



# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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## June Meeting:

The June meeting started with open turning session on all three club Nova lathes. The project for the turners was a bottle stopper. These small projects are great for new turners or people looking for a small, quick project. Tom Zeller and Bill Farny again leant their expertise to assist some beginning turners. We all thank them for continuing to help with the open turning events.

The meeting demo was going to help everyone remember the club's charitable giving. Eric created a large cedar blank for a trio of turners to create a Bead of Courage lidded box. Eric was joined by Bob and John. Eric did the initial rounding of the blank and placing of a tenon on each end with coaching from John. Bob came in next to do some shaping and part the piece to separate the lid from the base.



This is where tragedy struck. While using a borrowed parting tool, there was a bind and a snap. But, is this really a tragedy? Like fisherman needing more lures, a turner can always use a new tool. This turner will be able to

purchase a new parting tool without any possible repercussions for "needing" a new tool. Or the inevitable question of; How could you possibly need another tool? A parting tool is an essential piece of a turner's tool box. Happy shopping!

While time ran out for the trio to complete the box during the normal meeting timeframe, Eric was able to complete the project at home. Hopefully he will bring the completed box for all to see.

Creating a Bead of Courage lidded box is the President's Challenge for July!



**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. The following are new items:

- Several items have been or are in the process of being replaced

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 •**

Last month I sang the tune of a production turner because I had an order for 14 scoops. Well, I finished them! They didn't really take all that long to produce once I learned all the tricks like how to keep the drill bits sharp, how to push the drill bits in and how best to part the scoops from the lathe. One of the benefits from taking on a production job is the learning of new tricks. All in all, this was a very satisfying assignment.



And speaking of production, I am happy to report that Paul Krautmann will be joining us again and will give HIS stories of spindle production in the July demo. He gave me a taste of this on a 20-minute phone conversation that had me laughing to tears so I know he will not disappoint.

At this point, I would like to thank all of you that braved the terrible heat we have had this late spring and summer. To see all of you, some sweating profusely in the pre-meeting area, sitting in our meeting and tolerating the heat, full of attention, I am touched and honored. The word for our group, and any group of wood turners is "brotherhood".

We share the same satisfaction of producing something wonderful in such a short time-frame. We relish the ongoing process of learning all the new techniques, working with new timber species and sharing our experiences, our work, and our wood. It's a common blood we have, and a mutual admiration of this wonderful craft.

Last week, Laura Spelbring of Turned Treasures called me and asked me to put out a product request for pet urns, as it seems she's had a number of requests lately for this item and Turned Treasures had none! Last night I put a piece of cherry on my lathe and turned this one that might work for a cat or a small dog. If anyone else has one to sell, now would be a great time to visit her or Jon over in Belleville.



Might not be a production item, but it sure was fun to bang it out.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting! – **John Hoeing**

## **Club News:**

**Vice President's Report • [Beads of Courage:](#)** Let's all remember that the Beads of Courage is a program for kids in need. The beads are \$1.25 (13/16" in diameter) and available from Eric at the meetings. Please continue to turn boxes for the program. – **Eric Oman**



**Treasurer •** Dues are \$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 Charlie and make sure that the [contact information](#) we have on file on the club web site is correct. Club patches are available from the Treasurer for \$5. – **Charles Sapp**



**Hidden Image Challenge•** Find this image at another location in the newsletter to qualify for an entry into a drawing for a \$20 Rockler gift card in November. It could be in a photo, article, text,..... Once you locate it, email your name and a description of the location (page/location) to [Charles Sapp](#). Entrants must be a current member of the WTSTL and submissions must be received by **August 4, 2018**. One entry per member per monthly challenge. (Note: you may want to enlarge/zoom on the newsletter to help you find the image. The hidden club image last month was on the side of the Comet lathe stand with Tom Zeller doing a turning. Congratulations to those that found the image!



**Attendance/Treasurers Report •** There were approximately 43 members/guests attending the June 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 •**

[AAW Demonstrator Direct](#)

[AAW Raleigh 2019 Symposium Call for Demonstrators](#)

[AAW 2019 AAW Board of Directors Election: August 1st through August 31st](#)

[Turn-On! Chicago 2018: August 3rd through 5th](#)

[Segmented Woodturners Symposium: October 12th through 14th](#)

**St. Louis Pen Show** • Vic Barr is a local artist who was selling his pens at the St. Louis Pen Show at the Westport Plaza/Sheraton at the end of June. Vic described himself as the Niemen Marcus of wood pens – quality parts and workmanship. There were an amazing number of vendors with fountain pens and roller ball pens at the show with prices ranging from \$5 to over \$2000.



Vic Barr & Charles Sapp

**New Members** • Please join me in welcoming our new members –

Tim & Helen Montgomery from Cahokia, IL



Charles Schrock from Des Peres, MO



### June President's Challenge • Largest Turning

We will be continuing our 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.

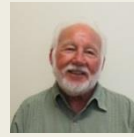
## Entries for the June President's Challenges Largest Turning



Murray Meierhoff



Richard Grossman



Dick Maes



John Hoeing



 <p>Bill Farny</p> 	 <p>Walt Ahlgrim</p> 	 <p>Rich Hinkebein</p> 	 <p>Rick Madden</p> 
 <p>Charlie Sapp</p> 	 <p>Tom Zeller</p> 	 <p>Gary Johnson 1<sup>st</sup> Place</p> 	

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
July 22, 2018	Tops – Tom Zeller (Bring your tools and facemask)	Spindle Turning – Paul Krautmann
August 26, 2018	Open Turning	TBD

## June Show and Share



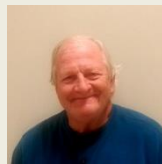
Dick Maes – Maple Burl plate finished with tung oil



John Hoeing – Sapele wood turning finished with Waterlox



Rob Conaway – Cherry captive ring baby rattle finished with beeswax



Tom Zeller - Camphor and Silver Maple finished with oil and Hampshire Grit



Don Eskridge – Red oak finished with wipe on poly

**Web site** ● If you have not signed on to the [club web site](#) but want to establish an account send your request to the Treasurer, Charles Sapp. Once your membership is verified, 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.

**Coffee and Cookies** ● Complementary coffee is available at the meetings. A contribution for cookies is appreciated. 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.

**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, St. Louis, MO <http://www.stlturners.com>

**American Association of Woodturners•** WTSTL is 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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