

WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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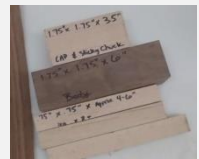


April IRD● Rebecca DeGroot from Houston turned a walking mushroom at the April remote meeting.

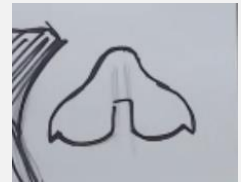
A 1.75"x1.75"x3.5" blank was used for the mushroom cap and "sticky chuck"; a 1.75"x1.75"x6" was used for the body; and a .75"x.75"x4-6" blank for each leg. The leg blank is determined by the length of legs for the mushroom.



A sketch was made to show the initial shape of the mushroom body to get the off-center effect on the neck. An area was also planned to create "hips" where the legs join the body. The cap sketch shows a V cut made on the underside to define the gill area of the cap.



The body was shaped and the area defined that would be removed with power carving tools. Holes were drilled in the body to accept the legs.



The mushroom cap underside was turned with a gentle bead to define the gills. Then reverse mounted on a "sticky chuck" (loose fitting jam with some double sided tape).



The legs were shaped. It is best to make just a gentle shape where you will cut the leg so that you get a match after it is rotated. Beads and coves and features can be turned above or below the cut area.



The body profile as turned was traced on a piece of paper to define where the cut will be made on the leg. A piece of veneer can be used to strengthen the leg.

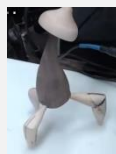


The final shaping of the body was done with power carving burrs.

A woodburner with a skew tip was used texture the gills on the mushroom cap.



A more detailed description of the process is available under the member's only tab on the [club web site](#). Thanks to Rebecca for a great demonstration.



WTSTL remote meetings● We are in discussion with CJAP about returning to in person meetings. The May meeting will be remote. June is TBD. At this time in-person meetings will require temperatures to be taken at the door, masks and social distancing. We continue to schedule 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. A survey will be emailed to you in the near term to get your feedback and feelings about future meetings.

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 • If you want to REALLY learn something

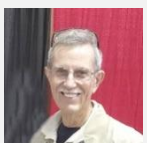
Learning to use a tool or technique in turning is not always simple. While there are books and videos on most topics these are almost universally introductory level instructions. Even when seeing advanced topics it is generally presenting the highlights, or we would be watching six hour videos.

An IRD (Interactive Remote Demonstration) is the next step up as a learning tool since you can get in a few questions. And a live class is that much better since you can practice the technique and get feedback. Practice and 'trial and error' will then get you to a level of proficiency. But if you REALLY want to master the topic, try teaching it. When you can show the process to someone else and explain what is happening why things work (or do not work) it takes your understanding of the process to new levels. You can teach it to yourself by writing notes and observations. Better yet is mentoring a friend or club member in the specific technique. If you are up for a bit more effort then do a demonstration for the club, you may learn something new from the questions.

Talking to new woodturners, I often hear how helpful and willing to share the more experienced turners are. This is a good thing on so VERY many levels, so let's keep that going. - **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. A link to our



Facebook page has also been added under the sponsors list. Club patches are available from the Treasurer for \$5. – **Charles Sapp**



Secretary Report • March 28th Remote Meeting: Officers present at the April 25, 2021 monthly meeting were: Steve Reynolds, President; Ken Bald, VP; Charles Sapp, Treasurer; and Linda Osterwise, Secretary. In addition, there were approximately 29 members present.

1. Several pre-meeting discussions were held including Laura's exhausting efforts to get things moved into the trailer for transport.
2. Upcoming activities:
 - a. May – Shop Tour - TBD
 - b. May 23, 2021 – Possibly an IRD - TBD
 - c. June 27, 2021 – (tentatively) Steve Reynolds – Bowl Embellishments with a router
3. Mention of the Sunset Hills Art Fair on May 1st. Tom Zeller has volunteered for that, anyone else interested should contact him
4. Community Service Projects that we are doing should be continued – Pens for Servicemen, Bead of Courage Boxes, and Lidded Boxes for nursing homes
5. Discussion regarding returning to CJAP meetings, what the restrictions may be, what the advantages, disadvantages, etc. may be. Questions included were:
 - a. Are we (members of the WTSTL) ready to start in-person meetings?
 - b. Can we do Zoom meetings along with in-person meetings?
 - i. We have several out-of-state members that would be unable to attend in person, and we would lose them if we discontinue Zoom meetings
 - ii. Walt Ahlgrim tested the internet and believes that it should be fine for us to continue with Zoom even if we're meeting in CJAP
 - c. What will CJAP's pandemic response requirements be at the time we resume meetings?
 - i. If required to take temperatures before entering the building, will CJAP have someone designated to do that with one of their thermometers, or will we need to provide a thermometer and a person to do the testing?
 - ii. How close will we be able to place the chairs?
 - iii. Will attendees need to register before the meeting so that we do not exceed meeting restrictions?
6. We discussed putting together a survey and sending it to all members for feedback before coming to a decision about meeting at CJAP again so that all members can provide input. The board would discuss and act on the responses.
7. It was also mentioned that when we return to CJAP, one of the TV monitors that we use during the demo may be placed somewhere mid-room instead of having both monitors placed in the front of the room. This might help members that are seated further from the demo area see things better.
8. Another awesome group of Show & Tell projects
9. Rebecca DeGroot entertained and delivered her "Walking Mushrooms" IRD. She's always fun to watch, and she shares some helpful tips and very creative ideas.
10. The meeting was adjourned
 - **Linda Osterwise**

Club News:

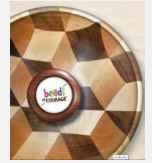
Dues 2021 • Membership runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Dues are \$35 for individual and \$45 for family (up to 3 in the same household) Interactive remote demonstrations (IRD) will continue to be free to our members. Non-members will pay a \$10 fee per demonstration. Once we resume meeting in person, the 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.

ZOOM • The club purchased a Pro Level account with Zoom so that we can host our meetings and other off-meeting events. Provided it does not conflict with any of our club events, the account can be used by members. If you would like to schedule a remote meeting send an email to webmaster@wtstl.com. Club events take priority.

Mentoring • The Board recognizes the value of hands-on and one-on-one instruction. A new page has been added to the web site (under the member's only tab so you must log on to the 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 the AmazonSmile logo to go directly to the WTSTL charity site.



AAW Member Initiated Petitions● Member initiated petitions are a means for every AAW member to bring forward issues that should be considered by all the members. Signatures are being solicited for two member initiated petitions:

- [Petition #1: To remove Gregory Schramek from the Board of Directors of the AAW](#) and
- [Petition #2: To Reinstate By-Law 5.16\(d\) that protects the members' fundamental right to attend Board Meetings.](#) (You do not have to be a member of the site to sign the petition. Petition signatures are solicited on the left hand side of the web page.)

Background on each of the petitions can be found at: [Member –Initiated Petitions](#). Links in the document will also take you to the signature page for each of the petitions. Signing the petition is NOT a vote for the petition. It is just your support that the matter should be brought to **all the members for a vote**. Each petition must be individually signed. A qualified petition requires 10% of the general members for removal of a director or change in the by-laws. The AAW has posted information on the [petition to remove a director](#). However, the AAW has not posted any supporting information on the second petition which addresses the board's action that removed your right as a member to attend/participate in their meetings (a right that was established in the by-laws for over 35 years).

When sufficient signatures are obtained and the petitions submitted to the AAW, their board must then notify the membership of the petition, provide a forum on the AAW website for discussion, and establish a ballot for members to register their vote. Members must be notified of the Special meeting (However, with the recent by-law change enacted by only the board, AAW members will NOT be able to participate in the meeting.)

AAW 2021 Symposium● The Symposium in Omaha has been cancelled due to the risk involved with a large number of people assembling. They are moving ahead to create a virtual symposium with demonstrations, trade show, instant gallery,

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm; logon and socializing	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
May	Shop tour TBD. Information will be emailed.	
May 23, 2021	WTSTL – Zoom meeting opens for socializing at 12:30pm	WTSTL – IRD with Steve Reynolds using a router for turning enhancements or TBD IRD

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](#) offers videos on several subjects. The latest video is on bowl turning.

●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.

April Remote Show and Tell



Turner: Wayne Iehl

Wood: Cherry

Finish: Walnut oil

Size: 11" x 4"

Comments: Holds 4
quarts



Turner: Wayne Iehl

Wood: Cherry

Finish: Walnut oil

Size: 12" x 2"

Comments:





Turner: Jeff Hornung



Wood: Maple

Finish: Color and contrast

Size: 10" diameter

Comments: Embellished with discontinued Nova Ornamental Turner; back is natural.



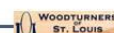
Turner: Steve Nagy

Wood: White oak with 8 colored pencils imbedded

Finish: Hut wax stick

Size:

Comments: Colored pencils have waxy centers.





Turner: Ray Strickland

Wood: Ambrosia maple

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Great price due to wood being warped; but perfect for turning



Turner: Ray Strickland

Wood: Ambrosia maple

Finish:

Size: Platter 14";
Matching bowl 7"

Comments: Wedding gift;
pattern made with
embellishing tool



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](http://www.woodturners.org). 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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