

# WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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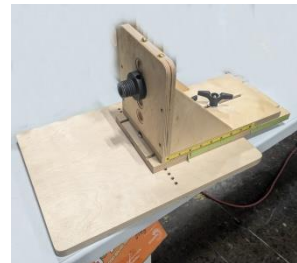
**Meetings are now on THE 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE EVENING. Premeeting starts at 5pm and main meeting starts at 6:30PM. Meetings continue to be hosted at CTF at 8300 Valcour Ave; Affton, MO. Next meeting will be May 27, 2025.**



**Ken Bald – Wave bowl** • Ken attended a class with John Beaver at Mark Adams and turned his first wave bowl.



Once the blank is mounted in the chuck it is not removed until complete. A jig is used to hold the chuck and position it for cutting the waves. The jig has a screw thread for mounting the chuck and allows the project to be rotated into the band saw blade creating a “wave” effect.



Slices can be removed, textured, and reglued or veneer can be used to show the cut. The veneer should be the same thickness as the band saw blade.



Blocks of scrap are glued into the interior and drilled to hold dowel rods to position the blank after each cut. Multiple cuts can be made to add wave upon



wave. The project then becomes a basic bowl turning challenge.

Thanks to Ken for a great demonstration on how to turn a wave bowl. The demo will be available on the WTSTL YouTube channel.





**Pre-Meeting●** Tom Zeller turned penny plates and showed various techniques for embellishment. Tom uses an expansion grip to hold his work. Notice how he decorates around the recess to make it part of the enhancement. - Thanks Tom.



**SWAP & SELL at the MAY 27<sup>th</sup> MEETING ●** If you have tools, accessories, jam chucks, adapters, tool handles, air brushes, fixtures, patterns, molds, blanks,...that you would like to swap or sell, bring them to the May meeting. In lieu of a premeeting demonstration members will set up in the parking lot and sell their wares. The club is asking for a 10% commission on all sales.

At least a week prior to the meeting, send a list of items you intend to bring for sale and I will include them in the reminder that is emailed prior to the next meeting. Send your list to [STLWoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:STLWoodturners@gmail.com) with the subject line – SWAP & SELL.



**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 mentor's knowledge and instruction.

**WTSTL Tool Boxes and Turning Tools●** Each of our Comet lathes has a number and there is a tool box with tools with the same number in the movable/lockable cabinets. When setting up the pre-meeting area get the numbered box that goes with that Comet. This helps us identify any missing items and which box to replenish.

It is also very important to put the tools from a specific box back into that same box for inventory control. And, be sure that the tool boxes are taken back to the meeting room and stored in the locked mobile cabinets. The chuck and all loose items (spurs, knock out bar, ...) should be removed from the lathe and put back in the tool box for secure storage.

**WTSTL Hybrid Meetings**● Each meeting lets us improve and address new issues with our hybrid system. In person meetings will continue to be open to visitors (except when a paid demonstrator is scheduled); remote participation will be available via Zoom.

**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.

**Welcome to New Members: Join me in welcoming our new members:**

**Paul Smith from Florissant**  
**Anna Whelan from Florissant**  
**Stuart Shanker from St. Louis**  
**Ray Hinkle from Farmington**



**President's Spin**● Spring is now in full swing. Thank you to Tom for a great pre-meeting demo on small plates and embellishing. Additionally, thank you Ken Bald for the demonstration about wave bowls. Well done! It is always great to see how others turn and do things on their lathe. We are blessed with a talented group of people turning and making within our club.

In last month's newsletter I highlighted a new member accepting the Librarian position. I would like to ask for two things this month. First, we have several openings in the pre-meeting and meeting demos for throughout the rest of the year. This is an opportunity to share your skills or learnings with the rest of the club. Second, we still need a newsletter editor or assistant. This newsletter is currently being created by our treasurer, Charlie Sapp. Please talk to him if you have any questions or interest in assisting with our newsletter.

Until next month, keep turning! - **Rob Conaway**

**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.

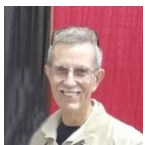


**Congratulations to the April PC winner:** Charles Sapp for his wig stand that was donated to the community service program.

**President's Challenge for May 2025** – Turn a wave bowl or community service item.



**Rolling Pin** – My wife and I recently had the opportunity to make bread with a lady in Linz, Austria. Of course the conversation had to come around to rolling pins since that was one of our recent PC's.



**Treasurer Report • Dues are due for 2025 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.



We are currently at 80 members for 2025. – **Charles Sapp**



**Secretary Report •** April-Tom Zeller did the pre-meeting demonstration on turning penny plates and several techniques for texturing. Ken Bald did the meeting demonstration on how he makes wave bowls.

Rob announced that the club will have a parking lot swap and sell during the May premeeting. Send a list of items that you will bring to [STLWoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:STLWoodturners@gmail.com) with the subject line – SWAP & SELL at least a week prior to the meeting and it will be shared with members. 10% commission on all sales to go to the WTSTL.

There were 28 members and additional 4 visitors present. Also 1 person attended remotely via Zoom. – **Valerie Botkin**



**Library News ●** The library is only open on Tuesday evening 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. 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. – **Moe Milstead**

**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.

### Members in the News ●

Jeff Hornung, owner of The Walnut Log, has become the first American to be accepted onto the roles of the Register of Professional Woodturners. Jeff is also an instructor at Craft Alliance & JC Campbell, and two session demonstrator at the AAW symposium in June 2025.



Michael Blankenship just returned from demonstrating at the Turn Fest in Australia and will be a demonstrator at the AAW symposium in June 2025. Michael has three sessions – copper lidded box, segmented peppermill, and 3 piece ornament.

Steve McNeil will be a demonstrator at the Southwest Turners (SWAT) symposium in August 2025.



**Congratulations to our members for recognition of their skills and sharing their talents!**

### Community Programs ●



[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 Rob. Bring your boxes (or bags) to the meeting and give them to Tom Reel.

**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. Our goal for 2025 is 275 pens.



**Wig Stands** – This is a new project for the club. Wig stands will be collected and delivered to a hospital in the fall. A video is available on our YouTube channel and article links included in the March 2025 newsletter on how to turn a wig stand.



### 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*. <https://www.youtube.com/@woodturnersstlouis2950/videos>
- *Wave Bowl*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dle1XtDXeoU>
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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](#).

### Positions to Fill ●

- Newsletter Editor / Assistant – 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 Tom Zeller to volunteer.
- Audio / Visual Team – Additional support is needed to help set up, monitor and understand the system for backup. Additional support would really help. Talk to Steve Botkin to volunteer.
- 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 Rob Conaway for more opportunities.

**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.)

**Contributions accepted at any time of the year!**



**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.



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Pre-Meeting 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Meeting 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
May 27, 2025	Parking lot sale / member's tools and accessories. 10% of sales go to the WTSTL	Making and turning a glue-up: Steve Reynolds
June 24, 2025	TBD	Pagoda box – Keven Bagy
July 22, 2025	TBD	Project TBD – Keith Braizer

**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.



# April Show and Tell



Wayne Iehl



Charles Sapp

April President's Challenge  
Winner - Wig Stand







Rob Conaway



Joe Farrell

Purple Heart & Chechen



Acrylic blank with shredded currency.



Keith Braizer





Randy Dicken

Our URL is [WTSTL.com](http://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.**

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://Woodturners of St. Louis). Learn and share ideas with like-minded Woodturners of St. Louis. Our chapter normally meets from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 8300 Valcour Avenue, St. Louis, MO with a pre-meeting at 5:00 pm.

**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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