



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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June 2020

June Remote Meeting: The June 28th 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.

At the June 22, 2020 remote board meeting, Bob Goulding was nominated and elected by the Board to serve as Secretary for the remaining term. Bob will also continue to serve as the demonstration coordinator for the club. Thanks Bob for your contributions and service to the club.



Following the business portion of the meeting, the club went into an Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD) with Larry Randolph, Southwest Missouri Woodturners in Springfield, demonstrating how to texture your turnings with sandblasting. Larry covered the equipment, blasting material, safety, and techniques involved with the process.



Members were able to interact with Larry and ask questions during the demonstration. Everyone had a front row seat and Larry did a great job of presenting and demonstrating sandblasting texturing. A handout was provided with resource



information on suppliers and a copy is available on our web site under the "members only" tab.

Fifty three (53) participated in the remote meeting – typical attendance for our meetings.

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 and thanks you for your patience and support of the remote meetings. We plan to continue meeting remotely through September 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.

Our July 26th meeting will be remote on the Zoom platform. Lyle Jameson will be doing 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 your name, contact information, and a request to participate in the remote meeting. Non-member registration for Lyle's demo ends on July 23, 2020. Non-members may want to consider joining the club as the cost of dues are less than paying for the planned IRDs for the remainder of 2020. An application form is available on our web site.*



Library News • Material will be available when we resume our in-person meetings. – **Rich Hinkebein**



President's Spin • We're getting into the hot days of summer now. I hope everyone is staying cool and turning hot!

The demo by Larry Randolph was very interesting and informative. Thank you everyone that attended. If you missed something you can also check out the video. Our challenge is texturing and I'm excited to see everyone's work. Don't forget to send Charlie your pictures.

Please don't hesitate to contact Ken Bald if you are interested in having a one-on-one turning session. He really knows his stuff and is willing to share his time and space. This is geared towards newer turners but if you need help, I'm sure he'll help. I've been turning for many years but bowls still throw me a curve ball! Luckily, I have an in house mentor.

Lyle Jameson, hollow forms, will be next month. Be sure to tune in. Till then, turn safe, stay safe and enjoy your summer. - **Laura Spelbring**

Positions to Fill • *We have split these positions so as not to overwhelm any one person.*

- 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.

President's Challenge



The President will continue to issue a challenge each month. Please take pictures of your work and email them to cwsapp@charter.net for our remote meeting show and tell!

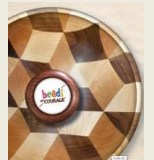
July President's Challenge - Texturing

Re-Turning to the Community ● At a future 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. **(NOTE: Please hold on to your turnings until we start meeting in-person).**

Nursing Home Project: This 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. 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. If possible, the pens will be delivered to Woodcraft before Veterans Day for distribution to the services. However, this is a year-round program so delivery will depend on COVID-19 restrictions and resuming meetings. **(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.)**



Children's Historical Festival ● The event at the Old Capitol in St. Charles, MO (treadle and pole lathe work) has been cancelled for 2020 and will be rescheduled in 2021 to celebrate the 200th year of statehood.

Basket of Hope ● This foundation works with seriously ill children and their families in the St. Louis area. They have a fund raising event in November and are asking for turned items to be donated for their silent and live auctions. Contact Rick Madden (636.240.0853) if you would like to donate items. Rick will make arrangements to pick up items in October.



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. Club patches are available from the Treasurer for \$5. – **Charles Sapp**



Club News:

Attendance/Treasurers Report ● There were approximately 53 participants at the July remote meeting.

Annual Picnic● CANCELLED. For the safety and health of our members and their families the Board recommended that the annual picnic be cancelled. The motion to cancel was discussed at the June meeting and approved by the members by a vote of 35 to 1. Thanks to Doug Eilermann for making the reservations for the club, we hope that next year we will be able to resume the event.

Turning Days / Mentoring● The Board recognizes the value of hands-on and one-on-one instruction. Since the Turning Day event was cancelled due to coronavirus concerns, Ken Bald is offering a hands-on workshop program at his shop. It will be one turner at a time; you must provide your project, tools, and face shield; a mask must also be worn; and new turners will be given priority. Make arrangements ASAP with Ken (618.407.1636) to participate.



New Member● Please join me in welcoming our new member: **Bob Fuerman**

Club Shirts/Smocks● 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. No pre-payments have been accepted at this point in time.

Member Links●

Jeff Hornung (The Walnut Log) hosts a free learning/turning Facebook session every Wednesday at 4pm. Check his Facebook page to participate and to view previously recorded sessions.

[Facebook.com/Jeff.hornung.1](https://www.facebook.com/Jeff.hornung.1)



Bill Love, The Squire's Workshop, does a lot of wood working in addition to his turning. His YouTube site includes video of a walnut bookcase construction and he plans to upload the turning of the mallet shown in the Show and Tell section of the newsletter. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC7rbYOnWcRtjDliKx6eDJA>

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.

Meetings and Symposiums:

AAW ● The AAW is hosting a remote symposium on July 10-12, 2020. The last day to register is July 7th. You do not have to be a member of the AAW to participate. Check the AAW web site (www.woodturner.org) for more information.

The 2021 symposiums are being planned for Omaha, NE; 2022 in Chattanooga, TN; and the 2023 back to Louisville, KY.

You can be an affiliate member of the AAW and enjoy 3 months of free total access to its benefits. Check the AAW web site for more information.

SWAT ● The August 2020 symposium has been cancelled.

Amazon Smile ● Thanks to those that are using Amazon Smile for their orders and selecting Woodturners of Saint Louis as their charity. We are receiving quarterly donations from the Amazon Foundation thanks to them and you. There is no added fee when you make your order and it does help the club.

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>

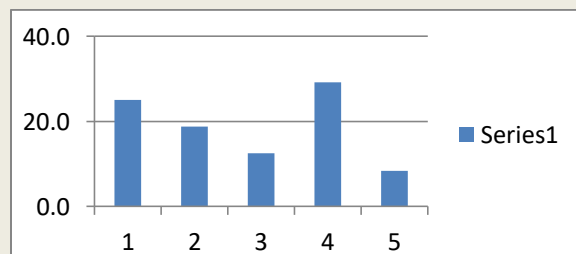
Word of the Month ● Chatoyancy (*sha-TOY-an-se*) or Chatoyance) is the optical reflectance effect and is commonly used in describing gemstones like tiger eye. According to Wikipedia: Chatoyancy in wood occurs in various species – particularly hardwoods, and particularly where stresses from the weight of the growing tree result in denser patches, or where stresses cause burl or bird’s eye. This ‘figure’, which has a striking three-dimensional appearance, is highly prized by woodworkers and their clients alike, and is featured regularly in furniture, musical instruments, and other decorative wood products. Figuring takes on a variety of forms and is referred to as *flame*, *ribbon*, *tiger stripe*, *quilting*, among other names.



Member Survey on Returning to In Person Meeting: Thanks to all those that submitted survey returns (48 participants/ nearly half of our membership). The results are shown below.

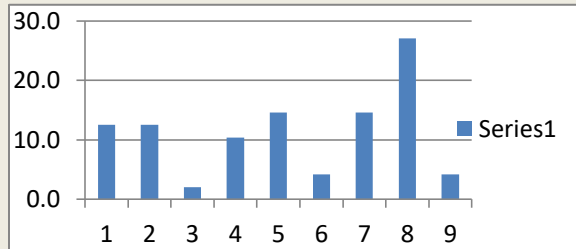
1. Q1: As local governments begin to lift bans against group meeting, which of the following best describes your attitude toward returning to CJAP?
 1. I will return the first opportunity we have
 2. I will return at the first opportunity but with some concerns and precautions
 3. I will wait several additional weeks before I attend
 4. It may be quite a while before I return, but would participate remotely
 5. Not sure

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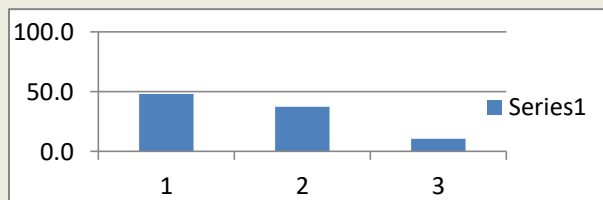
2. Q2: Which other type of activity BEST signals to you that it is time to open in-person meetings?
1. Local businesses are open
 2. Local restaurant seating areas are open (not restricted)
 3. Schools are open
 4. The number of COVID-10 cases in our community is low
 5. Social distancing and stay home guidelines have been lifted
 6. Testing is widely available and utilized
 7. An effective vaccine is widely available
 8. All of the above
 9. Not sure

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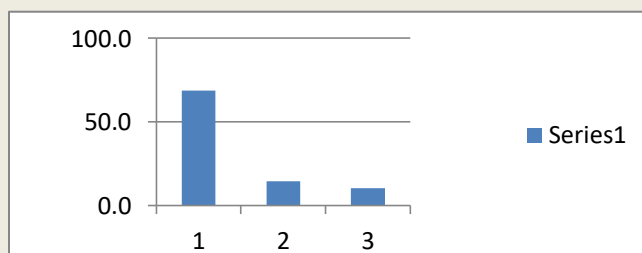
3. Q3: If local guidelines require all attendees to wear a protective face mask, how would you feel about attending?
1. I am ready to attend in a mask
 2. I would rather participate "mask free" at home
 3. Not sure

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4. Q4: 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?
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Undecided

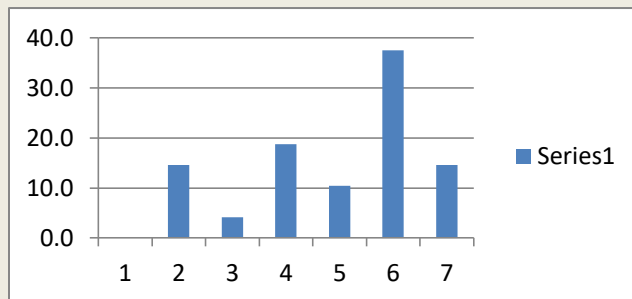
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Q5: What type of precaution should be a priority for gatherings?

1. Eliminate Show and Tell / President Challenge
2. Limit touching of display items
3. Set up one way flow for entering and exiting
4. Provide hand sanitizer stations
5. Limit gathering size based on social distancing
6. All of the above
7. None of these

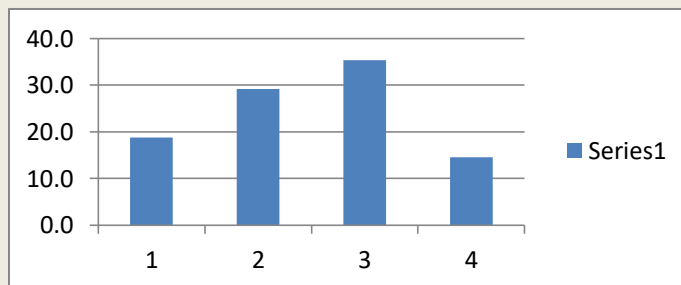
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Q6: As soon as we receive clearance for public gatherings from local officials, which of the following would you prefer for our club?

1. Resume in person meetings immediately
2. Continue remote meetings with interactive demonstrations for a few more weeks before resuming in person gathering
3. Keep all activities online-only to see what happens with the virus
4. Undecided

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
July 26, 2020		Remote meeting with Lyle Jamieson IRD – hollow form turning. <i>Free to members; \$10 fee for non-members (nonmembers must make reservations by July 23 to participate).</i>
August 23, 2020		Remote meeting with Joanne Sauvageau – Using ink and stamps to enhance your turnings. <i>Free to members; \$10 fee for non-members (nonmembers must make reservations by August 20 to participate).</i>
September 27, 2020		Remote meeting demonstrator TBD

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. You can also post your pictures on this site.



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. 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. It is a closed group and only seen by members.

June Remote Meeting Show and Share



Tom Zeller



Bob Goulding



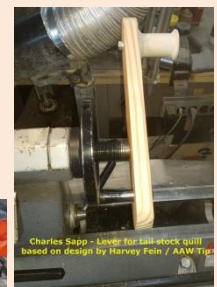
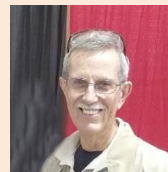
Wayne Lehl



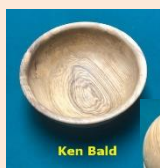
Craig Schmidt



Richard Grossman



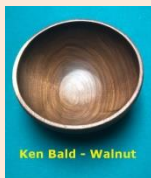
Charles Sapp



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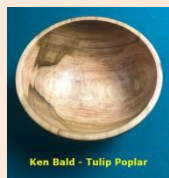
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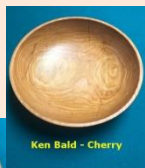
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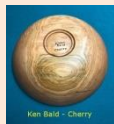
Ken Bald - Tulip Poplar



Ken Bald - Cherry

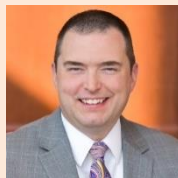


Ken Bald - Tulip Poplar



Ken Bald - Cherry

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Sean Follis



John Bouchillon
Celtic knots woodturning

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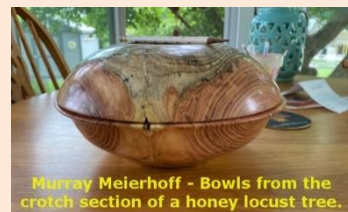


Rick Madden



Bill Love - Mallets with copper pipe used for banding. 11", 11 1/2", and 17" long.

Bill Love

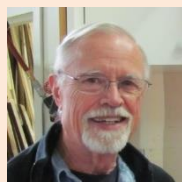


Murray Meierhoff - Bowls from the crotch section of a honey locust tree.



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Gary Johnson - Eagle bowl made from 723 pieces of white oak, spruce, birch, and brousewood

Gary Johnson

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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