

# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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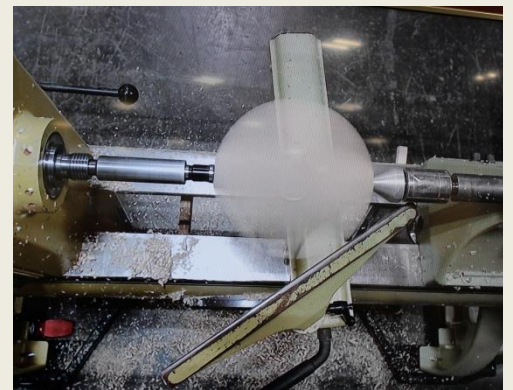
## January Pre-Meeting: Jon Spelbring teaches on the Skew:

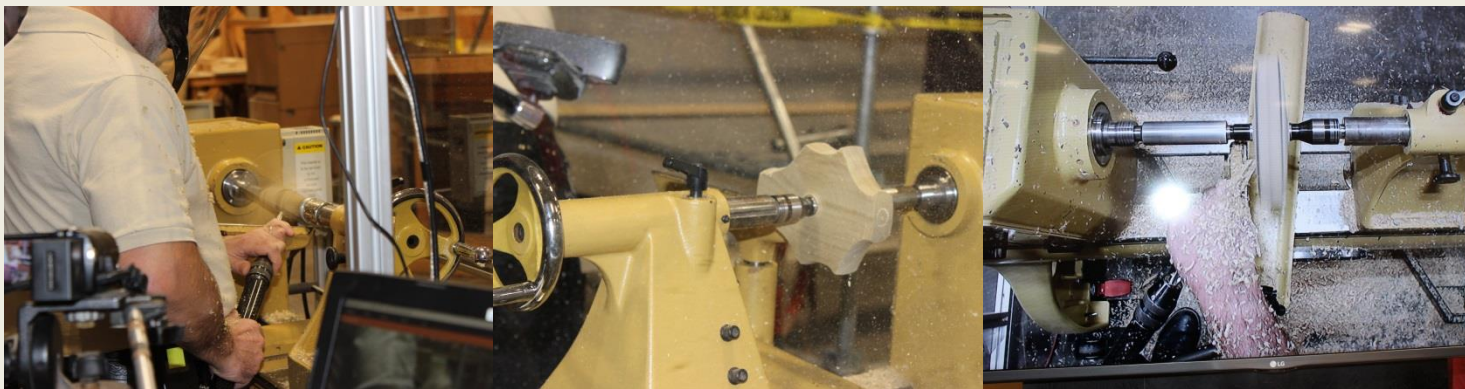
Jon presented a very informative lesson on using the skew chisel and then allowed attendees to practice.



## January Meeting: Jon Spelbring turning a Twice Turned Disc Vase:

Members have access to written directions via the "Members Only" tab on our [website](http://stlturners.com).





**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:

*Magazines – Woodturning, issue 338 December 2019*

*American Woodturning issues for October and December 2019*

*Book – Lathe Fundamentals, the Complete Guide by Rick Peters*

*Woodworkers Guide to Turning, a back to Basics book*

*Wood Turning, from Tree to Table, bowls, lamps, and other projects by Bill Bowers*

*Turning Techniques and Projects from Fine Woodworking*

*DVD – Hollow ornaments, WTSTL demo by Michael Blankenship*

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** • A new year and a new president! Wow! A lot to look forward to. I was pleased to see that we had a packed room and that there were lots of new faces. I hope that I can do as well as my predecessors.

We have a lot lined up for the year for the new and the experienced turners. Bob

Goulding has volunteered to find us great demonstrators for the year and we are starting a back to basics mentoring program for the pre-meetings at 11:30. Please don't hesitate to jump in to assist or to learn. Bring tools and safety gear.

As always, I'm impressed with the pieces that come in as challenges and show and tell. Keep it up. February challenge is a vase.

Stay safe and keep turning! - **Laura Spelbring**



## Re-Turning to the Community ●

**Nursing Home Project:** A new community service project for our members is to make small lidded boxes for individuals in nursing homes. Approximate dimension should be no larger than 3X3 with loose fitting lids. Once we get 30 or more we will deliver them to a nursing home. If you have suggestions for the nursing home, please let Laura know. This will be an ongoing project for 2020.

**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 are sent to active duty or recovering military personnel across the globe. In 2018 WTSTL club members turned 30 pens; in 2019 you turned 40 pens; and our goal for 2020 is to turn 50 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 Sept picnic or Oct meeting. They will be delivered to Woodcraft before Veterans Day for distribution to the services.

**Beads of Courage** – Our support for the Beads of Courage program continues with boxes going to Children's Hospital. Check out their [link](#) or talk to Ken Bald for more information.

**Demos** – We are looking to do demos at school fairs and church bazaars. This is a good way for our club to get out into the public eye for education and possibly for us to earn finances. Please check with your church and your kid's or grandkid's schools for any upcoming events. These are usually free and 1 day events.



**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 Ken at the meetings. Please continue to turn boxes for the program. – Ken Bald



**Treasurer ●** An application for membership is available on the club web site. Renewing and new members are asked to complete the new application form. Forms will also be available at the meeting. Dues are \$30 for an individual and \$40 for a family (up to 3 individuals). Club patches are available from the Treasurer for \$5. – Charles Sapp



## Club News:

**Attendance/Treasurers Report ●** There were approximately 68 members/guests attending the January meeting.

**Secretary ●** Please make sure you are filling in the card for the Show and Share. Please legibility fill in your full name and any details about the piece. It helps me when I am translating notes and pictures from the meeting. Items without cards will not be noted in the newsletter.

For those entering the president's challenge please select one of the numbers available on the table and legibly add your name and number to the list. Illegible entries will not be noted in the newsletter.

– **Jesse Tutterrow**

**Turning day** - Ken Bald will host a turning day in the Spring- more info to follow.

**Club Shirts** – Dick Maes brought in samples of shirts, jacket, and polos showing logos in both embroidered and a vinyl patch. The board will be finalizing the prices and choices and provide more info at the Feb meeting.

**Amazon Smile** - Continue to use Amazon smile and choose our club for us to get the credit.

**Help Needed** - We are looking for volunteers to pick up wood for west and north of St. Louis. These people should preferably have a truck and a place to store the wood until the next meeting. Contact Laura if you can assist.

**The WoodWorking Show in Collinsville IL:** Once again our club participated in the annual woodworking show. We had 19 volunteers manning our booth. I would like to thank all of them for taking the time to represent our club and to share with our fellow woodworkers the joy of woodturning. Also a big **Thank You** for those who brought examples of woodturning. Below are some pictures of our volunteers:



In addition to volunteers working our booth, members assisted the International Wood Collectors Society by volunteering in the **Turn a Pen for Wounded Warrior Project** booth. Our thanks for supporting our Vets.



**New Members** ● Woodturners of Saint Louis would like to welcome the following new members:



Larry Duncan  
Fairview Heights IL



Tim Johnson  
Donnellson IL



Jay Li  
Chesterfield MO



Fred Groves

Mark Bradley  
St. Louis MO

Steve Bradley  
Waterloo IL



Darren Dugger  
Bonne Terre MO



Megan Dugger  
Bonne Terre MO



Bob Larson  
Hazelwood MO



Sharon Larson  
Hazelwood MO

**Valentine Day 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](https://smile.amazon.com) 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>



## In the News •

The Show Me Turners club would like to invite our members to a free turning day at Paul Krautmann’s on April 18 between 9:00 and whenever everyone leaves. Paul’s address is 8095 Hwy BB Hillsboro, MO 63050. Please bring a side dish and the beverage of your choice (non-alcoholic). Please RSVP to Keith Buxton via text at 502.337.0347.

Symposium News - Michael Blankenship will be demonstrating at the AAW symposium this June.

Jeff Hornung will be teaching “[Turning Scottish Style](#)” at John C Campbell folk school August 30 to Sept 5..

Ken Bald attended the January Tennessee Association of Woodturners annual symposium and returned with this report:

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners (TAW) sponsors one of the longest running regional annual woodturning symposiums. Each year in January the TAW brings in some of the top woodturners from the nation for two days of woodturning demonstrations, vendor tradeshow and Saturday night banquet and auction.

I’ve attended this symposium for the last two years and have left with new ideas and techniques. This year Eric Lofstrom, demonstrator, showed me some new ways to use the skew and I hope to try some of his techniques. Cindy Drozda demonstrated the turning of lidded boxes with emphasis on turning long thin finials. I hope some of my boxes and Christmas ornaments will soon show improved finials. Mark St. Leger demonstrated the turning of a “rock-a-bye” box.

The symposium had a room filled with vendors who demonstrated their products and offered some show specials and discounts. - **Ken Bald, Vice President**



[AAW Symposium: Coming to Louisville KY June 4-7](#)

[AAW: Pic of the Week – Greg Just Beads of Courage Box](#)

[Flick of the Week: Lyle Jamieson Buffing Turned Vessels](#)

[AAW Turning of the Week: Chris Ramsey Cascades](#)

[Flick of the Week: Sam Angelo Wet Sanding on the Wood Lathe](#)

[AAW Article: Safety Tips – Lathe Speed](#)

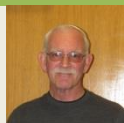
## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
February 23, 2020	Jon Spelbring demonstrates bowl turning	Rick Madden demonstrates Stave Bowls
March 22, 2020	TBA	Steve Nagy demonstrates Segmented Turning

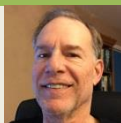
**President's Challenge Voting / Door Prize entry ticket** -. During the break, review the items on the challenge table and write your selection on the back of the one marked "TICKET". Place in the President's Challenge bowl. Your vote for the President's Challenge is also your entry for door prize drawings. 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 additional PC tickets are a different color and will have the winner's name written on the ticket. You will not need the matching stub for it.

# Entries for the January President's Challenge

Turn a Bowl



**Rick Madden**  
**Winner**



**Paul Newby**



**Rich  
Hinkebein**



**John  
Moore**



**Charles  
Schrock**



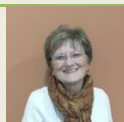
**Richard  
Grossman**



**John Hoeing**



**Wayne lehl**



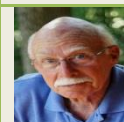
**Ellen  
Williams**



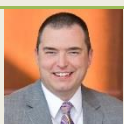
**Bill Eggers**



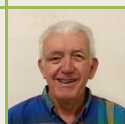
**Murray  
Meierhoff**



**Bob  
Goulding**



**Sean Follis**



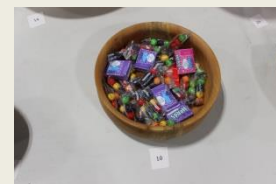
**Ken Bald**



**Gary Guzy**



**Laura  
Spelbring**







Charles Sapp



## February President's Challenge – Turn a Vase

### January Show and Share



Bill Eggers – Bowl. Osage Orange



Mark St. Leger demonstration at the Tennessee symposium – brought to meeting by Ken Bald -- triangle box -- . Maple



Charles Sapp – Vase – Holly with Poly finish












Jon Spelbring – Twice Turned Vase - Maple



Steve Nagy – Chic Star – Red Oak, Walnut, Maple with Poly finish



Dave Baer – Christmas Ornament – Oak, Walnut and Maple with Lacquer

  	 
Charles Schrock	Wayne Iehl – Captive Ring Goblet
	 
Unknown	Bill Grimes – Pendants
	
Unknown	

**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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