



# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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## September Picnic:

The picnic was quite a success this year. Great weather, great company, some turning, some glue ups, eating a little too much and of course there was cheese for the burgers. We all enjoyed an afternoon of conversation and food. This is one of my favorite events, other than not having to take a lot of pictures, we get to chat with several people about the goings on in their lives. We might speak about wood turning, but it is not the center of the conversation.



We had planned to do a turning competition to make candlesticks. Instead, we had several knowledgeable turners mentoring some of the newer members of the club. Using the candlesticks as the method for showing how to bring a piece into round. Then, from a template piece, add beads, coves, a tenon and a cup to hold the candle. This may not have been what was planned for the day, but it was a very successful turning adventure.

By the way, checkout the AAW Turning of the Week later in the newsletter. You may recognize the name.





**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:

Nothing new this month

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**



### **President's Spin** ●

Thanks to everyone for making the picnic a great success – Laura for bringing paper supplies and condiments, Doug Eilermann 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 2019 but we still need a volunteer to fill the position of secretary/NL editor! 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.

November will be our annual Wine and Cheese party along with the ornament exchange and election. See the newsletter article for more information on the event.

The President's Challenge for October is to turn something related to Halloween. Witches hats, brooms, pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns come to mind, but anything is accepted! 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.

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.

Thanks to our wonderful attendance, increase in membership, and Eric Oman's work with Boeing's non-profit organization contributions, the coffers are doing very well, as we have in excess of \$4,000! Which is very good for the club and the Board is recommending that we keep the same membership fee for 2020 (\$30 for individual membership and \$40 for the family plan, which is limited to 3 people, and family members beyond 3 will require an individual membership). We can't guarantee Eric and Boeing will be there again next year or in the coming years, so after 2020 we may need to up our dues. The membership will vote on the dues for 2020 at the November meeting.

The Board is reviewing our finances and plans for 2020. 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 27th meeting. – **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:

**Attendance/Treasurers Report** ● 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. 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**

**Turning Donations for Basket of Hope** ● The Basket of Hope Foundations works with seriously ill children and their families in the St. Louis area. On Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> they will host a fund-raising event and are asking for turned items to be donated for their silent and live auctions. Please bring any items you would like to donate to the Oct meeting. Rick Madden and Charles Sapp will be collecting them and make the delivery to Basket of Hope. Thanks for your support of this organization.



**Pens for the Troops** ● Since 2004 over 175,000 pens have been crafted for the troops thru Woodcraft's Turn for the Troops program. The pens will be sent to active duty or recovering military personnel across the globe. In 2018 WTSTL club members turned 30 pens for the program. See Treasurer, Charles Sapp, if you would like to get a pen kit to participate in the program. There is a \$3 deposit for the pen kit but it is refunded when the completed pen is returned. Please bring your completed pens for the troops to the Oct meeting. They will be delivered to Woodcraft before Veterans Day for distribution to the services.

**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 John Hoeing. 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.

**AAW Membership** ● If you are a chapter member and have never belonged to the AAW you can sign up for a **FREE** 6 month [introductory membership](#). It offers access to the American Woodturner journal and other resources on their web site. We hope that this free, introductory membership will kick-off a valuable connection to the AAW. By signing up you can also be entered into our drawing for a gift certificate at the Nov meeting. So sign up soon.

**Holiday Shopping with Amazon Smile** ● If you shop on Amazon on a regular basis, please consider shopping on <https://smile.amazon.com>. Just under the search bar is a link to “Supporting”. Follow the links to select your favorite charity. We hope you will select Woodturners of Saint Louis. You will need to shop on the [smile](#) site for a donation to count from now on. Click on this link to go to the WTSTL charity: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-1451495>



**Pen Turning at Rockler** ● The AAW has teamed with Rockler for a pen turning event on Nov 9, 2019. Hands on classes will let turners make a slim line pen under the mentoring of our club members. Volunteers are needed to staff the event from 930am – 5pm. You do not need to work the entire day as it is broken into 4 sessions. Turners will be charged a \$10 fee with is donated to National Veterans Foundation. Please see John Hoeing to register to help.

### **In the News** ●

[AAW : Turning of the Week - Jeff Hornung](#)

[AAW Article: An Artist's Progress - Advice from a Master](#)

[AAW Article: The Amazing Doll Series - Kokeshi-Inspired Collaborations](#)

[AAW Video: Turn Up, Light Up](#)

[AAW : Turning of the Week](#)

[AAW Article: Have a ball turning Spheres](#)

[AAW Article: Spheres Build skill and train your eye](#)

[AAW Video: Colored Pencil Explosion Sphere](#)

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
October 27, 2019	Open Turning	Christmas Ornaments – Michael Blankenship
November 24, 2019	No pre-meeting	Annual Wine and Cheese Event, Ornament exchange, & Election – Spouses/significant others welcome
January 26, 2020	Open Turning	TBD

## October President's Challenge – Turn an item related to Halloween

**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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