



# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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## Annual Picnic and Turning Challenge

Another outstanding picnic full of great people, great food and great turning! The day was perfect. Everyone was able to enjoy plenty of barbeque, sides, desserts and maybe a second helping of the things they liked the most.

Once everyone had had a chance to digest lunch we moved to the challenge of the day. Two teams faced off in a battle of wits, wood and sharpened spears. Or as we refer to them as skewers, gouges, scrapers and parting tools. In the end Judge Blankenship, using his masterful skills, picked the best team's bowl. In the end, fun was had by all.





**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. There are no new items this month. However, we have spent over \$100 in the last two months replacing items not returned. Please ensure you are returning items promptly. 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** • Thanks to everyone for making the picnic a great success – Laura for coordinating the event and bringing the barbeque; Jim Kennedy for reserving the pavilion; Rob for picking up and taking back the lathes; those that participated in the competitive turning; and all of you for bringing the great variety of delicious food.

Thanks to the members that have come forward to fill the officer slate for 2018. We do have volunteers to fill all the board positions. However, if you are interested in serving, please get with me as nominations are still being accepted and encouraged. The election will be held at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time too.

Bring your completed Turn for the Troops pens to the October meeting. They will be delivered to Woodcraft before Veteran's Day. There has been a change in ownership at Woodcraft; Michael Smith remains as the manager and is excited about their future.

November will be our annual Wine and Cheese party along with the ornament exchange and election. We will have several drawings for gift certificates which include Rockler, Craft Supplies, and a new sponsor Carter Tools. Lots of great gift certificates will be given away at the meeting.

The President's Challenge for October is to turn a spindle. How you use or incorporate the spindle into your entry is up to you. But the judging will be based on your spindle work. Pre-meeting will be open turning on the Comets. We will have instruction available, but you need to bring what you would like to turn, tools, and face shield. Pen mandrels will be available.

We typically publish the demonstrations and President's Challenge for the next month on the club web site. Check it for early information on the next meeting and other events in the area.

The Board is reviewing our finances and plans for 2018. What seminars, demonstrators, or improvements would you like to see the club do in the upcoming year(s). Your feedback is very important to helping the club continue to grow and serve its members. Talk to a Board member about your ideas and suggestions.

Thanks for all your support and help in our club activities. It is much appreciated. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. — **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. 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 to our club roster which we update periodically. So be sure your membership dues are paid to be included on the list. – **Walt Ahlgrim**

**Attendance/Treasurers Report •** We have \$2864 in the bank. There were approximately 45 members/guests attending the September 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. I will not be able to attend the next two meetings due to commitments at work. Assistance with pictures and meeting notes would help in getting the News Letter out. – **Rob Conaway**

## **November Meeting – Wine and Cheese Social, Ornament Exchange & Election •**

At the November meeting members will have the opportunity to exchange ornaments that they have made. If you would like to participate, just bring one of your ornaments to the November meeting. The ornament can be simple or complex. Participants will then draw a number to pick an ornament made by another club member. Hope to have your ornament in the event. Ornaments can also be entered into the President's Challenge!



There will not be a demonstration at the November meeting. Instead we will have a few hours of socializing. Bring your spouse/significant other, favorite wine (or other drink you enjoy) and an appetizer to share. The social will start following a short business meeting. The meeting will begin at 1 pm.



The annual election will be held at the November meeting. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be up for election. If you are interested in serving the club as a Board Member, please contact Charles Sapp. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November meeting. Roles and responsibilities of the board members can be found in our bylaws on the club web site

## **In the News •**

More Woodturning Magazine's – [Making a Spinner Top](#)

[Steelville Arts Council - Into the Woods II](#)

[AAW - Woodturning FUNdamentals Online Resource](#)



**Turning Saturday 2017** • Hosted by Lincoln Land Woodturners on October 21. The event begins with registration between 8:00-8:45 AM, followed by a mini symposium until 4:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per person or \$25 for families in the same household. Registration is limited to 70 people.

**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: Pens for the Troops** • We are again [turning pens for the troops](#) to show our appreciation to the men and women in the armed services. This is an annual event for Woodcraft and they have donated thousands of pen kits over the years. Woodcraft provides the slim line pen kits, individuals provide the blanks, turn the pens, and return them for distribution around Veteran's Day. Bring your completed pen to the October meeting and give it/them to Charlie.

**Show Me Woodturners – Turning Saturday** • The weather was great and lots of turners showed up for the event. They invited the WTSTL and several of us showed up. Paul Krautmann hosted the event at his farm/barn. Paul has a giant bandsaw that was used to cut up some burls and lots of blanks. Three lathes were operating most of the day. Barry and Keith worked on a drinking flask, demonstrated by Jimmy Clews at the AAW symposium in KC, which they plan to demo at the Show Me meeting in November. Tim turned on the burl that Paul cut out and then at the end of the day started to cut up a huge burl for future work. Jesse worked with Craig on finial design and turning. And we had a good lunch!

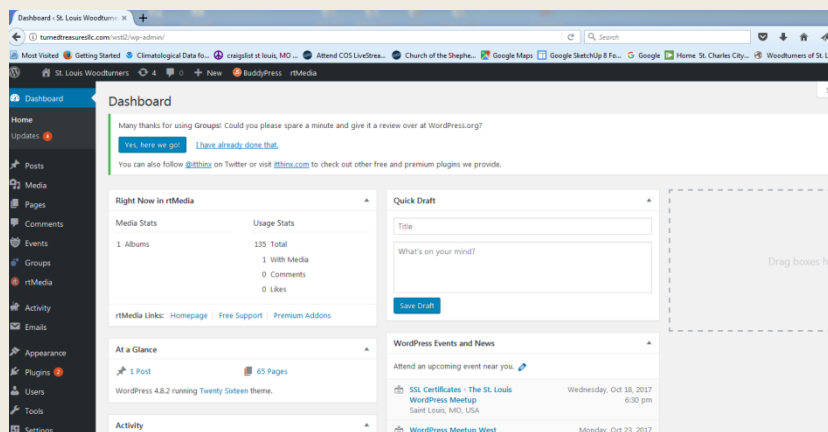


**Silent Auction** • No auction this month. If you have an item you would like to donate to the club, contact our President Charles Sapp. Donations are tax deductible.

**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.

If you log on to our club web site and get a screen that looks like this, just click on the text in the upper left hand side next to the house and then click on the drop down menu item “Visit site” and it will redirect you to the home web page.



**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 in the President’s Challenge bowl. In addition to the winner selected by the members, an additional door prize ticket will be given to everyone that provides a President’s Challenge entry. If you have a President’s Challenge Entry, be sure to look for your name on the door prize winners. The PC tickets are a different color and will have the winner’s name written on the ticket. You will not need the matching stub.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
October 22, 2017	Hands on Workshop – Project of your choice. Bring your project, tools, and face shield.	Bob Goulding will discuss how to turn a bowl from a manzanita root ball and demonstrate how to turn a wooden spatula.
November 26, 2017	No premeeting.	Ornament exchange, Annual Wine and Cheese Event, Board Election
December 2017	No meeting. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holiday Season	



**Community Projects** ● [Beads of Courage](#) > This is an on-going community program for our club. You can hold on to your boxes or bring them to the meeting and Steve Reynolds will store them until our next presentation to Children’s Hospital. 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. The club has the BOC logo beads available (\$1.25 each) whenever you need more. Thank you again. — **Steve Reynolds**



**Coffee and Cookies** ● Complementary coffee is available at the meetings. Donations accepted for the cookies. 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 Valcour Avenue, Affton, MO <http://www.stlturners.com>. Check the web site for updates.

**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 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 September have or ideas on your next project.

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