

# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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## July Meeting:

The meeting started with a spin through how to make tops with Tom Zeller. Tom came with all the necessary supplies for tops of all types. His pattern is to use contrasting wood colors with a dowel in the center for the spindle. These are held in the chuck using pin jaws. Then follow the normal process for turning a top.



We had another opportunity to get a demo from Paul Krautmann. This time Paul gave a presentation on how to duplicate spindles. He started with the basics of turning a spindle – Beads and Coves. He showed how a skew is used to begin the spindle creating process and creating beads.



A bowl gouge is used for coves and bead/cove combinations. Lastly a parting tool is used to

create channels, mark locations along the spindle and lastly set the depth for features along the spindle.

Once he got past the basic tools and techniques spindles, it was on to duplicating one. Regardless if you are making one or one hundred a story stick and several pairs of calipers will make the process go smoothly. Transfer the major elements of the spindle to the story stick. Cut a notch for each of these items. Lay the story stick on the new spindle to transfer these points onto the spindle blank. Measure each of the major points with your caliper. If you have more than one, use one for each. Otherwise, create another story stick for the caliper sizes to change throughout.

The new video capture process has made it possible to keep these presentations for club members to watch for years to come. I was not able to capture and write down all of Paul's tips and techniques from this presentation. I highly recommend checking out the video from our library at the next meeting. These techniques can be leveraged across many types turning.

Create a spindle of your own for the August President's Challenge!



**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:

- DVD of Paul Krautmann – Turning a green wood bowl
- DVD of Paul Krautmann – Spindle turning and duplication
- DVD of Oman, Hoeing, Goulding – Turning a Beads of Courage Box
- Book – Multi Axis Turning by Barbara Dill
- Magazine – American Woodturner
- Magazine – Woodturning Issue 320, July 2018 (first issue of a 2 year subscription)
- 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** ●

This is a great time of the year. We have the turners' picnic coming up next month, the weather is getting nicer, we now have an "in" at the Botanical Garden, and after another super spindle demo from Paul Krautmann, we get the skinny on bandsaws at the next meeting from our own Rob Conaway.

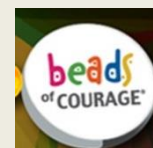
After 7 months at the helm, I'm really beginning to enjoy this position. There are so many benefits of being the point man for the club: free wood notifications; equipment sales; new relationships; and you really feel the strong bond we seem to be forming month after month.

Keeping the Spin short this month, so we can try to get our Newsletter out a little sooner this month as we've had suggestions to publish a little earlier in the month. So, Enjoy August everybody, and we'll see you August 26<sup>th</sup>! – **John Hoeing**

**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** ● An [application](#) for membership 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**



## Club News:

**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 before the August NL is released. One entry per member per monthly challenge. (Note: you may want to enlarge/zoom on the newsletter to help you find the image as it may be partially concealed. The hidden image is in the newsletter and not in outside links. The hidden club image last month was on Vic Barr's neck lanyard. Congratulations to those that found the image!



**Segmented Symposium** ● The Segmented Woodturners are hosting a symposium on Oct 11-14<sup>th</sup> at Marriott St. Louis West hotel. A team of demonstrators will provide instruction and inspiration on a wide variety of segmenting topics. Our club has committed to supporting the symposium. That means that we have volunteered to provide some equipment (lathes, vacuums, A/V,...) and personnel to help the demonstrators with set up/tear down and audio visuals. **We need your help/commitment** to get the equipment to/from the show; man the cameras and computers for the PowerPoint presentations. Training will be provided. If you commitment for at least 5 sessions you can attend the remaining sessions at no charge. Don't want to work 5 sessions, then sign up for a couple sessions – you will get to be part of the symposium and meet a lot of new turners. Contact [Charles Sapp](#) to sign up. The vendor area will be open to everyone during the show.



## International Wood Collectors Society

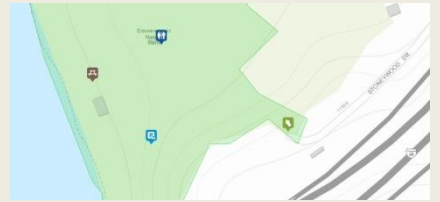
**International Wood Collectors Society** ● The annual meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites hotel in St. Charles on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. There will be demonstrations, a flint napper, wood and craft auctions, instant gallery, vendor tables, and lectures. Guests may attend the meeting for \$10/day (Eric Oman our VP is a member and you can “drop his name” as your sponsor.) Some of the highlights of the meeting include – a demonstration by Violet and Eric Oman on making cutting boards; carving demo by Mike Short of the Show Me Turners; using a camera for thin wall turning by John Ferreira, Bob Dickherber, Joe Bussmann (if you missed it at our meeting or want a refresher); marketing your products with Kim Carr (one of our previous speakers and great presentation); turning bowls; making turkey calls; and turning blind with Michael Blankenship. For more information and the complete [schedule](#) check their web site: [www.woodcollectors.org](http://www.woodcollectors.org). There is a free open house on Wednesday, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7pm – 9pm if you cannot attend the day sessions.



**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. The kits are available from Treasurer, Charles Sapp at the meeting (\$3 deposit which is returned to you when you return a completed pen). Pens need to be completed and returned to the Treasurer by the Oct 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Annual Picnic** ● September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date for our club picnic. It will be at [Emmenegger Nature Park](#).

From eastbound I-44, take the Watson Road exit to Geyer Road and turn north. Go 200 yards to Cragwold Road and turn west. Go 1 mile to Stonewood, then South to the area entrance. Pavilion and parking is to the left. Handicap parking is available by going to the right after entering the park and looping around the nature park.



A map to the picnic can be found at: <https://goo.gl/maps/sVuT7psDMwr>. Bring a side dish to share. Plan to arrive around noon and lunch will start around 12:30 pm. The club will be providing paper products, utensils, coffee, buns, and the meat. You are responsible for your drinks if you want something other than coffee. We have a shelter reserved so please come rain or shine! More directions in the August newsletter.

In addition to the great food, we will have the creative event where everyone can assemble “whatever” from scrap wood pieces using hot glue and imagination; a swap and sell table where you can trade or sell wood, tools, finishes, ....; and a collaboration turning, by teams of members (and their guests if they want to participate). Bring your tools and safety gear!

**WTSTL 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge** ● The club was organized in 1993 and this is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. President John Hoeing is challenging everyone to turn an item that incorporates silver (or a silver knock off look like pewter, chrome, aluminum ....). Pieces will be judged at the October meeting and an article written about the winning piece for submittal to the AAW magazine.



**St. Charles Old Capitol Pole Lathe Demonstrations** ● A demonstration of the pole lathe operation is scheduled for Aug 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3pm as part of Statehood Day. This is an opportunity to provide hands-on turning and old tool experiences to both kids and adults. Other demonstrations of historical crafts and activities early settlers would have done will also be participating. The next demonstration is scheduled for Sept 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm. We are also trying to “upgrade” the pole lathe to a treadle lathe. If you can help with the demonstrations or the design/build of the treadle lathe please contact [Rich Hinkebein](#).

**Audio/Visual Enhancements** ● Thanks to Walt Ahlgrim for acquiring the parts, building, and assembling our new camera mounting hardware. The new mounts are attached to the safety shield and can be moved by the demonstrator as needed for the best coverage.



**Attendance/Treasurers Report** ● There were approximately 30 members/guests attending the July 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 Article of the Week: Lidded Box a la Ed by Bob Rosand](#)

[AAW Article of the Week: Shrink Boxes by Jim Sannerud](#)

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

[AAW Flick of the Week: Finishing boxes with Paul Lockwood](#)

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

**New Members** • No New Members

### July President's Challenge • Beads of Courage

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 July President's Challenge Beads of Courage Box



Rich Hinkebein



Lester  
Krenning



Charles Sapp



Mike Vogt



Rick Madden  
(Winner July  
PC)



### August President's Challenge – Spindle Work

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
August 26, 2018	Turning rice bowls with Steve Reynolds; material provided, bring your tools and safety equipment.	Band Saw of Woodturners – Rob Conaway
September 23, 2018	Picnic	Picnic

## July Show and Share



Jeff Nasser – Waddy Wood bowl and motorcycle pen finished with CA Glue and Danish Oil



John Hoeing – Brown Mallee Burl Clock finished with friction polish



Board Project (Eric Completed) – Cedar BOC box finished with Tung oil



Charles Sapp – Walnut BOC boxes and spindle duplication inspired by a new book in our library by Barbara Dill on multi-axis turning.



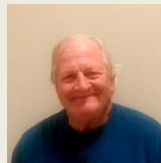
Laura Spelbring – Basket Illusion plates made of Maple. Laura attended JC Campbell and had a class with Harvey Meyer.



Charles Schrock - Lidded box with locking lid made of Bloodwood and Maple. A rose engine was used to embellish the turning and the locking lid was driven by two super magnets repelling each other!



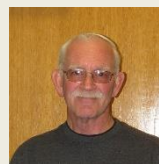
Lester Krenning – Paduak & Sycamore BOC finished with Myland's



Tom Zeller – Bottle openers of various wood types



Unknown turner – BOC box donated by Casey Madden



Rick Madden - Sphere on a cherry stand wet sanded with Danish oil

**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, 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.

**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. Meetings and demonstrations are recorded for our library. Your attendance indicates your willingness to potentially appear in a publication or online release. Check out the WTSTL at: <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 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 have or ideas on your next project.

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