

## Meeting Info:

Zoom connections will be sent out prior to the club meeting on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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## Demonstrators



Tri-State Woodturners  
An official AAW chapter

The challenge to find demonstrators for each meeting basically falls to Doug Spohn. With his picture on the front page this month is not indicating that he will be the demonstrator, although he is very capable and has often done so in our meetings. His picture is to remind you to thank him for the work he does securing the demonstrators and to let you know who you can talk with about suggestions for demonstrators. Is there a topic you would like to see demonstrated? Talk with Doug to see if he knows someone or can find someone to do a demonstration on that topic. If you know someone who can demonstrate something for the club that would be beneficial, give Doug the information so he can follow-up on it.

The on-line demonstrations have been good in that we usually have a really good view of what is being shown. With good photography, it is easier to see how cuts are made and the details that are often lost in an in-person demonstration. But that also can limit demonstrators to those



who also have the camera equipment and facilities for doing the Zoom type meetings.

At the writing of this newsletter we do not have a scheduled demonstration yet for this month. When it is available you will be notified. Hopefully soon we will be able to have in-person meetings (see the president's corner). If you want to do a demonstration that would benefit the club, talk with Doug about it. Teaching others is a great way to develop your skills as a turner.



# President's Corner

Well, finally we may be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Covid cases and hospitalizations are generally continuing to decrease. As a result, we may soon be able to have in person monthly meetings. If the trends continue to improve, we are looking at resuming in person meetings in June or July. What a pleasure it will be to finally enjoy each oth-

er's company and fellowship in person.

In the meantime, I encourage you to continue supporting our service projects. John has plenty of pen kits for the 'pens for troops' project and it is never too early to make Christmas Ornaments for the Food Bank project. Keep safe and keep those lathes turning!

## TSW CLUB OFFICERS

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Tri-state Woodturner Mentors



**TSW club meeting is  
Thursday April 15 at  
7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

The Zoom info will be the same as previous meetings & will be emailed prior to the meeting

**NEW MEMBER MENTOR:** Are you new to wood turning or at least have an interest in it? TSW provides an opportunity for you to learn from other turners who will be willing to give you personal instruction and guidance. There is no fee for this instruction for TSW members. Contact one of the listed officers who will guide you to select a helpful mentor for you.

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# Treasurer's Report



# The Web

Beginning Balance March		4,810.53
Income Mar & Apr		180.00
Ornament Sales	20.00	
Dues	160.00	
Expenses		300.00
Demonstrator	300.00	
Ending Balance		4,690.53

Alan Stantton demonstrates making a segmented dual profile vase from different colored woods at:

[Woodturning Segmented Dual Profile Vase \(aswoodturns.com\)](http://www.aswoodturns.com)

If interested Alan provides a new project video every Saturday morning. All his previous weekly projects are available on his web site along with a list of categories.



## Zoom Meeting

This will be the regular TSW monthly meeting for April but with no demonstration. Links for the Zoom meeting will be sent by Email prior to the meeting. Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 - Time: 7:00 p.m. Join us for a great time of discussion even though we cannot meet in-person this gives us a chance to visit and catch up with each other.

## 2021 TSW Club Challenges

# following indicates the number submitted

	Novice	Confident Turner		Novice Turner	Confident Turner
January	Utilitarian	Utilitarian—4	July	Not Wood	Not Wood
February	Spurtle or Dibble	Stool—2	August	Jar Topper	Salt/Pepper shaker
March	Bowl	Bowl w/embellish—2	September	Tool Handle	Nut Cracker (Soldier)
April	Napkin Ring	Urn—2	October	Bottle Stopper	Unique Xmas Ornam't
May	Honey Dipper	Ring for a person	November	Trivet	German-style Ring
June	Magic Wand	Flower Pot	December	* * Silent Auction Item * *	



# Safety Tips

## PPE

**PPE is a common term in our language today when Personal Protection Equipment is essential for health reasons, but what about for woodturners? Is there a need for this?**

For our health and safety there really is a great need for personal protective equipment when turning on a lathe. In just a split second disaster can strike so be prepared. This is not said to scare people away from the craft of woodturning but to prepare them to avoid dangerous situations. There are some, I guess, who think they are too good to need this first item, and maybe they are but from experience I know I am not. It is too easy to make a mistake or have something unexpected happen. This first item is a FACE SHIELD. Most



turners have their preference and there is a wide variety available. Having one and using it are two different things. A face shield sitting on the shelf does not protect your face. There are some average common sense things a face shield will help with like keeping wood chips out or your eyes, which cannot be replaced. There are also those catastrophic incidents where a tool is jerked out of

your hand unexpectedly and heads straight for your face. Or how about that bowl that breaks free from the chuck or an unseen split sends a chunk of wood in the direction of your face. Those things do happen and the prepared turner will have his face protected from the damage of a flying object coming at the speed of light toward you.



Goggles can provide some protection and can be appropriate in some limited situations. Turning pens on a mandrel can be a potential but if wood chips off the goggles will protect your eyes, but the rest of the face is vulnerable.

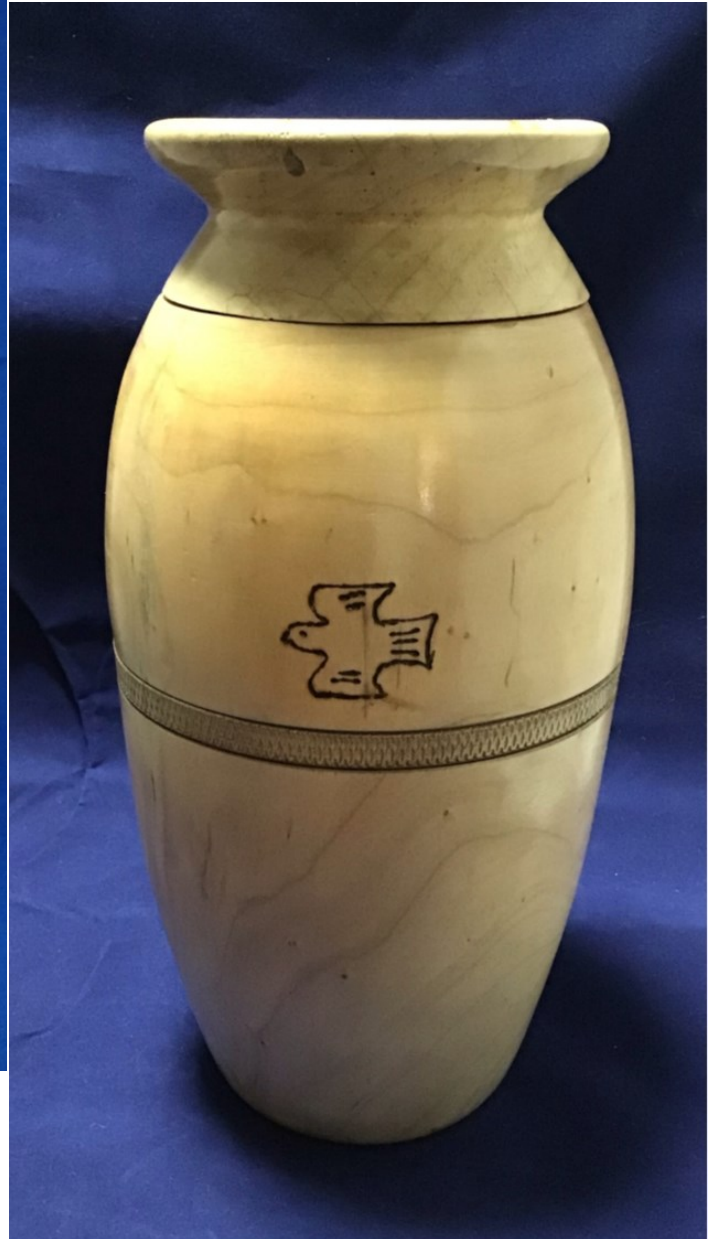
When thinking safety it is best to be prepared for the unexpected. Injuries do happen in woodturning even when prepared, so it is wise to take all the precautions we can to enjoy the craft and stay safe. I don't like to take unnecessary chances with my face so I protect it.

By John Dekle

# Show and Tell

The challenge for April is an Urn. Two were submitted by John Dekle & Les Isbell

← John Dekle   ↓ Les Isbell



Tops & Spartan Pen  
for a friend  
By John Dekle



Cuts and Scrapes

# Show and Tell



Created by  
Les Isbell  
3 bowls  
And  
← Pens for  
Troops



Pens for →  
the Troops  
by John  
Dekle



# Tri-State Woodturners Membership Form

PLEASE print or write legibly and complete each area - Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2:(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Member's website (if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

May the above info be placed in the club directory on line? (check one)  Yes  No

Would you consider yourself a:  Novice  Confident  Advanced woodturner

Year you started turning: \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be a mentor? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of lathe(s) you own and use: \_\_\_\_\_

Year you first joined TSW: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently an AAW member?:  Yes  No

**MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK (to: Tri-state Wood Turners) with \$40 TO:  
TSW C/O, Dr. John Dekle, 6310 Cedar Cove Lane, Harrison, TN 37341**

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Dues paid	date:	Amt:	date form updated
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