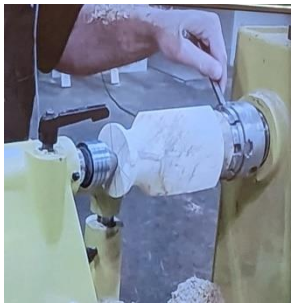


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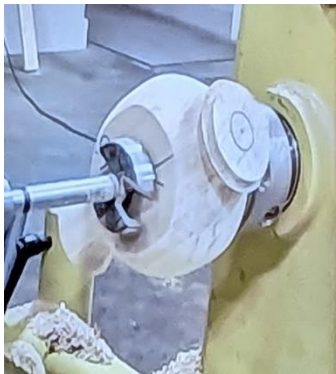
Keith Buxton – Turning a flask / canteen● Keith demonstrated the multi axis turning of a drinking flask / canteen from a block ~ 5" x 7" x 3" based on a Jimmy Clewes demo he attended. After sketching a rough profile on the block it was turned to the initial shape.



A tenon was formed on one side and the opposite side was drilled and used to hollow the flask. A Jacobs chuck was used to drill the hole in the end of the flask. A plug was turned to seal the side opening and another plug to close the top opening.

A video of the process is available in the club library and on our [YouTube](#)

[channel](#). Keith also has other videos on YouTube.



Thanks, Keith, for a great demonstration on using multi axis turning to form a complex shape on the lathe.

Pre-Meeting Demonstrator/ Mentor● Tom Zeller hosted a hands on texturing time with our members. The effects of various tools, angles, speeds were demonstrated.



The premeeting 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.



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, log on to your PayPal account 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● Thanks for the participation in the pre-meeting hands on demo. This is an opportunity for members to do a mini demonstration, let me know if you have a subject you would like to share – or if there is a subject you would like

become more familiar with and we will work to get it. We have great demonstrators lined up for the year but have a couple slots open. Help us out by contacting me with your ideas.

Great participation in the President's Challenge this month for turning potpourri bowls. Next month may be a tougher challenge but I hope you will give it a try – there are lots of ways to turn a canteen. I will be looking forward to seeing the many approaches our members take. –

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 Gary Guzy for his winning entry of potpourri bowl for the January challenge.

President's Challenge for February – turn a flask / canteen.



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 2023 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• 36 people attended in person and three online.

Prior to the meeting Tom Zeller (President), demonstrated texturing tools, showing us how to make spirals and other decorations on the cut edge of our projects. He also showed us several of his hand-crafted point tools and explained how they were made.

At 1:00, the president (Tom) opened the meeting by welcoming visitors and new members. He also asked for volunteers to lead the pre-meeting demos and/or doing demonstrations for our meetings. Tom talked about the availability of End Sealer (used on the cut edges of freshly cut wood to prevent it from drying too quickly as that often leads to cracks as the wood dries). The End Sealer would actually be purchased through the Show Me Woodturners group (in Festus, MO).

Upcoming events were discussed, including the TAW Symposium in (Tennessee Association of Woodturners), being held this January 27th and 28th.

The club officers each gave brief reports including the status of our Community Service projects.

During the meeting, I created a list of missing name tags, and I plan to bring them to the February meeting. If your name tag was not available, and I didn't write your name on the list, send me an email (osterwlk@gmail.com). Please use "Missing Nametag" in the subject line to catch my attention.

Gary Guzy's potpourri pot was chosen by the group to be the winner of this month's President's Challenge. Next month's President's Challenge is to turn a canteen.

Next month's demonstration will be by Tom Dolan (from Show Me Woodturners). Tom will be showing us how to make a salt cellar with a magnetic lid.

Have a great month, wishing you successful turning. - Linda Osterwise, Secretary WTSTL



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.

New material:

American Woodturner Issue 376

Understanding and Using Resins DVD by Linda Osterwise, WTSTL demo Oct 2022

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 – 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:

New Members • Please join me in welcoming our new members:

- Sean Ireland from Jackson, MO
- Scott Fletcher from Dardenne Prairie, MO
- Rhonda Lammert from Dardenne Prairie, MO
- Philip Sonderman from St. Louis, MO
- Matt Stacker from Defiance, MO
- Elaine Marschik from St. Louis, MO



Upcoming Events • *The dates for the May and November meeting will be the 3rd Sunday of the month due to conflicts with Memorial and Thanksgiving holidays.*

AAW: 37th International Woodturning Symposium; Louisville, Kentucky; June 1 – 4, 2023

Note – Not a member of the AAW. They have a guest membership that provides FREE sixty day access to AAW resources and full online access to all published content. Check out their website: [AAW Guest Member](#).

Video Resources •

- The Woodturners of St. Louis have a YouTube channel. On it you will find many of our demonstrations. To find the videos – go to [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.
<https://www.youtube.com/@woodturnersstlouis2950/videos>
- This is a presentation at the Woodworker's Guild in January 2023 on the basics of lathe turning. It starts at about 30 minutes into the meeting:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHQRbqOPby0>
- Tim Yoder – [turning a canteen](#)
- Mel Bryan – [turning a canteen](#)

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. *Thanks to everyone for participating in this program. We are very near our goal of 50 pens.*

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 or Tom Zeller to volunteer.
- Audio / Visual Team – Thanks to Tom Reel for joining the AV team. Additional 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. 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
February 26, 2023	TBD	Tom Dolan, Show Me Turners, turning a magnetic salt cellar
March 26, 2023	TBD	Jeff Hornung, turn baby burn, Shou Sugi Bon
April 23, 2023	TBD	Paul Krautmann, goblet with captured ring
May 21, 2023	TBD – note date change to the 3rd Sunday	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 **by the Friday prior to the next meeting.** Include the species of wood, finish, size, and any comments.



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.

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.**



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 additional 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.

January Hybrid Show and Tell



Becky Blankenship

Wood: White oak

Comments:
Potpourri bowls



Becky Blankenship



Wood:
Mulberry
potpourri

Finish: Wax

Comments:
Potpourri
bowl with
natural wood
lid and bowl





Wayne Iehl

Wood: Mulberry

Size: 8x6x2"

Finish: Shellac

Comments:
Multi axis
turning



Wayne Iehl

Wood:
Sycamore,
Walnut, Oak,
Locust, Apple,
Locust, Maple,
Cherry, Osage
Orange, Cedar

Finish: Walnut
oil

Comments:
Traditional and
French style





Gary Guzy

Wood: Curly Koa
and Elm

Finish: Shellac and
wipe on poly; Beal
buffing

Winner of January
President's
Challenge



Charles Sapp

Comments:
Cedar potpourri
bowl



Linda Osterwise

Comments:
Wood and
acrylic potpourri
bowl



Linda Osterwise

Wood: Box Elder

Finish: Aussie Oil



Tom Zeller

Comments:
Potpourri bowls



Karl Ernst

Wood: Canary
and Purple
Heart





Tom Reel

Wood: Black
locus

Finish: Bees wax

Comments:
Potpourri bowl



Tom Reel

Comments:
Potpourri bowl



John Colburn

Wood: Eastern
red cedar and
red heart.

Comment: Scroll
saw humming
bird cut in lid.

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

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](http://www.woodturnersofstlouis.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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