

# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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## Fall Picnic and Turning Pens for the Troops

• Great day for our picnic! We met at the parking lot at CJAP where Chef Ken Bald had the brats and hot dogs ready to go. Members brought a dish to share. We ate. We socialized. We had a drawing for attendance prizes – everyone went home with an attendance prize. Then we adjourned to turn pens for the



troops. Many members participated in the pen turning – some turning a pen for the first time! We currently have collected 31 pens. Please bring any that you have to our next meeting so we can give them to Woodcraft in November for the Pens for the Troops program. Our goal is to provide at least 50 pens for the program!



**Pre-Meeting Demonstrator/ Mentor●** This is an opportunity for members to mentor and/or lead a demonstration. You can have a project to demonstrate or just be available to set up and mentor those that want to turn on the Comets. Contact Tom Zeller to volunteer. Your help is needed.

**WTSTL Hybrid Meetings●** Each meeting lets us improve and address new issues with our hybrid system.

**We need your help too.** Please give us feedback on the good and bad with the A/V system so we can make your online participation a great experience.

If you do not see video at the start of the meeting (~1pm CT) let us know via the Zoom Chat window.

If the video drops offline or there are other issues let us know via the Zoom Chat window

**Please mute yourself during the meeting as any background noise overpowers the demonstrator and puts you in the demo screen.**

Please send Rob and Charlie an email with any suggestions. We monitor the chat but texts, email, and voice feedback is difficult during the meeting as the AV team is quite occupied with operation of the equipment.

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.

**Website●** Electronic membership to the WTSTL is available via the club website. After entering your contact information and selecting your plan you will go to PayPal to complete your application and enter the amount to pay. When PayPal asks for our organization, enter **Woodturners of St. Louis**. You will receive a follow up email with your membership card. If you are not contacted within a couple of weeks, email the club Treasurer.



**President's Spin●** We had a great time socializing and turning pens for the troops at our September meeting. The PC for October is to turn a natural/live edge bowl. Our annual wine and cheese social, ornament exchange, and election are coming up in November. If you would like to serve as an officer or on our other committee/roles, please contact me. There are a variety of ways to serve and your help / participation is appreciated. - **Tom Zeller**

**President's Challenge ● Members select their choice of winner for the PC.** During the break, review the items on the challenge table. Separate your ticket and write your selection (the number in front of each entry) on the back of the one marked "TICKET". Place it in the PC bowl. Your voting ticket will enter you in the door prize drawing. **One PC entry per member; must be turned following the challenge.**

**President's Challenge for October turn a natural/live edge bowl (see the August newsletter for the article on Keith Brazier's demonstration).**



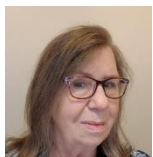
**Vice President's Report • [Beads of Courage:](#)** The Beads of Courage is a program for kids in need. BOC is a not-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and teens coping with serious illness. The program integrates the use of beads as visible, tangible symbols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



**Treasurer Report • Dues are due for 2022 membership.** Electronic membership applications and payments can be made on the website. If you prefer to complete and mail a paper [application](#), it is available and can be down loaded from the club website. Renewing and new members are asked to complete the new application form. Club patches are available from the Treasurer for \$5. – **Charles Sapp**



**Secretary Report •** The attendance for our September picnic was 24. The meeting was not streamed via Zoom.

We all had a great time at our parking lot picnic. Ken and Sue Bald prepared our brats and hot dogs as perfectly as Ken turns his wood projects. The food contributions were fantastic; we had all that we needed and quite a variety. Thank you to everyone that brought food.

During and after feasting, many turners went inside to turn Pens for the Troops. Thank you to all the people that set up our 3 lathes, those that mentored and assisted our turners, and the turners that took the time to turn a pen for the Troops. - **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.

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 website. 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:**

### **Upcoming Events •**

**Tennessee Association of Woodturners** in Franklin, TN Jan 27-28, 2023

### **Video Resources •**

- The Woodturners of St. Louis now have a YouTube channel. On it you will find many of our demonstrations. To find the videos – go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search on *Woodturner St. Louis*.
- Past demonstrations are also available on DVD in our library and listed on the website demonstration tab.

### **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 – small boxes or bowls, ornaments, bird houses, feathered creatures – all are great items for this program – give your items to Charles Sapp.**

**Beads of Courage – boxes for storage of the patient's beads (see article in the NL) – give your items to John Hoeing.**

**Pens for the Troops – Kits are available from the club Treasurer for a \$3 deposit which is returned to you when a completed pen is returned for the program – get your kits and return completed pens to Charles Sapp.**

### **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.
- Audio / Visual Team – Support is needed to help set up, monitor and understand the system for backup. Talk to Rob Conaway to volunteer.
- Mentor Coordinator – Coordinate with members looking to improve their skills
- Pre-Meeting Mentor – Set up the Comets and be available to mentor members and visitors
- We appreciate all the help with set up and clean up. Contact Tom Zeller for more opportunities.

**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](mailto:webmaster@wtstl.com). Club events take priority.

**Mentoring**● The Board recognizes the value of hands-on and one-on-one instruction. Check the website for information on the mentoring program. 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** ● Our meetings will be streamed via ZOOM unless noted in the meeting information on the web page. All members should receive a reminder and the ZOOM link during the week prior to the meeting. If you do not receive the link by the Thursday prior to the meeting, **send an email to [CWSAPP@CHARTER.NET](mailto:CWSAPP@CHARTER.NET) requesting the link.**



**Tax Deductions**● The Woodturners of St. Louis is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. Donations may be tax deductible. Donate up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA directly to a qualified charity through a [qualified charitable distribution](#). (As long as certain rules are met-such as you're at least 70½ when making the gift, and the check is payable directly to the qualified charity-then the distribution shouldn't be taxable income.)



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
October 23, 2022	Pen turning or demonstration TBD.	Linda Osterwise – Resin / Casting demonstration
November 27, 2022	No premeeting	Wine and Cheese social with ornament exchange and election of officers

**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](mailto: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. A form will be provided for you to provide information on your turning, please complete it as information will be used by the editor for the newsletter.*

**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.

**Vendor / Sponsor Discounts** • Check the website for vendors that offer discounts to club members. When shopping at Rockler in Bridgeton, ask them to register your purchase with the WTSTL as they provide gift cards to the club for door prizes after a number of purchases. Chefwarekits is offering 50% off shipping if you mention Jeff Hornung’s demo at the July meeting.

**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/?ref=nf> click on “Join” and your request will be processed by our Facebook administrator. It is a closed group and only seen by members.

## September Hybrid Show and Tell



**Show and Tell items are featured on a slide show on the club website home page. Check it out!**

**[www.WTSTL.com](http://www.WTSTL.com)**

**Web site●** The URL is WTSTL.com. 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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