



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

June Meeting:

Pens for the Troops is one of the club's Re-turn to the Community events. Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to turn, prior to the meeting and those that brought turned pens. We turn the pens over to [Woodcraft for their annual event](#). This year marks the 16th year they have been doing it and over 175,000 pens have been turned for the military. Pen kits are available from the Treasurer for a \$3 deposit which is returned to you when a completed pen is returned for the program. This is a very small way we can show our thanks to the military men and women.



While hard to top, Jeff Hornung came in to demonstrate the Calabash Bowl. Traditionally these bowls were made from gourds or similar items found in nature. When one makes them from wood, they need to ensure the bottom is wood with tin walled construction. Jeff prefers to use green wood. This allows the finished



product to move and warp generally making the finished product much more natural looking. The center picture

above shows several of Jeff's finished bowls, including one with a Jeff Hornung signature finish in blue.

[Turning a Calabash Bowl](#)

[Turning a Walnut Calabash Bowl](#)

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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:

Magazine – American Woodturner Issue 3, Volume 34 June 2019
Mastering your Table Saw – Kelly Mehler – DVD
The Nitty Gritty of Sanding for Woodturners – AAW – Book

Our library is a great source of inspiration and knowledge. We typically have around 90 items checked out by members at each meeting. Members can access a complete listing content on the [club web site under the "Members Only" tab](#). 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**



St. Charles First Missouri State Capitol / Treadle Lathe • On August 10th from 10am to 3pm Missouri will be celebrating its 198th birthday. We have been asked to do demonstrations at the old capitol building as part of the celebration. Also on September 17th, the capitol will be hosting "Seniors to the Parks". If you would like to volunteer for either or both events, contact our librarian, Rich Hinkebein.



President's Spin • June and July are great months! First, Jeff Hornung did it again. What a great demonstration on turning Calabash bowls by Jeff last meeting! Seems to me he just gets better and better as someone to learn from because Jeff goes to so many turning gatherings and meets so many suppliers and other wood-turners. We appreciate his ever-broadening knowledge and his sharing that with the group.

Walt came up to me during the show and told me to mention that we are going to need more chairs as we had a full house last weekend, and I was so happy to see that. We have reached the 100-member level and often have about 60 attending our meetings! Additional chairs are on the way! Thanks to Walt and Ken Bald for helping us out with the conveyance, and thanks again to all our new members for joining and seasoned members for continuing their support of the club!

Lastly, Paul Krautmann will be showing us the ins and outs of turning a Roman canteen at the July gathering.

Well it's summertime again, and after watching poor Jeff sweating under the heat of the lights, I'm thinking we could invest in a small fan that we can somehow mount near our demonstrators during the hotter St. Louis months. To those who are either thinking of demonstrating, or those who have volunteered already, I am thinking of you. Been up there myself a while back, and I remember how warm it can get under that spotlight.

One section of our monthly that I wanted to mention was the show and tell portion of the meeting. This is such a fantastic forum for our members to strut their stuff, and we've had some truly excellent entries lately, just review the last few issues of the newsletters to see what I'm typing about.

So, I'm looking forward to July 28th, and I'm hoping you are as well! – **John Hoeing**

Woodturning Summit ● In April 2019 woodturning clubs in the mid-west were invited to Springfield, MO to share their knowledge of what works, what does not work, and general discussion to aid the growth of woodturning. Twenty seven representatives from MO, KS, NE, IA, AR, and OK attended. The outcome of that meeting, which was summarized at our last meeting, is documented in the minutes of the meeting on our club web site under the “members only” tab.



In particular, note:

- AAW has a 6 month free membership to club members that have never joined the AAW. <http://tiny.cc/freette>
- Remote demonstrations via the internet with live feedback
- Amazon Smile (we implemented this shortly after the summit meeting)
- Group orders (we currently do this with the Festus club on end sealer; would you like to see it expanded to include other vendors – Woodturning Wonders, Craft Supply, Starbond,.....) for discounts, free shipping,.....

Please review the document and let the board know if you feel our club should pursue any specific items that were discussed.



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:

Attendance/Treasurers Report ● There were approximately 55 members/guests attending the June meeting.

Secretary ● Please make sure you are filling in the card for the Show and Share. Please fill in your full name and any details about the piece. It helps me when I am translating notes and pictures from the meeting. – **Rob Conaway**

In the News ●

[AAW : Turning of the Week](#)

[AAW Article: Evolution of a Design](#)

[AAW Article: Craft and Art: The Expressive Realm of Beth Ireland](#)

[Flick of the Week: Tools for Turners](#)

[Flick of the week: A simple Thread Chasing Exercise with Eva & Sofia - wyomingwoodturner](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
July 28, 2019	Open Turning / Turn a pen for the troops; blanks will be available	Paul Krautmann – Roman Canteen
August 25, 2019	Open Turning	TBD

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 Challenge

Turning an Exotic Wood



Ken Bald
#1



Laura Spelbring



Charles Sapp



Steve Reynolds



John Hoeing



Jeff Nasser



Gary Johnson



Rich Hinkebein



July President's Challenge – Turn a Calabash Bowl

June Show and Share



Dan Hill – Mahogany bowl finished with Beale System



Bill Eggers – Segmented vase made from purple heart, yellow heart and wenge



Charles Sapp – Maple Rain Drop Painted Platter. Maple Textured and Painted Bowl. Maple Beaded Bowl.



Mike Strang – Ash lidded box finished with sealer and wax



Tim French – Ambrosia Maple bowl finished with Tung Oil/Citrus Solvent. Cherry Bowl finished with Danish Oil and Beale Buff



Bob Goulding – Cherry vessel finished with lacquer



John Spelbring – Maple bowl/vase Multi-axis turnings.

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 <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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