



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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November 2020

November Remote Meeting: The Nov 22nd WTSTL meeting was held remotely due to the Covid-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 (check the web site for a slide show of these items). Information on the challenge for January will be emailed before the next meeting.

Many members were winners of attendance prizes from Carter and Sons Toolworks and Craft Supply. Check your gift cards for expiration dates.

The Wheel of Names was used to match up ornaments between members with 10 exchanges taking place remotely. Individuals can hold their ornament for exchange when we resume in-person meetings or make other arrangements.

Walt Ahlgrim, Jeff Hornung, and Ken Bald were the top point winners of the challenging round of Turning Trivia.

Using the Zoom polling option, members elected the slate of officers presented: Steve Reynolds as President (1 year term to fulfil the spot opened by Laura); Ken Bald as VP; Linda Osterwise as Secretary; and Charles Sapp as Treasurer.

Steve McNeil made the motion to set dues for 2021 at \$35 for an individual and \$45 for a family (up to three in the same household) with renewals and new applications received by Dec 31, 2020 to be at current rates (\$30/\$40); seconded by Bill Grimes and approved by the membership.

Please send a picture of your work (both President's Challenge and other turnings) to cwsapp@charter.net for inclusion in the Show and Tell for the remote meetings and the newsletter. ***When submitting your pictures – provide the type of wood (if known); the finish; the size; and any comments. See the information/format presented on the Show and Tell pictures in this newsletter.***

Remote 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 February 2021 to protect and keep everyone safe. We are 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.

There is no meeting in December so you can enjoy the holidays and then we have Jason Clark scheduled for a January 2021 remote demonstration. Jason was a demonstrator at the Woodturners World Wide Symposium and a talented, entertaining individual. Members can participate in the IRDs for no charge, but there is a \$10 fee for **nonmembers** to participate in the Clark 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 a non-member and would like to participate in the event, register on the club web site:
www.stlturners.com.



Outgoing President's Spin • Goodbye 2020! It has been an 'interesting' year but it has been an honor to be a part of this club. This presidency has been a very different one. We only met twice in person and then we took a month off to collect our thoughts and jumped right back in with zoom meetings. I'm thankful for Charlie Sapp who spearheaded this task and I know it has kept us "together" as evidenced of the members attending the meetings. Thank you to Bob Goulding for getting us informative and interesting speakers. It was a challenge to find zoom ready speakers. Thank you to Jon Spelbring, Rick Madden, Jeff Hornung and Steve Nagy- our local demonstrators. Thank you to the board members who kept the club heading in the right direction-Ken Bald, Charlie Sapp, John Hoeing and Bob Goulding.

Thank you to all the members, without you it would be an empty room. During this pandemic it's nice to see everyone even if it is a little head on a computer screen each month. It makes me happy to see so many continuing to turn and to use this time creatively.

Hello 2021! Let's make this a great year. Hopefully, someday, we'll be able to meet in person again. Meanwhile, stay safe, safe turning and if you're ever near Suffolk, VA. stop by! - **Laura Spelbring**



Incoming President's Spin • I am greatly afraid the pandemic of 2020 will carry over into at least part of 2021. So until we can safely meet together again we are going to have to get creative in the virtual world.

Fortunately this opens several possibilities that are more difficult in the physical environment. We are already looking at having virtual shop tours to discuss shop layout, tooling, and fixtures. Having a Zoom package we can have meetings on special interest topics for smaller subsets of the membership (i.e. pens, segmenting, specialized tooling, Q&A on specific techniques). We believe we can host member demonstrations locally, so feel free to volunteer. And the very talented individuals worldwide available to provide interactive remote demonstrations (IRD's is the acronym you see) is growing and we will continue to seek out the best instructors.

The WTStL belongs to you, and each of us is responsible for the clubs success. So don't be shy in communicating ideas or needs to any of the officers. – **Steve Reynolds**



Library News • Material will be available when we resume our in-person meetings. In this extended time of remote meetings, please keep track of any material that is checked out to you. Material can be mailed back to Rich in the interim if you wish. His contact information is available on the web site under the “members only” tab / picture roster. – **Rich Hinkebein**

We also have these positions to fill .

- 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.

President's Challenge

The President will continue to issue a challenge each month as inspiration to turn an item that you would not have tried otherwise. Since your turnings cannot be reviewed by the membership to select a winner, please include pictures of your work along with your other Show and Tell items. Email pictures to cwsapp@charter.net for our remote meeting and newsletter.



January 2021 President's Challenge - To be announced

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 (\$30 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 continue to work on these items but 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.)**



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



Treasurer ● The web site has been updated to accept electronic membership applications and payments. If you prefer to complete and mail a paper [application](#), it is available and can be down loaded from the club web site. Renewing and new members are asked to complete the new application form. See the article below on dues for



2021. We hope you will renew your membership. Club patches are available from the Treasurer for \$5. – Charles Sapp

Club News:

Attendance/Treasurers Report ● There were approximately 34 participants at the November remote meeting.

Dues 2021 ● Membership runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Renewals are being accepted at this time. Members approved an increase in dues starting January 1, 2021 to \$35 for individual and \$45 for family (up to 3 in the same household); but if your renew by Dec 31, 2020 you can do it at the current rate and save \$5.

Interactive demonstrations will continue to be free to our members. Non-members will pay a \$10 fee per demonstration. Once we resume meeting in person, the Board plans to continue Zoom broadcasts of meeting demonstrations. To do so may require additional audio-visual equipment be purchased.

Financial information on 2020 is available under the members tab on the [club web site](#).

Turning Days / Mentoring● The Board recognizes the value of hands-on and one-on-one instruction. 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. Several of our members have taken advantage of this opportunity and provided very positive feedback on Ken's knowledge and instruction.

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.

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.

Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com
or with AmazonSmile ON in the app
and Amazon donates
amazon smile



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 site for a donation to count from now on. Click on this link to go directly to the [WTSTL charity](#).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
December 2020	No meeting. Enjoy the holiday with family and friends – even if it is remote.	
January 24, 2021	Zoom meeting opens for socializing.	Interactive remote meeting with Jason Clark demonstrating.

Symposiums / Events ● Record Power hosts a free live Zoom woodturning session on Friday evenings at 6:30 CT. Theo Haralampou is the demonstrator and the demo varies from week to week. If you would like to participate, send an email to MikeD@recordpower.co.uk with RSVP in the subject line. You will receive Zoom information prior to the event.

Another event to look forward to is the Woodturner's Retreat that will be held remotely via Zoom on Dec 12, 2020. Jeff Hornung, member of WTSTL, and 5 other turners from Canada, UK, and USA will provide LIVE interactive woodturning demonstrations for all levels from beginner to advanced, functional to fancy and everything in between. For more information and to register go to: <http://woodturnersretreat.com/>

Pinterest● This site has several videos on bowl turning skills that you may enjoy: [Skills](#).

●**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.

November Remote Show and Tell



Turner: Wayne Lehl

Wood: Elm with insect damage to bark and Red Cedar

Finish: Lacquer

Size: Elm – 10.5 x 3"
Cedar – 7 x 3"

Comments:



Turner: Wayne Lehl

Wood: Various

Finish:

Size: Various

Comments: Candle submitted to As the Wood Turns Challenge



Second Attempt



Third (and final) Attempt

Ta Da!



It Fits!

Small cups showing bark area from local tree branch.



Turner: Linda Osterwise

Material: Wood

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Cup in the middle designed to fit car cup holder and adapt to Bob's Big Gulp size.



Turner: Linda Osterwise

Material: Acrylics

Finish:

Size:

Comments:





Turner: Linda Osterwise

Material: Wood

Finish:

Size:

Comments:



Turner: Linda Osterwise

Material: Wood

Finish:

Size:

Comments:





Turner: Don Eskridge

Wood: Spalted Maple
stabilized with CA

Finish: Unfinished at
this time

Size: ~ 2 5/8"

Comments: Learning
experience turning an
ornament by Theo
Haralampou on Record
Power remote demo.



Turner: Ken Bald

Wood: Ebony &
Walnut

Finish:

Size: The small one is
5/8" in diameter; 35"
long; Ebony. The larger
one is 7/8" in
diameter; Walnut.

Comments:





Turner: Steve Reynolds

Wood: Maple

Finish:

Size: ~17" diameter;
2.5" tall; 3/16" thick

Comments:



Turner: Wayne Lehl

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments:





Turner: Charles Sapp

Wood: Mahogany &
Maple

Finish: Lacquer

Size:

Comments:



Turner: Rick Madden

Wood: Cherry, Walnut &
Maple

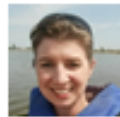
Finish:

Size:

Comments:



Inside – out ornament in Work!



Turner: Kathleen Osterwise

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Inside out
ornament – to be finished
before exchanging.



Turner: Steve Reynolds

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments:





Turner: Ken Bald

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments:



Turner: Linda Osterwise

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments:





Turner: Michael Blankenship

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments:



Turner: Laura Spelbring

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Polymer clay
pen (actual pen will be
different than shown)





Turner: Steve McNeil

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments:



Show and Tell items are now featured on a slide show on the club web site home page.

Check it out!

www.StlTurners.com

Web site● Updates have been made to the club 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. **Items submitted for the Show and Tell are now being displayed on the home page of the web.** Provide Charlie Sapp with good quality pictures (640 x 480) of your turnings. 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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