

WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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November Meeting● Another year has come and gone. We have seen



many great demonstrations from club members: Jeff Hornung, Steve Reynolds, Jerry Rymarquis, Charles Sapp, and Tom Zeller. As well as many great demonstrators from outside our club: Jason Clark, Theo Haralampou, and Rebecca DeGroot. We turned pens for the troops at a meeting and celebrated with lunch in the parking lot. Check the newsletters on the club



website to review the year's demonstrations, activities, and Show and Tell. Great demonstrations and pre-meeting events are being scheduled for 2022.



The wine and cheese annual event was another great success. The ornament exchange continued the great tradition of creating and exchanging each other's turnings. Pictures of the ornaments are in the Show and Tell section of the newsletter and on the club website.



Happy New Year! Happy Turning!

December – No meeting. Enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

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 November 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 the link does not work, try inputting the meeting number and password that is on the email sent to you. If you still have trouble, give our Audio/Video Coordinator, Rob Conaway, a call at 314.378.2514. Log in about 15 minutes early to give us time to address any issues.



Thanks to Scott Eiswirth for volunteering to operate the Zoom stream/computer at the meeting and to learn the set up to assist Rob. John Hoeing has also volunteered to learn the AV set up and give us further backup in its operation.

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.



Outgoing President's Spin • Spending Time - It has been said that the greatest resource anyone can have is their time. So where are you spending this precious resource?

Time spent with a loving family and friends is very high on value in most lists. Just as watching bad late-night television seems to be generally considered as a poor use of time. And there are requirements to living that take up time such as working, sleeping, eating, mowing the lawn, etc. But this leaves a good deal of territory to spend your time.

I will contend that time spent in the shop is always valuable, and never wasted. While in the shop I am learning and/or planning. Even if what I learned is to never do that whatever again.

Spending time with the Woodturners seems to have similar value. Learning and trading experiences or techniques is indeed valuable. And there is also the spending time with friends and fellow enthusiasts.

And as my time as the president is now over, I consider it time well spent. The past 12 months have been unique in the history of the club as well as the globe. Certainly the ongoing pandemic has created challenges and stresses in all our lives, but there is at least a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. It has taken some fancy footwork and head scratching to be able to keep the meeting going on Zoom and in person. I will never pretend that I was any more than a member of a team that got this done. And I will be forever grateful to the members and officers that stepped up and pushed the club forward. - **Steve Reynolds**



Incoming President's Spin • The beginning of a new year. A time to reflect on the past year accomplishments and failures. It is also a time to set new goals for the year ahead for each of us. I am looking forward to working with each of the members to understand where they would like to see our club grow. I know the past two years has been very difficult for each of us as the

Covid virus has caused us to change how we communicate and meet with each other. I look forward to working with you and the Board to get many accomplished wood turners (local, national, and remote) to demonstrate at our club meetings this year.

We will have drawings for door prizes at our meetings this year. If you have piece of wood, tool or another item (pen kit) that would make a good door prize please bring it. I encourage you all to bring examples of your work as well as failures to the meetings. Your successes to see your fine work and your failures to better understand what went wrong. If you have a new tool or a technical tip that solves a problem and you think it would help our members, please share them at the meetings.

I look forward to serving our members. I hope we can inspire each other to continue to grow as we go forward in the New Year. – **Tom Zeller**

President's Challenge • January Turn a Bird (feathered friend) - **Starting in Jan 2022 we will resume the past practice of asking members to select their choice of winner in the PC.** During the break, review the items on the challenge table. Separate your ticket and write your selection on the back of the one marked "TICKET". Place it in the PC bowl. In addition to the winner selected by the members receiving a gift certificate, an additional door prize ticket will be given to everyone that provides a PC entry. Look for your name on the door prize winners. The PC tickets are a different color and will have the winner's name written on the ticket. You will not need the matching stub. **One entry per member; must be turned in the last 90 days.**



Outgoing Vice President's Report • [Beads of Courage](#): The Beads of Courage is a program for kids in need. BOC is a not-profit organization 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



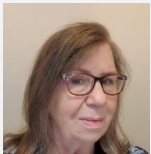
treatment. Children receive a bead for every test, procedure, or treatment they undergo. Woodturners donate boxes to hold the beads they earn. Details on requirements for the boxes can be found on the club web site. Suggestions for BOC bags can be found [here](#). Ceramic beads to attach to the boxes are \$1.25 (13/16" in diameter) and available from John. Bring your boxes (or bags) to the meeting and give them to your new VP John Hoeing. It has been a pleasure serving as your VP and I look forward to continued participation as a club member – **Ken Bald**



Treasurer Report • The website 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. **Join/renew membership by the end**



of 2021 and be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate. 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 • Nov 28th Meeting

1. Our hybrid meeting (in person and on-line) started with about 31 members and guests in attendance, and 1 on Zoom. All officers attended the meeting in-person meeting.
2. Steve Reynolds opened the meeting
 - a. Members approved dues for 2022 at \$35 individual / \$45 family (up to three at the same address)
 - b. It is uncertain if the Collinsville Woodworking show will take place. Ken Bald and John Hoeing will monitor the situation and be in charge of planning and scheduling if it does happen.
 - c. Rockler pen turning was a success (pictures shown below).
 - d. Floor was opened for nominations to the Board. In offline discussion of a slate of officers, Ken Bald indicated that he would like to be replaced for the VP nomination and John Hoeing has accepted. The following slate was presented to the members: Tom Zeller, President (2 year term); John Hoeing, VP; Linda Osterwise, Secretary; Charles Sapp, Treasurer. Motion was made to accept the slate and approve by acclimation; seconded; and approved.
 - e. Rob Conaway will continue to serve as AV Coordinator with the assistance of Scott Eiswirth and John Hoeing. Rich Hinkebein will continue to serve as Librarian.
3. Show and Tell items were presented.
4. Ornaments were exchanged.
5. Door prizes were drawn and awarded.
6. Meeting was adjourned. – CWS for **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.

Tom Zeller's snowman demonstration is available in the library and on the website

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 website and may be printed and returned with payment or completed on line with electronic payment. **Join / renew membership by the end of 2021 and you will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate.**



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. We will provide an update as needed closer to our Jan 2022 meeting.

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

Pen Turning at Rockler• Thanks to Steve Reynolds, Scott Eiswirth, Tom Zeller, and Linda Osterwise for assisting with the hands on pen turning at Rockler.



Positions to Fill •

- NEWSLETTER EDITOR – The editor is responsible for collecting articles, editing, and assembling the club newsletter.
- 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 John Hoeing 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. We may even go live for the Pre Meeting for more interaction. 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. 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
December 2021	No meeting. Enjoy time with family and friends.	
January 23, 2022	Pen turning for the troops (all material and tools provided) or bring in a project that you want to work on or want mentoring (bring your tools for personal projects)	Tom Dolan of the Show Me Turners will be demonstrating how to do a stone inlay on a bowl.
Feb 2022	TBD	Paul Krautmann - TBD
March 2022	TBD	Jeff Hornung - TBD

April 2022	TBD	Michael Blankenship demonstrates turning a copper lidded bowl.
May 2022	TBD	Steve McNeil and Michael Blankenship demonstrate segmented turning.

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.

Video Events •

- Past demonstrations are available under the "members only" tab on the club web site.
- Chasing threads: <https://www.woodworkersjournal.com/creating-chasing-threads-lathe/>
- Ornament turning: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEek_jfxP88
- Mike Peace - holding wood: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDri4t7Udco>
- Light bulb ornament: https://blog.woodturnerscatalog.com/2012/12/turning-a-light-bulb-ornament/?utm_source=csusa&utm_medium=email&utm_content=lightbulb&utm_campaign=21-12-ornaments

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 Hybrid Show and Tell



Turner: Ken Bald

Umbrella (natural edge)
ornament



Turner: Charles Schrock

Rose engine enhanced
ornament





Turner: Doug Grissom

Tree ornament with texturing



Turner: Don Eskridge

Bird house ornament



Turner: Wayne lehl

Hat ornament



Turner: Steve McNeil

Hollow globe ornament



Turner: Steve Reynolds

Invisible snowman ornament



Turner: Scott Esworth

Bell with tree finial ornament



Turner: Charles Sapp

Hollow globe for potpourri
(can be used year around; on
the Christmas tree or in a
closet during the off season)



Turner: Keith Braizer

Wood: Poplar

Finish: Matte Spray

Size: 9x9

Comments: Natural edge;
turned green





Turner: Keith Braizer

Wood: Ash

Finish: Boiled linseed oil

Size: 6x2 and 4x2

Comments: Turned green
with attention on grain
orientation and balance



Turner: Keith Braizer



Wood: Sycamore

Finish: Boiled linseed oil

Size: 9x9

Comments: Bark inclusion added
interest. Wood is from childhood
grade school where trees were
being removed for a new gym.





Turner: Keith Braizer

Wood: Ash

Finish: Boiled linseed oil

Size: 10x4

Comments: Wood is from a neighbor. Turned green.



Turner: Gary Guze

Pens in a variety of woods and mechanisms representing organizations and interests





Turner: Ken Bald

Cherry bowl salvaged by cutting out a crack and splicing in a section of walnut during the turning process



Turner: Wayne Iehl

Turnings and decorations



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

Check it out!

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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](#). 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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