshops at 225 E. Main; Belleville, IL (Turned Treasurers)
Saturday and Sunday, Feb 18 and 19, 2017 9:00am – 4:00pm**

- Workshop hands-on registration fee includes wood for the class (bowl blanks).
- Workshop participants should have a basic knowledge of the lathe and tool use.
- Tools and safety accessories must be provided by the student.
- You may register for more than one session. Classes are filled on a first paid, first reserved basis.

Class date preferred: Saturday Feb 18, 2017

Sunday Feb 19, 2017

Early Registration by 22 Jan 2017 \$130

Registration after 22 Jan 2017 \$145

Lunch is on your own. It is suggested that you bring a sack lunch so that you can meet with the other turners and Ashley during the break.

Name: First _____ Last _____

Address: Street _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Total payment enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Woodturners of St. Louis. Mail the completed form and payment to:

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