



WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

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October Demonstration • Tom Zeller – Snowman Even though the day was warm Tom was not concerned with his project melting on the lathe. Branches make ideal blanks as they can be of any diameter and length you want to turn. He started with a piece of ash about 16" long. The ends should be cut perpendicular to the turning axis for balance.

Tom likes to use a face plate to hold the blank although he sometimes uses a [ring](#) that is gripped by a chuck.



The tail stock is brought up for safety and the log is rough turned to a cylinder.

The individual snowballs are sized in proportion to the log – starting at the bottom and working toward the top. For this project the bottom ball was about 4" tall, the middle 3.25", and the top 2.75". About 2" was left on the bottom for a base and 3" at the other end for a hat. After making a parting cut for each segment they are rounded and reduced in diameter as you move up the snowman.



When laying out the hat remember that hats do not set on top of the head, they come over the top of the head. This can be done on the lathe with some undercutting. Hat design is up to the turner – top

hats, bowlers, stocking,....all are possible to turn and enhance with carving, burning, or painting.



Another option is to turn a tenon on the top of the hat for rechucking and then parting it off the body. Drill a hole in the body to accept a dowel that will be glued into the hat. (Note – the hole can be drilled straight into the body or at an angle to let the hat set slightly.) Finish turning the top and body segments to get the appearance you want.



Remount the hat in a chuck using the tenon you cut and undercut the bottom of the hat to fit on the head. Then drill a hole in the bottom of the hat and glue in a dowel that will let it be mounted to



the head.



Part the hat from the tenon, sand the nubbin and decorate as you wish.

Thanks to Tom Zeller for this demonstration and getting us into the spirit of the holiday season. A video of the demonstration will be uploaded to the club web site in the near future.



WTSTL Hybrid Meetings ● Each meeting lets us improve and address new issues with our hybrid system. The new microphones and speakers worked great and now audience members at the back of the room can hear the demonstrator.

We did have issues at the October meeting with some members not being able to log on to the Zoom link. When you log on to the Zoom link – wait for it to connect, do not click on launch a meeting. It may take a few seconds to connect. If you still have trouble, give our Audio/Video Coordinator, Rob Conway, a call. His cell phone information will be included in the meeting notice that has the Zoom link and emailed prior to the meeting. Try to log in about 15 minutes early to give us time to address any issues.



We need an A/V assistant volunteer to operate the Zoom stream/computer at the meeting and to assist Rob. If you have experience or want to gain experience in AV, please contact Rob. We need to have more than one knowledgeable member to help set up, run, and be a backup operator. Training and instructions are available.

In person meetings will continue to be open to visitors (except when a paid demonstrator is scheduled); remote participation will be available via Zoom. We are discussing the possibility of exchanging Zoom demonstrations with other clubs around the world. More to follow as details are defined.



President's Spin • Challenge yourself - At SWAT I met an individual from California as I recall. They showed off an ornament they had made to us. Just a quick glance convinced how fun it would be to turn. And when I said I would like to take a picture and share the idea with my club I received their willing permission.

Yet another example of the spirit of comradery and generosity we see in the woodturners around us. I never did get the email they were going to send, but I can offer my interpretation of the dimensions of the piece.

Not having too many restrictions on dimensions provides an opportunity to exercise your creativity. And having a working set of plans gives you a jumping off point to rationally deviate from. The images and dimensions are in the "Invisible Snowman" article.

And remember – if you have to ask if a tool is sharp enough then it is time to go to the grinder. - **Steve Reynolds**

President's Challenge – November: Turn an ornament (and hopefully enter it into the exchange).



Vice President's Report • [Beads of Courage:](#) The Beads of Courage is a program for kids in need. BOC is a not-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and teens coping with serious illness. The program integrates the use of beads as visible, tangible symbols of their experiences and treatment.



Children receive a bead for every test, procedure, or treatment they undergo. Woodturners donate boxes to hold the beads they earn. Details on requirements for the boxes can be found on the club web site. Suggestions for BOC bags can be found [here](#). Ceramic beads to attach to the boxes are \$1.25 (13/16" in diameter) and available from Ken. Bring your boxes (or bags) to the meeting and give them to Ken. **See the article below on our recent delivery to Children's Hospital in St. Louis. – 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 • October 24th Meeting

1. Our hybrid meeting (in person and on-line) started on time with about 30 members in attendance, and (unfortunately) none on zoom due to technical issues. All officers attended the meeting in-person meeting.
2. Steve Reynolds opened the meeting
 - a. November's meeting plans were discussed at length. Should we have our traditional Wine & Cheese party? Should we tone it down this year? Should we invite our spouses? Should we do an ornament exchange? Will CJAP allow us to have the party in spite of the Mask Mandate? Board members will check with CJAP and send the information to members.
 - b. Donations: The number of items made by members was amazing. Beads of Courage boxes, Pens for soldiers, and small boxes for the Nursing Homes have been delivered.
 - c. Board recommended no change in dues for 2022 and encouraged everyone to pay their 2022 dues at the November meeting.
 - d. The Collinsville show in February needs volunteers.
 - e. The Rockler Beginners Pen classes on November 6th and 7th needs volunteers.
 - f. Donations are being accepted for the Baskets of Hope. Contact Rick Madden.
3. The President's Challenge for November is to create an ornament.
4. The meeting was adjourned so that the members could head to the parking lot and get some sandpaper that was given to the club. If anyone went home without a good stock of sandpaper, it's their own fault.
5. Tom Zeller gave us a great presentation on making Snowmen out of a single log. He discussed working with green wood, how to measure proportionally, and options that can help if things don't work out as expected. - **Linda Osterwise**



Library News ● Our library is only open on Sunday at our club meetings and is open to all our paid members for checking out books, videos, and DVD's. The following are new items:

Woodturning magazine issue: 359
AAW *American Woodturner* magazine Aug-Sept 2021

Our library is a great source of inspiration and knowledge. We typically have around 90 items checked out by members at each meeting. Members can access a complete listing content on the [club web site under the "Members Only" tab](#). Please take advantage of this wonderful club benefit and return items in a timely manner. The large meeting space allows me to spread out the material so you can review and check it out. Please let me know if you have any suggestions to improve our library. All of the magazines have been moved into storage, due to space limitations, with the exception of American Woodturner. Magazines are available upon request. – **Rich Hinkebein**

Overdue Library Material – Our library is suffering from the impacts of COVID. Members are requested to return material after a month or contact the librarian. Many of our items have been out for several months. If you are one of the guilty parties, please email Rich Hinkebein and let him know that you still have the items and make arrangements for return. Thanks.



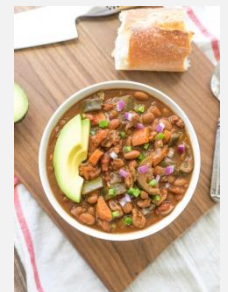
Club News:

Dues 2022 ● Membership runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Application form is available on the club web site and may be printed and returned with payment or completed on line with electronic payment.



St. Louis County / CJAP Covid Masking Policy ● Effective August 24, 2021 CJAP requires all individuals allowed in the building to show proof of COVID 19 vaccination. Face coverings (masks) will also be required to be properly worn by all individuals while attending the WTSLT meeting. Remote Zoom streaming will be available. Visit our web site for the latest in health and safety guidelines.

Wood Hats Chili and Corn Bread Cookoff ● Gary Hinegardner is hosting a turning event at his distillery and store on Nov 6th from 11am -4pm. The employees are doing the chili cook off and Dutch oven cornbread will be made with heritage corns. You are invited to come and turn a chili bowl to use for eating! Gary will have 3 mini lathes set up, some green and some dry blanks to turn 6-8" chili bowls. Turners may bring their own lathe/blanks/tools if desired. (You may want to bring a bowl in case you do not get one turned.)



Bring a dish to share and there will be a modest cost to cover the food preparation expenses. See the Wood Hat [web site](#) for information, directions, and prices. Reservations are not required, but if you plan to attend and turn, RSVP to [Gary Hinegardner](#).

Community Programs • Please continue to work on these items and bring them to the meeting. For more information on these programs check the club web site.

Nursing Home Turnings, Beads of Courage, Pens for the Troops



Basket of Hope• This [foundation](#) works with seriously ill children and their families in the St. Louis area. Thanks to members for their donations. Log on their site to [participate](#) in the Nov 6th auction.

Sand paper• Thanks to Rick Madden for coordinating this event. Members pulled sandpaper from three large boxes.



Positions to Fill •

- NEWSLETTER EDITOR – The editor is responsible for collecting articles, editing, and assembling the club newsletter.
- AV Assistant – Assist in the setup and operation of club AV equipment. Training is available.
- DEMONSTRATORS – Your help is needed to provide a demonstration at each of our meetings. The demo subject is your choice, whatever you enjoy doing – bowls, hollow forms, plates, boxes, pyrography, resins, stabilizing, tips and tricks, tops, contact Ken Bald to volunteer.

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.

ZOOM Streaming Links NOT BEING RECEIVED • Our meetings will be streamed via ZOOM unless noted in the meeting information on the web page. All members should receive the ZOOM link during the week prior to the meeting. If you do not receive the link by the Wednesday prior to the meeting, **send an email to CWSAPP@CHARTER.NET requesting the link by the Friday prior to the meeting.** We have had issues with email periodically being blocked by some hosts and the information not getting thru.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Nov 28, 2021		Wine and Cheese Meeting / Election of Officers – format is TBD pending restrictions at CJAP
December 2021	No meeting. Enjoy time with family and friends.	

Newsletter Pictures of Show and Tell / President’s Challenge Items • For better pictures and appreciation of your work, please submit pictures of your turnings to cwsapp@charter.net **by the Friday prior to the next meeting.** Include the species of wood, finish, size, and any comments. They will be included in the PowerPoint presentations that can be viewed by members at the meeting and on the remote stream.



But please, continue to bring your turning for Show and Tell and the President’s Challenge to the meeting for display and judging by the members.

Shopping with 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.



When 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.

November Meeting – Wine and Cheese Social, Ornament Exchange & Election • At the November meeting members will have the opportunity to exchange ornaments that they have made. If you would like to participate, just bring one of your ornaments to the November meeting. The ornament can be simple or complex. Participants will then draw a number to pick an ornament made by another club member. Hope to have your ornament in the event. Ornaments can also be entered into the President’s Challenge!

There will not be a demonstration at the November meeting. Instead we will have a few hours of socializing. Bring your spouse/significant other, favorite wine (or other drink you enjoy) and an appetizer to share. The social will start following a short business meeting. The meeting will begin at 1 pm.



The annual election will be held at the November meeting. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be up for election. The Board does have a slate of nominees: Tom Zeller, President; Ken Bald, VP; Linda Osterwise, Sec; Charles Sapp, Treasurer. If you are interested in serving the club as a Board Member, please contact Steve Reynolds. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November meeting. Roles and responsibilities of the board members can be found in our bylaws on the club web site. **(Note: We are working with CJAP to understand the rules regarding masking for such an event. If it is not possible, you will be notified in advance.)**

Video Events ●

- Past demonstrations are available under the “members only” tab on the club web site.
- Check out the square platter that Nick Schirz turned (see the Show and Tell). A step by step instruction is available at:
https://ptwoodturners.org/Tips%20and%20Handouts/Turning%20Small%20Squarish%20Dished%20Platters_5_05_18_0841pm.pdf
- Instructions on how to turn the Invisible Snowman by Steve Reynolds are available on the club web site under the “members only” tab.
- Craft Supply has a video on [turning a goblet](#).

Shows in the area ● 50th Anniversary Midwest Artistry in Wood Show and Sale; Nov 6th and 7th, 2021 at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds and Expo Center; 200 S Belt E at Hwy 159; Belleville, IL. For more information www.midwestwoodcarvers.com or contact Dennis McBride at dpmcabin@charter.net

Christmas Ornament Exchange ● - Yes, we'll do it again in 2021. If you would like to participate, turn an ornament and bring it to the meeting in November. A drawing will be held to see who takes home your ornament and whose you get to take home. Simple to complex, all are appreciated.



Below is an update from the drawing last year. It has not been easy to make the exchange but progress is being made.

<u>Maker</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Linda O	Wayne lehl
Wayne	Steve Reynolds or McNeil
Steve McNeil	Charlie Sapp (exchange completed)
Charlie	Rick Madden (exchange completed)
Laura	Ken Bald
Ken	Laura Spelbring
Kathleen O	Michael Blankenship
Michael B	Steve McNeil or Reynolds
Rick M	Linda Osterwise (exchange completed)
Steve Reynolds	Kathleen Osterwise (exchange completed)

Christmas Ornament Challenge by Alan Stratton (www.aswoodturns.com)● Alan hosts an annual ornament challenge and the club submitting the most entries wins a free remote demonstration. All you need to do is:

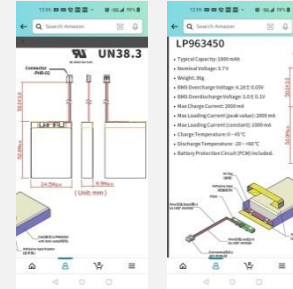
1. Complete a Christmas or holiday ornament. Ornaments from other faiths are also welcome.
2. Take or compose one still picture featuring the ornament.
3. Enter their information and upload the picture at www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges during the month of November. The challenge closes when November 30 closes.
4. The ornament may utilize any craft- it is not restricted to woodturning.
5. Do something good with the ornament.

More details are at www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges or www.OrnamentChallenge.com

If you make an ornament for our club exchange at the Nov meeting, then please enter it into Alan's challenge also – we might win a free remote demonstration.

Member Tips, Tricks, and Questions – Share your tips and tricks with other members (send your ideas/pictures to cwsapp@charter.net for the newsletter).

- Karl Ernst – Replacement battery packs are rather expensive, yet they are easily rebuildable. Karl used a LiPo battery purchased from Amazon for around \$12 to replace his Trend Air Shield Pro battery. The voltage is the same, AH is lower, but there is significant weight savings and operating time is acceptable.
- Charles Sapp – Turning a new pen kit and need a larger diameter bushing for your pen trimmer. Using a hard wood or [hdpe plastic](#), drill a ¼" hole in the middle, mount it on your pen mandrel and turn the outside diameter to match the pen tube you want to square off. Slip the bushing over the 7mm pen trimmer and square your blank.



● **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.

October Hybrid Show and Tell



Turner: Karl Ernst

Wood: Ebony and mix of exotics

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Pens



Turner: Karl Ernst

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments:





Turner: Ken Bald

Wood: Pecan

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Pecan from the family farm; tree was planted 5 generations ago.



Turner: Charles Schrock

Wood: Norfolk Island Pine

Finish: Boiled linseed oil

Size:

Comments: Wood is from Houston Botanical Garden; tree was killed by freeze in Texas. Walls are translucent.





Turner: Nick Schirz

Wood: Cherry bowls and maple platter

Finish: Boiled linseed oil

Comments: Platter cut out on band saw and turned from 2" stock. See the newsletter for link to instructions.



Turner: Danny Hill

Wood: Various

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Utility kitchen items.





Turner: Rich Hinkebein

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Open segmented bowl.



Turner: Linda Osterwise

Wood: Ash (left) and Magnolia (right)

Finish: Mylands Sanding Sealer and Yorkshire Grit on Magnolia; ash unfinished

Size:

Comments:





Turner: Linda Osterwise

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Acrylics for the light beacon.



Turner: Charles Sapp

Wood: Bocote and acrylic

Finish: Pen turner friction

Size:

Comments: Roller ball and letter opener for Baskets of Hope auction. Circuit board from kit.





Turner: Steve Reynolds

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Invisible snowman. Plans available on club web site under members only tab.



Turner: Tom Zeller

Wood:

Finish:

Size:

Comments: Snowmen



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● The 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!

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.

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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