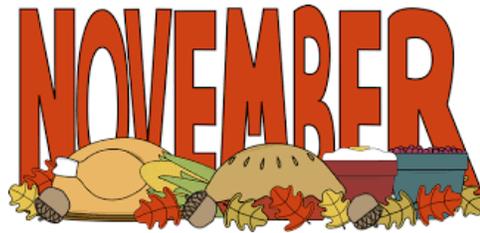


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## DEMONSTRATION

### January Challenge

Make something segmented

### December Demo

There is not one

Remember to bid on the art auction. It is on our website.



This month's demonstration was provided by **John Beaver**, a professional woodturner from Pacific Palisades, CA.

By working with round forms I found this opportunity to create designs that have no beginning or end. Even as they sit still, you can imagine the design wrapping around the piece and coming back into view.

His demonstration was on segmented turning and can be viewed on our web site.



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The Challenge this month was to make a goblet of some kind. It was based on the demonstration provided last month by **David Bartlett**.



**We had sixteen members participate in The Challenge this month.**

**Ann Mellina  
Anthony Harris  
Chris Reuter**

**Chris Tusso - won the two Craft Supply gift certificates**

**Dan Carlson  
Dave Stalling  
Jack Karstens  
Kris Coyan  
Linda CarlTurner  
Mark Inmon  
Mike Thomas  
Rick Tucker  
Shaun McMahon  
Sue Bergstrand  
Efi Kamara**



**We had eight contributed to Show and Tell this month:**

**Ann Mellina  
Anthony Harris  
Jeff Julian  
Kris Coyan  
Rick Tucker  
David Stalling  
Stuart nShanker  
Chuck Levinson**

**All the items for The Challenge and Show and Tell can be seen in the meeting video available on our web site.**

# MEMBER TOOL SALE

October 17, 2020



The day was sunny albeit a tad windy, and Kevin Neelley with some helpers, put together the tool sale that was advertised to the membership. It was a grand time and a lot of members showed up and bought \$1656 worth of tools. As you know we lost all our money making avenues this year and the amount of money this sale raised with help from KCWT a great deal. Thank you all for helping and buying.



Woodcraft was not possible anymore and the park was getting a bit on the chilly side. But Sunday school needed to continue

Most of this group has been getting together on Sundays for years. It is more than a support group. Like with most woodturning gatherings, those who are there are good friends and value the relationships.

Masks are frequent and social distancing is maintained. Sometimes woodturning is discussed.



# Kansas City Woodturners **FREEDOM PENS PROJECT**

The Freedom Pens Project is an all-volunteer effort spearheaded by the members of the Sawmill Creek Woodworking Community. Its purpose is to provide custom, hand-crafted pens to American servicemen and women overseas. Every pen that is delivered serves as a constant reminder to our troops that they are not alone and will have our continued support until everyone of them returns home.

A member of the Kansas City Woodturners was watching Captain Eddie on YouTube and the Captain mentioned the project. Mark Inman brought the idea of participating in this project to the KCWT Board and set in motion an event that involved a good number of our members. The club ordered two hundred kits.

Those kits and pen blanks were made available to the membership. The pens were turned in by Halloween and we received 220 pens back. They are on their way overseas now.



## The permanent KCWT Gallery

You may have not visited it, but we do have a permanent collection of woodturned items in the library. I started with the gift we received from Bob and Mary Davis's daughter.

We received a couple gifts from Sandi Speier. She donated the tools we were able to sell last the Member Tool Sale and that brought in \$1656 to the club.

She has now donated one of her husband Bob's magnificent segmented turnings. It will now be part of the Permanent Collection. When we finally go back to having some gatherings, please stop in and see it.

During one of those gatherings you may see Sandi Speier. When you do, please thank her.

Generosity seems to be her middle name, at least.

# KCWT Letter from the President

This past year provided many challenges, not just locally but worldwide. I am not alone in the hope that 2020 ends soon, but I am very optimistic that 2021 will be much better! I am sure that you are aware that 2020 also caused challenges for our Kansas City Woodturners Club. But this note is not going to dwell on the hardships that the pandemic has caused this year. Instead, I want to remind our members of the positives we experienced over the past year.

The year started out with a bang. The chiefs won their first Super Bowl in 50 years, and the whole city celebrated! As a club, we participated in several community activities. We had member demonstrations and two tables of items to sale at the KC Woodworking Show. We saw LIVE demonstrations at the club from our own members Anthony Harris, the Top Guys and our esteemed Vice President, Mike Thomas. Member Ann Mellina coordinated a club sale at the *Artisans at the Gardens* event. Several members donated hand turned items to display at the Anita Gorman Discovery Center and the Top Guys had kids and parents alike in awe of their turning skills at the Urban Woodsman event held there in late February. This year also introduced member Efi Kamara's monthly Safety Minute at each club meeting.

Then came March. K-State had just won the first game of the Big-12 basketball tournament (sorry, that is my own personal frame of reference) when everything about normal life changed. March Madness took on a whole new meaning this year, and it had nothing to do with basketball.

As a club, we canceled our monthly meeting in April. To the best of my knowledge, that was the first monthly KCWT meeting ever canceled. The city (including our shop) went on lock down. We all locked ourselves in our homes and your KCWT Board members were scrambling to figure out how to meet and how to keep members aware of the latest news related to the club. Let alone how to hold our monthly demo and meeting. Scheduled club events and classes, Open Shop days/nights and even the start of Royals season were suddenly and unexpectedly not happening. The only live sport to be found on ESPN was the National Corn Hole Championship!

So, in this wacky year (with this dreadful virus known as COVID-19) the world AND our club had to learn to adapt and carry on. The KCWT Board and our members have since become technical wizards as we learned to navigate meetings AND demonstrations online using Zoom. This new technology has allowed us to safely meet, communicate and share with other members from the safety of our homes. Open shop started back up, with a few new safety protocols and a Signup Genius website to limit the number of users. Kevin Neelley started up a weekly 'virtual open shop' online Zoom fellowship meeting. We successfully held our annual club picnic, had Silent Art Auction donations from eleven different members, never missed a single Woodchips newsletter and even accomplished a shop clean-up. This fall, our members turned and assembled 220 pens for the Freedom Pens program.

Since the start of this pandemic, our club has hosted four different live streamed professional demonstrations. We have also enjoyed live stream demonstrations by members, Jack Karstens, David Stalling, Shaun McMahon and former member David Bartlett. Several club members participated in the very first AAW Virtual Symposium. A new club Esty site, *Hand Turned KC*, was started up as an alternate source of income for the club. And in October we had a very successful (and much needed) 'parking lot sale' of wood and tools donated by Sandi Speier, wife of past member Bob Speier. I think we can all be proud of what the KCWT club did accomplish this year! So, take that COVID!

Did you notice that I used the word 'member' or 'members' a lot in this message? Although I am be a bit wordy, the overuse of this word was very purposeful. The truth is, our club is nothing without our members. Our members provide the energy to the club. Member participation is not only relevant, it is also very much necessary if a club is to be successful. So, as this crazy year comes to an end and we approach the new year with new optimism and much hope, please consider all of the things that this club has accomplished in the middle of all of the turd known as 2020. I hope that ALL of our current members will renew their memberships in 2021 and help keep our club as energetic, active and fun as it always has been.

I also hope the Chief's win another Super Bowl!

Sincerely,

Kris R. Coyan  
KCWT President



# THINGS YA JUST GOTTA KNOW



## Efi's **SAFETY FIRST** Minute

Wood dust can be a very serious health issue. It's not the large particles that cause the problems but the micro particles the it is difficult to see. They can easily get into lungs and that's where the difficulties start. N-95 and N99 masks are very helpful but only if they are worn. There are lots of protective devices available. Get one and use it for your health's sake.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Shop continues, Use Signup Genius, Please clean up before you leave and report any maintenance issues.

There are lots of support opportunities for those looking to be more involved with KCWT.  
Ann Melling wants help with the ETSY site  
Shaun McMahon looking for help with Woodchips  
You can also volunteer to be on the KCWT Board as a member at large

Anthony Harris will be holding a beginners spindle turning class in early December. More details will be coming soon.

The Officers and Board Members for KCWT in the years 2021 will be the same as they were for 2020 with the exception of the addition of David Stalling to the Board Members act large. He will be a wonderful addition.

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Dear members,

Here is your chance to get your work in front of the entire KCWT membership and, perhaps, even more.

During this Covid period you may have been spending more time in your shop. You may have been trying new things. You may have been expanding your skills in a particular area. We, the KCWT Board, are inviting you to take a picture of one of the items you have produced since April 2020. Then tell the story of your piece in less than 100 words;

How you came to turn this particular piece:

The wood; where you got it

What you turned it with - the tools

The finish and why this finish

What you learned

How you feel about the piece

Then send the picture (a JPG) and the story (Rich Text Format is best-RTF) to Shaun McMahon at [sec@kcwoodturners.org](mailto:sec@kcwoodturners.org).

These pictures and stories will then be put into Woodchips so that the members will be able to see what has been going on during the time we have not been able to meet. ALL members and ALL skill levels are encouraged to participate.

You have till the end of September in which to get your picture and accompanying story to Shaun. We hope to fill Woodchips with your work. Thank you in advance.

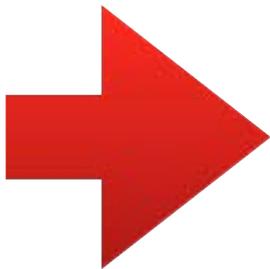
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**Website Gallery** - KCWT is going to update the photos in the Gallery on our website. We want more current pictures. And, we want yours. If you would like to have one or two of your best pieces shown in the gallery, please bring them to a meeting and we will photograph them for you. We also need some information about the piece(s) - wood, any story associated with it, your name, anything that you think pertinent. If you can't bring item(s) to a meeting you can bring them to Open Turning but let Kevin or Shaun know in advance that you are coming.

We are all busy during the year and it helps to know what's around the corner. Here is an expanded version of the events that KCWT is participating in during 2020. This is not ALL inclusive as there will probably be more events added during the year. The Board will try to keep you informed about what is in the works. We hope that you will do some of your planning to include these events and activities. KCWT is a completely volunteer organization and we really do need your help.

Volunteering has some tangible benefits: it helps counteract the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety; combats depression; makes a person happy; increases self confidence; provides a sense of purpose.

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I do all my shopping at AmazonSmile and I have made Kansas City Woodturners my charity of choice. KC Woodturners is a 501(C)(3) charity. So far, the AmazonSmile donations to your club have been tiny, but every bit helps. **Kevin Neelley**  
Here is the link again: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0568355>

Please check our website ([www.kcwoodturners.org](http://www.kcwoodturners.org)) often and consider it your source for the most current information about club activities and events. It is also a comprehensive resource for all things woodturning. Bookmark it on your computer and create an App on your smart phone for quick, easy access anytime.

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