

WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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January IRD● Jason Clark was the featured demonstrator at the Jan 24th meeting turning his signature Saturn bowl with rotating rings. Some of his work is shown here. The beaded bowl design changes as the rings are rotated going from a star burst to a diamond.

Jason started with a Zebra wood blank about 6" in diameter and 10/4 thick and turned the bowl shape and underside of the wing on the bottom. He said the hardest part of the turning is to make sure the ring bottom is flat and often checked with a straight edge and made shear scraping cuts to fine tune it.



The blank was then reversed chucked and the top of the bowl shaped and ring top cut down to ~1.8" thickness. The bowl was then hollowed and reversed jamb chucked to refine the bottom and part the first ring using a special tool he ground that was ~1/64" thick and ~1/4" long.



The piece was then reversed jamb chucked in a PVC plumbing fitting at an angle to complete the top of the bowl giving an offset appearance to the ring.

Jason then challenged the audience to figure out how he could hold the piece, which now has a free floating ring, to cut the second and additional rings.

Step by step instructions on turning a Saturn bowl and other turnings are available from Jason on his web site: jtcturning.com or by emailing him at jclark58@gmail.com. Amazing demonstration with a new technique!



WTSTL remote meetings● We plan to continue meeting remotely through June 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.

- Jeff Hornung Feb 28 Scottish handled bowl
- Theo Haralampou March 28 TBD (watch the web site for updates)

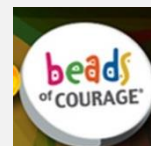
Members can participate in the IRDs for no charge; there is a \$10 fee for **nonmembers**. Meeting information with the link will be emailed about a week before the meeting. Please sign on to the meeting with your full name for verification against our roster. If you are a non-member and would like to participate in the event, register on the club web site: www.WTSTL.com.



President's Spin ● The Woodturners club has always depended on the members. It is after all your club; you shape the direction with your votes and participation. If you choose to watch a few demos and collect on the available discounts you still come out ahead on the cost of dues. But there is so much more available to us all. Beyond the library, mentoring, and community service it is the other club members that enhance our turning experience. With the current pandemic we have been kept from face-to-face contact. So take advantage of the additional Zoom meetings, call up the folks you would normally see at a meeting, and email questions you have in the shop. It is a little more work than walking into a room and telling stories to friends, but well worth the effort. - **Steve Reynolds**



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 Report ● 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. We currently have 90 members and hope you will renew your membership/ join us. Club patches are available from the Treasurer for \$5. - **Charles Sapp**



Secretary Report - Jan Meeting: The January 24th WTSTL meeting was held remotely due to the Covid-19 pandemic and to protect and keep our members safe. President Steve Reynolds led the meeting discussion. The Board is currently planning remote meetings through June. The timing will be reviewed regularly as restrictions and safety factors evolve.

Members were supportive of new mid-month remote seminars to be led by members. They will be about an hour long on a variety of subjects. The first two will be Tom Zeller on sharpening Feb 16 and Linda Osterwise on resins Mar 16; 7-8pm. They will be open to everyone and Zoom links will be emailed. (More information is available in the newsletter and on the web site.)

Remote meeting IRDs: Jeff Hornung on Feb 28 and Theo Haralampou on March 28. Check the web site for more information. IRDs are free to paid members and for a fee to non-members.

Members voted in favor of authorizing the Board to pursue the sale of the Stubby 750 lathe that we have in inventory. It will be offered to members first and then opened to the market on Feb 1. An email will be sent to members to let them know of the pending sale. The lathe comes with a jack to move it around the shop, vacuum attachment, and accessories. It is valued at \$2500. Interested parties should contact Steve Reynolds.



Members were in favor of off-meeting shop tours. Steve will probably do the first one; details and time to follow.

The President's Challenge is suspended until we can meet physically and replaced with a Member's Challenge. This will be time set aside to receive questions that start out "How would you go about...." A time share successes and lessons learned, share ideas.

Fred Groves and Linda Osterwise were winners of attendance prizes.

Jon and Laura Spelbring were thanked for hosting the club web site for several years. Their hosting package is not being renewed since they have moved and closed Turned Treasurers. Members were given a tour of the new club web site (www.WTSTL.com) and several new features were described. The new site should be bookmarked by users for future use.

Members provided several pictures of their work during Show and Tell (check the web site for a slide show of these items). Please send pictures of your work 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.***

Jason Clark provided the IRD with his signature Saturn bowl turning. Jason has graciously donated the demonstration piece to the club. It will be up for auction at the Feb meeting. Bids will be taken using the Zoom chat feature. - **Linda Osterwise**

Club News:

Attendance/Treasurers Report • There were approximately 34 participants at the January 2021 remote meeting.

Dues 2021 • Membership runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Dues are \$35 for individual and \$45 for family (up to 3 in the same household)

Interactive remote demonstrations (IRD) 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.

Community Programs • Please continue to work on these items but hold on to your turnings until we start meeting in-person. For more information on these programs check the web site.

- **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.



- **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** • 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 that is refunded when the completed pen is returned. 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 Slimline pen kit when you turn in a completed pen.



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.

Seminars • Two seminars have been scheduled. Tom Zeller and Jeff Hornung will host one on sharpening (Feb 16) and Linda Osterwise on resins (Mar 16); both from 7-8 pm. There is no fee for participating and they are open to everyone. Zoom link information will be emailed during the week prior to the seminar. If you are not a member of the WTSTL and would like to participate, send an email to [Charles Sapp](#) requesting meeting information.



The Feb 16th sharpening seminar will cover the basics of grinding sharp tools including discussion of grinders, stones, speeds, fixtures and more. The leaders will demonstrate grinding techniques and invite questions from participants. If you are having tool sharpening issues, have your tools available and a camera to share pictures of your grind for leader feedback and suggestions. If you want to set up a camera at your grinder, the leader will offer feedback on your method. Interaction and sharing is the goal of these seminars! Here are links to a couple of articles that you may want to review prior to the seminar.

https://turnawoodbowl.com/bowl-gouge-basics-beginner-guide-parts-use-sizes-grinds-infograph/?ck_subscriber_id=986382036

https://turnawoodbowl.com/bowl-gouge-sharpening-angles-illustrated-guide/?ck_subscriber_id=986382036

Zoom information will be emailed the week prior to the seminar.

Mentoring● The Board recognizes the value of hands-on and one-on-one instruction. A new page has been added to the web site with a list of members that offer mentoring to members. It will be one turner at a time; you must provide your project, tools, and face shield; a mask must also be worn. Make arrangements with the mentors to participate. Several of our members have taken advantage of this opportunity and provided very positive feedback on the mentors 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.

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](#).

New Members● Please join in welcoming our new members:

Stephen Carey from St. Louis, MO
Andy Seckinger from Owensville, MO
Todd Thayer from Kirkwood, MO
Daryl Gray from Punxsutawney, PA
Alex Radetic from Ballwin, MO

In Memory● Don Dylewski passed away in January. He was a club member for several years and St. Louis City attorney for almost 40 years. In addition to turning, Don enjoyed building art glass windows and lamps. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm; logon and socializing	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
February 16, 2021	WTSTL - Tom Zeller & Jeff Hornung: Sharpening seminar 7-8pm Zoom; no fee, open to everyone	
February 18, 2021	Lincoln Land Woodturners IRD with Kirk DeHerr demonstrating Hurricane salt and pepper shaker; \$10 fee for nonmembers. Contact Steve McNeil for information.	
February 28, 2021	WTSTL - Zoom meeting opens for socializing at 12:30pm	WTSTL - IRD with Jeff Hornung demonstrating a Scottish ring handled bowl
March 16, 2021	WTSTL - Linda Osterwise: Working with resins seminar 7-8pm Zoom; no fee, open to everyone	
March 28, 2021	WTSTL - Zoom meeting opens for socializing at 12:30pm	WTSTL - IRD with Theo Haralampou

Video Events ●

- Record Power hosts a weekly free live Zoom woodturning session. 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.
- [Craft Supply](#) has posted several videos on their site.
- Rudy Lopez videos – Thanks to Rudy for making his IRDs available to members. Remember that the link you received via email earlier in the month will expire mid Feb.

●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.

January Remote Show and Tell



Turner: Steve Nagy

Wood: Walnut, purple heart, and oak

Finish: Poly and Beall buffing system

Size: 8" diameter x 8" tall

Comments: 1217 pieces, 32 segments/ring, 38 rings



Turner: Richard Grossman

Wood: Maple and Padauk

Finish: Sanded to 1000, Beall buffing, tung oil and varnish

Size: 6" wide

Comments:





Turner: Don Wesemann

Wood: Walnut and pear

Finish: Orange oil and bees wax

Size: 11" diameter x 3" tall

Comments: Boxes



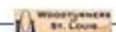
Turner: Ken Bald

Wood: Maple Burl

Finish: CA glue

Size: 3.5" tall

Comments: Salt and pepper shakers from scrap pieces of Maple burl. Turquoise filling.





Turner: Ed Smith

Wood: Cocobolo, oak, walnut and deer antler

Finish:

Size: ~5"

Comments: Pens



Turner: Ken Bald

Wood: Maple Burl

Finish: Shellac. To be followed with 5 coats of Polyurethane.

Size: ~17" x 6.5"; walls 3/8" thick

Comments: Hollow form. Turquoise filling. New carbide tip for hollowing tool.





Turner: Rich Hinkebein

Wood: Cherry and Maple open segment with Blackwood finial. Cedar and Maple stave construction box.

Finish: Watcoteak oil then buffed with the Beall system.

Size:

Comments:



Turner: Rich Hinkebein

Wood: Maple and African Blackwood

Finish: Watcoteak oil then buffed with the Beall system.

Size:

Comments: Lid is African Blackwood inserted into Maple.





Turner: Joe Farrell

Wood: Cherry and walnut

Finish:

Size: 17" diameter

Comments: Salad bowl



Turner: Joe Farrell

Wood: Segmented corners cut off a cherry and walnut bowl with Paduak veneer

Finish:

Size: 7" diameter

Comments:





Turner: Dan Schmoker

Wood: Walnut with birch insert

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Design change -
Bowl with insert or AKA funnel
bowl



Turner: Dan Schmoker

Wood: Miscellaneous

Finish: Paint

Size:

Comments: Stacker toys for
Houston woodworkers Xmas toy
drive. Pattern from Turning Toys
book by Richard Raffan.





Turner: Wayne Iehl

Wood: Birch

Finish: Walnut oil

Size: 9" diameter x 4" tall

Comments: One piece pedestal dish with glass lid



Turner: Wayne Iehl

Wood: Cherry

Finish: Walnut oil

Size: 9" diameter x 4" tall

Comments: Pedestal dish





Turner: Richard Grossman

Wood: Maple Burl

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Bowl clamp for gluing multiple layers of bowl material. Clamp is two layers of 4/4 Oak glued with grain at 90 degrees. Turned round on lathe and index feature used to mark bolt hole locations.



Turner: Wayne Iehl

Wood: Maple

Finish: Walnut oil

Size: 6" diameter x 8" tall

Comments: Lidded vessel; holds 48 liquid ounces





Turner: Rick Madden

Wood: Maple, walnut, cherry,
purple heart, yellow heart, and
spectrally

Finish: Lacquer

Size: 10" diameter x 5" tall

Comments: Dizzy bowl



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

Check it out!

www.WTSTL.com

Web site● Updates have been made to the club web site. The new URL is WTSTL.com. To have access to the members only page you must log on. If you have issues or questions, contact the web master. **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 for Show and Tell or to establish your own gallery!

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.

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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