



# 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: Jeff Hornung, Tom Dolan, Keith Buxton, Paul Krautmann, Michael Blankenship, Steve McNeil, Tom Zeller, Keith Baizer, and Linda Osterwise. We turned pens for the troops at a meeting and celebrated with lunch in the parking lot. Over 40 pens were presented to the troops;



several Beads of Courage boxes were given to Children's Hospital; and many turnings were given to nursing home residents. Thanks to everyone for participating in these community programs. 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 2023.



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. Further improvements are planned for next year – movable cameras with zooming capability.....



**President's Spin** ● The Presidents challenge for January 2023 is to turn a potpourri bowl. They typically range in size from 5 to 10 inches in diameter and 1.125 to 4 inches in height. I find potpourri bowls that range from 5 to 7 inches in diameter and 1.25 to 2 inches in height to look very appealing. I have included pictures of a potpourri bowl/dish I made as an example. You can purchase an insert for the bowls from Packard Woodworking or Craft Supply in Utah. Youtube has a few examples of how to make a potpourri bowls. There will be a Top Prize for this challenge. If you have questions about this challenge, please contact me.

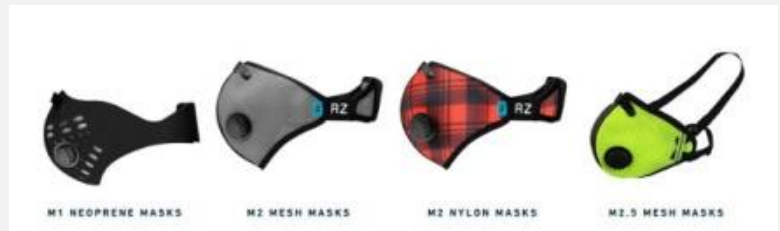


Shop safety - Always wear safety glasses/face shield and a dust mask; stay hydrated, and stop, stretch, and take a break. . Last month I talked about the hazards of various wood species and wood dust in general. I

have used the RZ masks recently and wanted to provide feedback to our members. Protecting your lungs should be important to all of us. Paper masks (particulate respirator N95 masks) do provide some protection during woodturning and sanding.

However, they can become dirty over time, and are reused when they should be THROWN in the trash,

the elastic straps can break, and your safety glasses fog up sometimes with use. For a one time use new paper masks are great.



I have used the RZ M1 mask which is neoprene material. The masks are comfortable, durable and perfect for adding protection in cooler temperatures. They feature a single hook-and-loop strap. It is made for long term use; it seals to the face very well. During the summer or high humidity, it may become uncomfortable because of sweating on your face. It has a charcoal filter which is replaceable on the inside of the mask. Masks cost about \$30.00 and filters are 3 for \$8.00. The mask comes with its own storage bag. Masks come in three sizes Medium 3.5 – 4.0”, Large 4.0 – 4.5”, XL-large 4.5+” the measurement is from the bridge of your nose to under the bottom of your chin. The box has a size chart on the end flap. Sizes by weight are also listed on the top flap of the box. Medium is 100 – 125lbs, Large is 125lbs – 215lbs, XL-large is 215lbs and up. I turned some aromatic red cedar the other day for about six hours on and off. Turning and sanding as I finished my projects. The mask kept my nasal cavity clean from fine sawdust. Three woodturners I turn with have been using the RZ masks for more three years and are committed to its use as am I.

The RZ M2 mask is a breathable mesh mask similar to the M1 design. It is highly breathable and durable mesh fabric that helps to keep you cool during summer months. It also features an easy on/off 1-strap system; is good for warmer temperatures; won't fog your safety glasses; and has a one-way valve that reduces moisture. It also has a charcoal filter which is replaceable on the inside of the mask. The RZ M2 cost about \$35.00 and filters are 3 for \$8.00. The mask comes with its own storage bag.

So, as we head into the holidays look into purchasing an RZ mask it can help you protect your lungs. The RZ web site is [www.rzmask.com](http://www.rzmask.com) . – 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.**

Congratulations to Jerry Rymarquis for his winning ornament in the November challenge.

**President's Challenge for January 2023** – Turn a potpourri bowl (if you do not have or want to purchase a metal lid for the bowl, design a lid with a flow thru feature so the scent of the potpourri can escape. )



**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** • 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. 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. Club patches are available from the Treasurer for \$5. – **Charles Sapp**



**IRA Charitable Rollover** • Federal law allows “senior” charitably-minded individuals the opportunity to make gifts directly from an Individual Retirement Account and to exclude the amount of that gift from personal income. The transfer must go directly from your IRA to the charity. WTSTL is a qualified 501(c)(3) charity. Gifts count toward your IRA required minimum distribution but are not reported as income so there is no adverse income tax effect. Check with your tax advisor with any questions or for more details.



**Secretary Report • Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting** Thirty people attended our Wine and Cheese Holiday party (the November meeting).

Charlie Sapp opened the party substituting for John Hoeing who was to substitute for Tom Zeller, who was unable to attend. Tom and John missed an opportunity for some delicious snacks and fabulous wines.

We started by discussing the slate of officers for next year, and offering an opportunity to anyone to submit new names. No new nominations were offered, and the proposed slate of officers was voted on.

Next year’s officers and staff are:

President	Tom Zeller (continuing to serve second year of his term)
Vice President	John Hoeing
Treasurer	Charles Sapp
Secretary	Linda Osterwise
Librarian	Rich Hinkebein
Audio Visual	Rob Conaway

The next topic discussed was the membership dues for 2023. It was voted and approved to continue with the \$35 per individual and \$45 for a family.

Charlie confirmed that most of our club’s expenses were for monthly meeting costs and insurance. Since we’re a 501(c)(3) organization, donations to the club are tax deductible.

The ornament exchange was fun. It featured some beautifully crafted ornaments, appreciated by all.

The last order of business (while we were munching away of course), was to hand out an extensive group of door prizes. Almost everyone took something home. We all enjoyed ourselves and planned to meet in January 2023 with a demonstration by Keith Buxton. Keith is a member of the Show Me Woodturners of Festus, MO and will be demonstrating a multi-axis canteen.

Happy turning and Happy Holidays! **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.

Linda Osterwise's resin demonstration is available in the library and on the website  
Woodturning magazine issues 373, 374, 375

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** – 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 2023** • 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.

**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**

Over 40 pens were turned by members and presented to the Woodcraft manager by Charles Sapp, WTSTL member.





Denise Spalding, Mission Director at Church of the Shepherd, accepted the turnings and carvings that will be distributed to nursing home residents as part of their Unexpected Christmas program. Thanks to everyone for contributing to this program.

### 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.
- **MENTOR COORDINATOR**– Direct members (new and experienced) to another member that can provide assistance. See website for members that are currently willing to mentor; contact Tom Zeller to volunteer either as mentor or mentor coordinator.

### Upcoming Events●

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

**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.

**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. 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](mailto: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 – 3:30 pm
December 2022	<b>No meeting. Enjoy time with family and friends.</b>	
January 22, 2023	TBD	Keith Buxton of the Show Me Turners will be demonstrating how to turn a canteen.
Feb 26, 2023	TBD	Tom Dolan of the Show Me Turners will be demonstrating turn a salt cellar with a magnetic lid.
March 26, 2023	TBD	TBD

**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.*

**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.

**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 Ornament Exchange



Turner: Ken Bald

Comment: Bird house turned from poplar and painted with acrylics.



Turner: Don Eskridge

Comments: Squat birdhouse patterned after ceramic version. Red cedar with catalpa roof. Finished with shellac.





Turner: Wayne lehl

Comments: Snowman turned with ash and walnut. Rustoleum clear spray finish.

Small snowman boxes for pills, toothpicks, change,.....



Turner: Charles Sapp

Comments: Heritage shape cedar ornament with a Deft lacquer finish.





Turner: Doug Grissom

Comments: Sea urchin body with maple finial. Lacquer finish.



Turner: Tom Reel

Comments: Antique pendant ornament in Osage Orange with friction lacquer finish.



Turner: Steve Reynolds

Comments: Invisible snowman turned in maple with clear poly finish.



Turner: Jerry Rymarquis

Comments: Maple, purple heart, walnut, and gongolwe alves ornament with Danish oil finish.

President's Choice November Winner.



Segmented hot air balloon ornament.





Turner: Becky Blankenship

Comments: Bell ornament turned in mulberry with a Teak oil finish.

Wooden thimble.



Turner: Bill Grimes

Comments: Maple, sapele mahogany with Mylands friction polish and Golden acrylics. Technique learned in class with Dixie Biggs at JC Campbell.



**Show and Tell items are now 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. 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.woodturnersofstlouis.com). 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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