



# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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## Pre-Meeting Demo: Turning a Honey Dipper – Bill Farny

Bill went through the steps to turn a honey dipper. Mount a 1" x 1" x 7" blank between centers and turn into a cylinder. Measure and mark a line  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from each end of the cylinder. Using a parting tool, cut a groove into the cylinder leave between  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of wood in the center. Next, measure and mark a line  $1 \frac{3}{4}$ " from the cut on the tail-stock end of the cylinder. Again using the parting tool to make a cut to the left of the  $1 \frac{3}{4}$ " line, leaving about  $\frac{3}{8}$ " to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of wood in the center.



Switching to a spindle gouge, turn a bead on the tail-stock side. Measure and mark the center of the bead. Mark two equal space lines on each side of the center line. Use a parting tool cut a groove on each of the lines. On each of the cuts, leave between  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of wood in the center.



Using a spindle gouge, turn the handle end of the dipper into the desired shape. Sand the dipper to the desired smoothness. Use a parting tool to a depth you feel safe. Then saw off the ends. Sand the ends smooth and apply a finish.



Videos on turning a honey dipper:

<https://youtu.be/Je209t1Pm1Q>

<https://youtu.be/GV4kgSOgIM>

<https://youtu.be/8qSRtlheZrE>

## Meeting Demo: The Triangle Box – Steve Reynolds

This design starts with a dry blank 3" x 3" x 3 1/4". Layout top and bottom of box. The full color layout images are available at the website below under TEACHING → HANDOUTS → Triangle Box Page. It is essential to study the color version to understand the layout process. Mount blank between centers, taper to Blue (major) diameters, scribe reference line. Mark a reference line along the axis where you will part off the top. you need to get the piece back together as it according to the layout points and not the grain pattern.



Part into Red (solid) diameters on ends to create chucking points. This will need to reflect your chuck sizes to work out for you. Chuck on bottom, part off the 1" long piece that will be made into the top of the box. Hollow, sand & finish inside of box. Create lid recess 1 3/8" – 1 5/8" diameter. Chuck on lid, cut tenon to fit recess in box. Hollow, sand & finish inside of lid. Glue lid and box bottom together with thin line of glue, lining up reference line. The glue goes around the very outside edge of the piece. This will get cut in as it gets finished.



Turn multi-axis triangle using the 3 centers on the Green diameter. Either as a triangle or twisted, determined by your layout. You are making a straight cut following the taper. So turn off the lathe and check your progress often. Sand the outside facets of the box completely. Mount on center point and cut in to separate box halves. Jam fit both lid and base onto waste blocks to complete shaping. Or, re-cut chucking point on large end, chuck to tool bottom and separate halves of box, jam-fit lid to finish. Sand, finish, and sign your work.



Cindy Drozda's twisted triangle box document:

[http://www.cindydrozda.com/handouts\\_Pdfs/handouts/workshop%20handouts/TriangleBoxPrep.pdf](http://www.cindydrozda.com/handouts_Pdfs/handouts/workshop%20handouts/TriangleBoxPrep.pdf)



**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.

- Three-Legged Stool by Gary Hinegardner – DVD
- All New Turning Projects by Richard Raffan – Book
- Open Bowl Turning and Balancing the grain Pattern by Al Stirt – DVD
- Turning and Carving the Square Platter by Al Stirt – DVD

● <http://www.alstirt.com>

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** ● Our club mission statement and objectives as defined in our [bylaws](#) are “to provide education and information to those who are interested in woodturning....for persons of all levels of competence and experience,.... and continued support for the American Association of Woodturners.” Membership in our club and the AAW are what we consider to be a “total experience” – an opportunity to learn to turn, boost your learning curve, expand your skills, and have FUN. The 50% AAW discount for chapter members that have never been AAW members is a limited time offer until June 30, 2017. Use the special portal at: <http://www.tiny.cc/AAWNewGen> to sign up or call them at 877.595.9094 during the week. (Note that this offer is for current and new chapter members; the only requirement is that you have never been an AAW member in the past.)

Need a challenge to get your turning to a new level. Try the President's Challenge to turn something that you normally would not do, something that lets you apply the techniques you have been developing or seen at a meeting demo or on a video; something that draws you out of the boxy for embellishing. All skill levels are encouraged to participate. Your work not only gives you satisfaction, it can be an inspiration to other members (and entrants get an extra ticket for door prizes – look for your name written on those tickets). Congratulations to John Buehrer for their winning laminated entry in March selected by club members. The April challenge is to turn any item with an egg theme.

The [AAW's 31<sup>st</sup> International Symposium](#) will be in Kansas City, MO on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see that several of our members will be attending. The learning and sharing atmosphere of a symposium, the demonstrations, the galleries, and the vendors offer something for all levels of turners. Club member, Jeff Hornung, aka Walnut Log, will be one of the vendors and club member, Michael Blankenship, has donated one of his turnings for the AAW silent auction. Congratulations to any of you that submitted entries to the Waves of Grain exhibition, we'll recognize you in an upcoming newsletter.

My experience with a symposium is that I can hardly wait for it to be over – I am just that excited about getting home and trying some of the techniques that I have observed. And how can you not be excited about being in the room with nationally known turners like Trent Bosch, Stuart Batty, Dixie Biggs, Kurt Hertzog, Cindy Drozda,.... Demonstrations are for turners of all levels. Hope you can attend the symposium. (Note that our June club meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> so as not to conflict with the symposium.) Discounted early bird registration is available through May 7<sup>th</sup>.

And speaking of symposiums, we have been contacted by the Segmented Woodturners Chapter. They will have their bi-annual symposium in St. Louis during Oct 2018! We will talk about it at the April meeting and we plan to meet with them in KC at the AAW symposium for more discussion and planning.

Some of our vendors compare names to our club roster which we update and provide in the spring. So be sure your membership dues are paid for 2017 to be included on the list.

Thanks to Bill Farny for leading the March pre-meeting demo on turning a honey dipper. Several of our members completed the project. And thanks to Steve Reynolds for showing us Cindy Drozda's technique for turning a twisted triangular box – a project that can be turned without jigs. You will find Jon Spelbring's demo at the April meeting on Lichtenberg Fractal burning to be a shocking experience. A guest pyrographer, Jen Kreyling, will be demonstrating woodburning techniques and equipment for our pre-meeting demonstration.

Thanks for your help and support of our club. – **Charles Sapp**

## **Club News:**



**Membership •** An [application](#) is available on the club web site. Dues are \$30 individual; \$40 family. Renewals do not require an application. We will have a drawing for all paid members by 2/18. Simply pay your dues to Walt and make sure that the [contact information](#) we have on file on the club web site is correct. Some of our vendors compare names to our club roster which we update and provide in the spring. So be sure your membership dues are paid for 2017 to be included on the list. – **Walt Ahlgrim**

**Attendance/Treasurers Report •** We have \$3269 in the bank. There were approximately 45 members/guests attending the March meeting.

**Secretary •** Please make sure you are filling in the card for the Show and Share. It helps me when I am translating notes and pictures from the meeting. I would also like to request every President's Challenge entrant give some additional information about their piece. This helps to ensure the most accurate information in the newsletter.

I would again like to offer my service to write-up demonstration outlines or documentation. Please call or email if you have any questions. – **Rob Conaway**



## In the News •

More Woodturning Magazine's – [Finishing Your Turnings](#)

[AAW Flick of the Week 1](#)

[Liam O'Neill Demo May 13-14](#)

**Show and Tell •** Turners of all skill levels are encouraged to bring their work to the meeting for sharing with other turners. Your work can be an inspiration to others.

**ReTurn to the Community: Bird House Ornaments •** Thanks for your support of the bird house ornament program. You turned 31 ornaments that were presented to the Church of the Shepherd in St. Charles, MO to be given to residents of the Frontier Rehabilitation home in St. Charles. A display was set up with the bird houses for a Veterans recognition program that was attended by Mayor Pagano of St. Peters prior to their distribution to the residents.



**ReTurn to the Community: Empty bowls •** Bring your bowls (or any turned item) to the April/May/June meetings for donation to the AAW symposium fund raiser which benefits kids - Variety, the Children's Charity of KC.

**Silent Auction •** No auction this month. If you have an item you would like to donate to the club, contact our President Charles Sapp. Donations are tax deductible.

**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.

**President's Challenge •** 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 on the back of the one marked

“TICKET”. Place it in the President’s Challenge bowl. Congratulations to the March PC winner, John Buehrer, with his checkerboard pattern box.

In addition to the winner selected by the members, all entrants receive an additional door prize ticket. The PC tickets are a different color and will have the winner’s name written on the ticket.

**April President’s Challenge** • Turn an item related to an Egg.

**AAW International Symposium** • The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual International Symposium will be in Kansas City, MO on June 22-25, 2017. (Note: our regular June WTSTL meeting will be the 18<sup>th</sup> to avoid a conflict with the symposium) Registration information is available on the AAW site: <http://www.woodturner.org> . Information on volunteering at the symposium can be found on the AAW site or this [article](#).

## Entries for the March President’s Challenge Laminated Turning



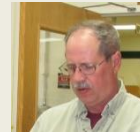
Laura Spelbring



Charles Sapp



Rich  
Hinkebein



Tom Brock



Wayne lehl



Steve Nagy





Dick Maes



John Bueher  
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Selection



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
April 23, 2017	Tips and Techniques on Pyrography with Jen Kreyling (equipment will be available for sale)	Jon Spelbring: Lichtenberg Fractal Burning (shocking demo)
May 21, 2017 (Note 1 week Early)	Hands on Workshop – Project TBD. Check the website for updates.	Tom Brock: Inside Out Turning

## March Show and Share



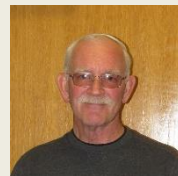
Les Krenning – Closed End Pens and Cosmic Cloud Bowl



Jason Hill – Oak lidded box



John Coburn – Maple Coffee Grinder finished with wipe on Poly



Rick Madden – Beads of Courage box with Mickey Mouse inlay.



**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.com>

**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 March have or ideas on your next project.

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