



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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May Remote Meeting: The May 24th WTSTL meeting was held remotely due to the CORONA-19 pandemic and to protect and keep our members safe. Laura Spelbring led the meeting discussion. Members provided several pictures of their work during the quarantine and those were presented and discussed by each member during Show and Tell. The President will continue to issue a monthly turning challenge but lacking the ability to review each entry and vote, please hold on to your challenge items and they will be viewed when we resume in-person meetings. In the interim, please send a picture of your work to cwsapp@charter.net for inclusion in the Show and Tell for the remote meetings and the newsletter.

Following the business portion of the meeting, the club went into an Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD) with Steve Nagy demonstrating how to do segmented turning – manual layout and automated programs, calculation of segment angles and lengths, ring glue up techniques, videos from his shop, and yes, even how to adjust for some errors. Members were able to interact with Steve and ask questions during the demonstration. Everyone had a front row seat and Steve did a great job of presenting and demonstrating segmented turning.

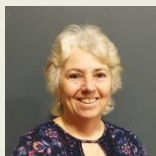
Fifty (50) participated in the remote meeting – typical attendance for our meetings. Remote broadcasting allowed participants from Lincoln Land Turners, Southern Bayou Woodturners, and members to join. Other clubs are sharing their demonstrations with the WTSTL.

At this time COVID-19 restrictions continue to evolve and change. We do not know when we will be able to resume group meetings at CJAP. When we do, the environment will be different. Your Board continues to work on the club mission of providing woodturning education and information. We plan to continue meeting remotely through July to protect and keep everyone safe. Bob Goulding is scheduling a robust Interactive Remote Demonstration program for you so that you can participate while we are meeting remotely and face to face when we resume meetings. The Board has compiled survey that we hope you will complete and email back to express your feelings about remote meetings and resuming in person meetings. You will be getting an email with the survey and it is also included in this newsletter.

Our June 28th meeting will also be remote on the Zoom platform. Larry Randolph will be presenting on texturing your work with sand blasting. Then at the July 26th meeting, Lyle Jameson will do a remote demo on hollow form turning. Members can participate in the IRDs for no charge, but there is a \$10 fee for **nonmembers** to participate in the Lyle Jameson demonstration. Meeting information with the link will be emailed about a week before the meeting. Please sign on to the meeting with your full name for verification against our roster. If you are not a member of the club and would like to participate, send an email to cwsapp@charter.net with you name, contact information, and a request to participate in the remote meeting.



Library News • New material is being added to our library and will be available when we resume our in-person meetings. – **Rich Hinkebein**



President's Spin • Another month of staying safe is behind us but I hope it hasn't hindered your creativity. I sure you have been finding time to not only clean up your shop but do all those projects that you had lined up! This month I decided to offer 2 challenges since segmenting can seem daunting to new turners, although, Steve Nagy did an awesome job of breaking it down to manageable pieces. The first is the demo challenge – create a segmented piece, and the second is the Corona Virus challenge 'We're all in this together' - create a piece with 2 parts.

We are still looking for some good folks to step up to help us out with positions that we need to fill (see text below). We are only strong when our members participate in all the areas needed.

Turn Safe. – **Laura Spelbring**

EXTRA EXTRA • Due to unseen circumstances, we have several club positions open. If you are interested, please contact any officer or send an email. We have split these positions so as not to overwhelm any one person.

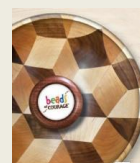
- SECRETARY – The secretary shall attend and keep minutes of all meeting; take attendance; and maintain name tags, work with NL editor. This is a Board position.
- NEWSLETTER EDITOR – The editor is responsible for collecting articles, editing, and assembling the club newsletter.
- AV Operator – The operator is responsible for setup/breakdown of the AV equipment for each meeting. We would like for at least 2 people to fill this role so a backup is available. We do have a mentor to get you trained.
- PHOTOGRAPHER – The photographer is responsible for taking pictures of the meeting demonstration, Show and Tell, and President's Challenge entries and working with the NL editor.

Re-Turning to the Community • At our November meeting there will be a gift certificate drawing for members that contribute to our community service programs. Sixty dollars in Craft Supply gift certificates will be awarded (\$40 first prize, \$20 second, and \$10 third place winners). For each item that you Re-Turn to the Community you will receive an entry for the drawing. You do not have to be present at the meeting to be a winner. Sign the sheet by the projects at the meeting when you turn in your item noting how many you are submitting and a brief description. **(NOTE: Please hold on to your turnings until we start meeting in-person).**

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.



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.



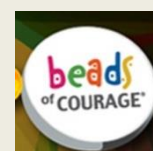


Pens for the Troops ● Since 2004 over 175,000 pens have been crafted for the troops thru Woodcraft's Turn for the Troops program. The pens are sent to active duty or recovering military personnel across the globe. In 2018 WTSTL club members turned 30 pens; in 2019 you turned 40 pens; and our goal for 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. **(NOTE: In the interim if you want to be turning pens for this program you can use pen kits that you currently have and they will be swapped out for a pen kit when you turn in a completed pen. Slimline pen kits will be swapped, but you can submit any kit that you want. If you want to pick up pen kits, contact Charlie Sapp to make arrangements for pick up.)**



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 50 participants at the May remote meeting.

Club Shirts ● Our order has been placed on hold as many suppliers are out of stock due to the pandemic and shut downs. You will be notified when we plan to complete the order and at that time you will be able to finalize your order.

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.

Member Survey on Returning to In Person Meeting: Your health and safety are important to us and as the restrictions are lifted on group meetings we want to know how you feel about resuming group gatherings. We will continue to evaluate the situation as time gets closer and will follow the CDC and St. Louis County guidelines on social distancing and maximum group sizes, and any others from our host, CJAP. Please complete the survey below and return your response to: info@stlturners.com.

- As local governments begin to lift bans against group meeting, which of the following best describes your attitude toward returning to CJAP?
 - I will return the first opportunity we have
 - I will return at the first opportunity but with some concerns and precautions
 - I will wait several additional weeks before I attend
 - It may be quite a while before I return, but would participate remotely
 - Not sure
- Which other type of activity BEST signals to you that it is time to open in-person meetings?
 - Local businesses are open
 - Local restaurant seating areas are open (not restricted)
 - Schools are open
 - The number of COVID-10 cases in our community is low
 - Social distancing and stay home guidelines have been lifted
 - Testing is widely available and utilized
 - An effective vaccine is widely available
 - All of the above
 - Not sure
- If local guidelines require all attendees to wear a protective face mask, how would you feel about attending?
 - I am ready to attend in a mask
 - I would rather participate “mask free” at home
 - Not sure
- Would you be okay if we had to check every person’s temperature as they entered the building, do a survey on their health, and possibly sign a release?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
- What type of precaution should be a priority for gatherings?
 - Eliminate Show and Tell / President Challenge
 - Limit touching of display items
 - Set up one way flow for entering and exiting
 - Provide hand sanitizer stations
 - Limit gathering size based on social distancing
 - All of the above
 - None of these
- As soon as we receive clearance for public gatherings from local officials, which of the following would you prefer for our club?
 - Resume in person meetings immediately
 - Continue remote meetings with interactive demonstrations for a few more weeks before resuming in person gathering
 - Keep all activities online-only to see what happens with the virus
 - Undecided

Shopping with Amazon Smile • If you shop on Amazon, 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>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
June 28, 2020		Remote meeting with Larry Randolph – Sandblasting Techniques
July 26, 2020		Remote meeting with Lyle Jameson IRD – hollow form turning. Free to members; \$10 fee for non-members

President's Challenge Voting / Door Prize entry ticket -. On hold until we resume in-person meetings.

Entries for the May President's Challenge



The President will continue to issue a challenge each month. Hold on to your entries until we re-launch our in-person meetings at CJAP. Please take pictures of your work and email them to cwsapp@charter.net for our remote meeting show and tell!

June President's Challenge – Use the theme: “We are all in this together” for a turning. And a second challenge: **Demonstrator Challenge** – turn a segmented piece.

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.



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.

May Remote Meeting Show and Share

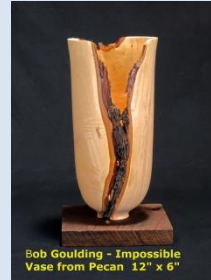


Ed Smith - Pens



Ed Smith - Seam Reppers

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Bob Goulding - Impossible Vase from Pecan 12" x 6"



Bob Goulding - Pieces from Pecan Crotch

Bob Goulding



Wayne Iehl - Cherry and Maple Book Ends



Wayne Iehl - Bowls in a Variety of Wood



Wayne Iehl - Drinking Vessels in a Variety of Wood



Wayne Iehl - Platters in a Variety of Woods

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Craig Schmidt - Lidded Box



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Craig Schmidt - Spalted maple and mahogany with silver solder bands

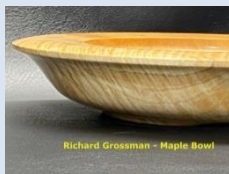


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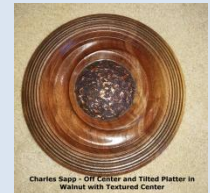


Richard Grossman - Maple Bowl



Richard Grossman - 9" Maple Bowl

Richard Grossman



Charles Sapp - Off Center and Tilted Platter in Walnut with Textured Center



Charles Sapp - Off Center and Tilted Platter in Walnut



Charles Sapp - Pens for the Traveler

Charles Sapp

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.

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> **We are currently meeting remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have remote meetings and demonstrations scheduled for the next few months. We will relaunch when we can safely meet face to face and social distancing makes it practical. We hope that you will join us for our remote meetings and in-person in the future.**

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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