

WOODTURNERS OF ST. LOUIS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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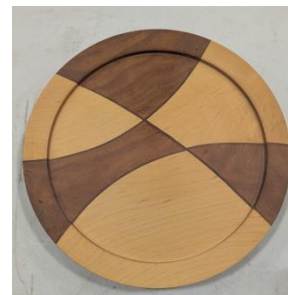
Meetings are now on THE 4th TUESDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE EVENING. Premeeting starts at 5pm and main meeting starts at 6:30PM. Meetings continue to be hosted at CTF at 8300 Valcour Ave; Affton, MO. Next meeting will be June 24, 2025.



Steve Reynolds – Glue Ups • Steve covered several important points about glue ups that make for a successful joint and ones that can come apart creating a dangerous situation. A summary of the notes is on the WTSTL website under the [demonstration tab](#).



Showing some of his glue ups, Steve illustrated how a large turning can be created from a smaller board and the importance of surface preparation. He also showed how layering boards of different species and cutting a pattern with a band saw can create a complex design.



Thanks to Steve for a great demonstration on the importance of making good glue joints and how they can be used to make larger turnings. The demo will be available on the [WTSTL YouTube channel](#).

Pre-Meeting • SWAP & SELL at the MAY 27th MEETING The premeeting time was filled with shoppers in the parking lot looking at and buying equipment and wood from other members. Several bargains were found – especially the truck load of free wood from Zeller. Members contributed 10% of their sales to the club. Thanks.

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 member: Bob Bangert from Troy, MO



President's Spin● The Swap & Sell was a large success. It is always good to find ways to get tools we have not used in the hands of people who will use them. Thank you all for making the first event so successful. Thank you, Steve, for a great presentation on glue ups. Ensuring a good glue joint with grain direction, setup, clamping, and kind of glue will be helpful in future glue up projects.

Have a project you would like to show others how to create? Do you think about joining the board to help our club? Please consider helping our club with a board position or demonstration. These are critical positions to how we bring content and deliver our monthly activities.

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 May PC winner: Tom Heusler for his wave turning.

President's Challenge for June 2025 – Turn a glue up item or community service item.



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 downloaded 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 84 members for 2025. – **Charles Sapp**



Secretary Report • There was no pre-meeting presentation as there was a Tool Swap/Sale.

The meeting presentation was given by Steve Reynolds. He discussed methods for gluing boards for safe turning.

38 members were present; 4 visitors were present; 1 person attended 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.

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.



Children's Historical Days at the Old Capitol in St. Charles ● Tom Heusler, Steve Reynolds, and Charles Sapp demonstrated the pole and treadle lathes to kids and adults during the historical day event. Lots of future turners gave it a try and left with a smile – and chips. The next event is August 10th and we can use your help.



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>

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
June 24, 2025	Rob Conaway – Artifact vessels	Jerry Rymarquis – Angel Large & Small
July 22, 2025	TBD	Jeff Hornung - Rose

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.

May Show and Tell



Rob Conaway



Ken Bald





Steve McNeil



Tom Zeller





Charles Sapp



Sean Ireland





Bob Goulding



Alex Radetic





Ray Hinkle



Wayne Iehl





Leo Wiseman



Tom Heusler

May President's
Challenge Winner – Wave
Bowl/Turning

Our 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.**

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

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