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## February Challenge

Make an any sided bowl

## February Demo

Mike McReynolds will demo turning a sea urchin ornament without a sea urchin

# DEMONSTRATION



Efi Kamara gave his his first demonstration at our monthly meeting. He demonstrated how to make a six sided bowl. Of course, he needed to show his twelve sided bowl first. The entire demonstration is available on our website.

We had 38 participants on Zoom.



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

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**We had 15 members participate in  
The Challenge this month.**

**Ann Mellina, Anthony Haris, Bill Paulo,  
Chuck Levinson, Daniel Dubois, Kris  
Coyan, Mark Turner, Mark Inman, Mike  
Thomas, Rich McCartney, Rick Bywater,  
Rick Tucker, Sue Bergstrand, Dave Stalling,  
Shaun McMahon**



**We had 7 contributed to Show  
and Tell this month:**

**Ann Mellina, Anthony Harris, Chuck Levinson, Dave  
Stalling, Kris Coyan, Rich McCartney, Daniel Dubois.**

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

# DUES ARE DUE

Your **KCWT** dues are now due and they are only \$75.00. Given the circumstances of the past year, it sure makes sense that some members may have second doubts about the value of their membership.

## Here are a few reasons to continue:

Dynamic Zoom meetings and they allow and enable all members to interact with each other.

Zoom gatherings every Saturday. Another opportunity for show and tell and a lot of good and varied information is exchanged.

The Zoom meetings help to maintain and encourage our woodturning community

Have been able to see members shops-lots of good ideas

You are turning wood and we are a very good (and getting better all the time) resource for all things turning.

The club can assist you in buying whatever you are interested in woodturningwise. Lots of good advise and information on where to get things.

You can tell us anything regarding woodturning, especially your mistakes. We have made them all, probably.



The zoom demonstrations are fantastic. The views are much closer and members say they are learning more from these demos. **Jack Karstens** has done a magnificent job of setting things up so that it's like standing around a lathe watching the demo. It's easy to see the cuts being made, how the demonstrator manipulates the tool being used, and what edge of the tool the chips are coming from.

Our shop is OPEN. Mark Inman has set up scheduling for spots on our website and you need to sign up so that we make sure we do not have too many members in the shop at once.

Show and Tell and The Challenge are great sources of inspiration.

We are really fun and, by golly, people like us.

# February Silent Art Auction

KC Woodturner Shaun McMahon has donated one of his woodturnings to the KCWT February 8th 2021 Silent Art Auction. See the photos and description below. Each month, there will be a Silent Art Auction with a piece donated by a different KCWT artist. This sale supports your club and will hopefully be a great way to get member woodturnings into the hands of other members and the community.

Pre-auction bids can be made before the February meeting by email to <mailto:treas@kcwoodturners.org>. The highest pre-auction bid will be posted on the KCWT website in the sidebar area. Bids will be shown as \$ amount and the last four digits of the bidder phone number: see [www.kcwoodturners.org](http://www.kcwoodturners.org)

The pre-auction bid for Shaun's woodturning is \$50 by 1169.



Artist: Shaun McMahon

Title: Irish Wedding Goblet with Two Captive Rings

Dimensions: Large goblet: 2-1/2" diameter x 6-1/2" tall

Description: This goblet is turned from maple and has a laminated design in the cup and has two captive rings on its stem. The design is based on a traditional Irish wedding goblet. It is finished with tung oil.

# What makes a tree a champion?

BY GERALD HAY

Everyone likes to root for a champion in Johnson County. And when that champion is rooted firmly in the ground, it's a win-win situation.



Johnson County currently has 26 tree-mendous champs. They are among the 168 Champion Trees of Kansas on the 2020 list. The program, dating back to the early 1960s, is managed by the Kansas Forest Service at Kansas State University.

Kansas Champion Trees are the super-sized, superstars of their species. They come in many sizes.

“The program helps showcase the importance

of trees to the environment in a fun way. It also shows the diversity of trees throughout the state of Kansas,” said Dennis Patton, horticulturist at the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Office. “We do not think of Kansas as having

trees – it is a prairie state, but forests are important to the health of the environment.”

A Kansas Champion Tree is determined by a point system that includes height, crown spread and trunk size. Circumference is the most important factor, followed by height and crown spread.

According to Patton, the 26 Champion Trees in Johnson County are in backyards, city parks, golf courses, churches and cemeteries. The trees include five species of pine, two species of oak along with species of ash, cherry, birch, elm, hazelnut, hemlock, magnolia, maple, soapberry and sweetgum.

Olathe has the most local Champion Trees with seven. There was an 8th one until the release of the 2020 list. An Osage orange tree, standing 76 feet from the ground, was named the largest of its species before and during construction of the new courthouse in downtown Olathe, but had its



champion status uprooted by another Osage orange in Emporia as the new courthouse prepares to open in January.

“Unfortunately, our Osage orange has been dethroned. The Olathe tree is taller, but the Emporia tree had a wider crown spread and bigger circumference, thus more points on the scale,” Patton said.

The Olathe tree was spared four years ago in development of the construction site for the new courthouse and incorporated into the project's northern parking lot.

The age of the Osage orange tree at the new courthouse remains only an estimate. It's believed the tree was a sapling when Johnson County was a toddler.

“We think it's been around as long as Olathe and Johnson County have been around,” Patton said with a smile. Olathe was founded in 1857. The county was created two years before the city.

The other 19 Champion Trees in Johnson County are in nine cities. Five trees are in Prairie Village. Leawood and Overland Park each have three. Mission Hills and Shawnee each have two apiece. Stilwell, Westwood, Mission and De Soto each have one Champion Tree.

The program does not present plaques or signage in recognition of Kansas Champion Trees. The 2020 list of Champion Trees is available at: [kansasforests.org/kansas\\_forest\\_services/championtrees.html](https://kansasforests.org/kansas_forest_services/championtrees.html).

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Thank you **Ann Mellina** for submitting this article

# THINGS YA JUST GOTTA KNOW

Please pay your dues ASAP. You can due (haha) it online. On the website. While you are at it, please consider making a donation if you can. We are probably going to be alright financially this year but we need to accumulate some reserves this year for next year. We have lost all our outside fundraising ability- not only for last year but for this year as well. Anything you can due to her; p will be very much appreciated.

Our ETSY site is up and running. There are two aspects to it: The club part and the member part. The club part is where members donate a piece or pieces for the club to out on ETSY. When sold, KCWT receives all the profits from the sale. It is another way for us to raise a bit of money to help with rent, equipment, repairs, and other club activities. We can use your donations. You can Shop as we have been.

We are continuing with Open Shop as we have been for much of 2020. If you want to participate, please go to the website and sign up using Signup Genius. That way we will continue to keep everyone safe.

You will find more announcements on the web site.

**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.

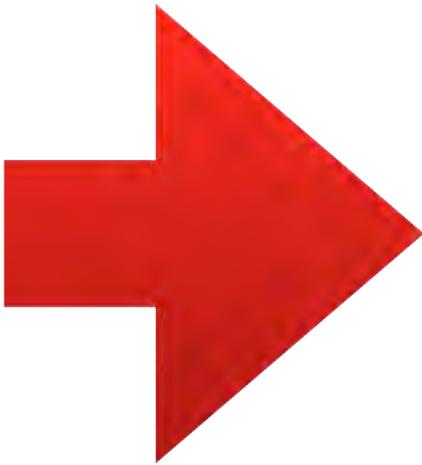
Volunteering has some tangible benefits: it helps counteract the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety; combats depression; makes a person happy; increases self confidence; provides a sense of purpose.



## SET UP YOUR COMPUTER TO DONATE TO KCWT

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