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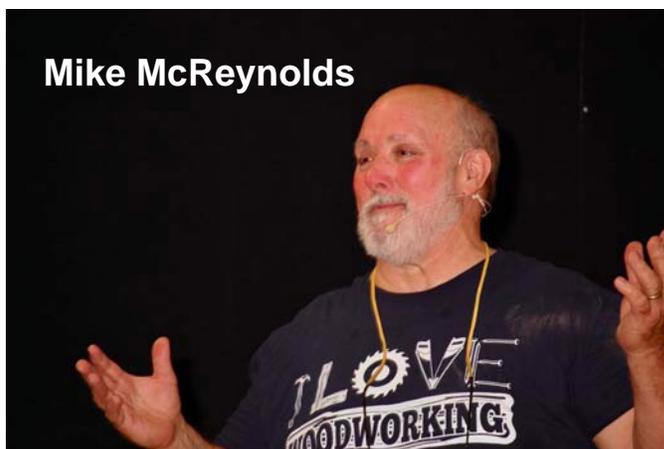
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Any kind of  
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**March  
Demo**  
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website.**

## DEMONSTRATION

**Mike McReynolds**



You've undoubtedly seen the sea urchin ornaments like the one on the left. They are very attractive but the urchins can cost some \$ and can break easily. What if you could make a sea urchin ornament without a sea urchin? That is exactly what Mike McReynolds showed us in our monthly demonstration on February.

You really have to see the demonstration which was recorded and put on our website.

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**Ann Mellina**



We had 11 members participate in The Challenge this month. The Challenge was to make a multisided bowl and was based on **Efi Kamara's** demo last month.

Those participating this month were:

**David Dubois, Ann Mellina, David Stalling, Ed Jasczac, Jack Karstens, Kris Coyan, Mark Inman, Mike Thomas, Rick Bywater, Rick Tucker, and Sue Bergstrand.**



We had 6 who contributed to Show and Tell this month:

**Mike Thomas, Ann Mellina, David Stalling, Efi Kamara, Kris Coyan, Rick Bywater.**

**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. Visit it!**

# Keep Turning with the AAW

In the latest AAW Toolbox ( February 4) there is a great deal of information on sharpening. In the 1/28 issue of the AAW toolbox the focus of the email was on lathe maintenance. The 1/21 issue contained information on understanding and utilizing spalted wood. The power of texture was the theme of the 1/14 communication. If you like to make goblets, the 1/7 issue of the AAW Toolbox was devoted to making the perfect goblet.

Totally not sure if the Symposium will actually be held this year. Covid seems to hold all the cards. But plans are being made and Covid is being taken into consideration.

If the in-person Symposium happens, there are a number of members of KCWT who are considering going to the Symposium.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Omaha, Nebraska • July 15-18, 2021

## AAW'S 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

**PARTIAL DEMONSTRATOR LINEUP (TOPICS TO BE ANNOUNCED):**

- Nick Agar
- Michael Blankenship
- Johannes Michelsen
- Stuart Batty
- Trent Bosch
- Dan Tilden
- Dixie Biggs
- Michael Hosaluk
- Craig Timmerman

Photo: Courtesy of Visit Omaha

### SYMPOSIUM VENUE



**CHI Health Center Omaha**  
455 N 10th St., Omaha, NE 68102

The convention center, CHI Health Center Omaha, is near the airport, and close to the riverfront and the Old Market Entertainment District. A glass-enclosed skywalk connects CHI Health Center to the Hilton Omaha. Just down the street is the Omaha Marriott Downtown hotel.

### HOST HOTELS



**Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District**  
222 N 10th St., Omaha, NE 68102



**Hilton Omaha**  
1001 Cass St., Omaha, NE 68102

### VISITOR HIGHLIGHTS

- **Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium**, a 160-acre facility and home to Dome Desert, the largest indoor desert in the world, as well as the Lied Jungle, the largest indoor rainforest in North America.
- **Old Market District**, in downtown Omaha, features cobblestone streets, interesting cafes and galleries.
- **Durham Museum**, originally one of the nation's busiest train stations, showcases the history of the local area.
- **Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness and Pioneer Courage Park**, one of the most unique permanent outdoor art installations in the nation.



Photo: Courtesy of Visit Omaha  
Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium

### REGISTRATION

Information about AAW Symposium registration and reserving a hotel room will be coming soon.

*AAW leadership is moving forward with its plans for an in-person 2021 AAW Symposium in Omaha, despite the uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Leadership is approaching arrangements for a live event cautiously, while monitoring pandemic developments, and will consider contingency plans as needed. AAW membership will be kept informed of developments and changes.*



## SPHERES

If you like spheres, you'll probably enjoy reading the latest AAW ToolBox which just happens to have a lot of information regarding

## SPHERES

# WOODTURNING: A journey where the learning and fun never end.

# KCWT has stuff on ETSY.



The Kansas City Woodturners now have their own Etsy Store! All items for sale have been donated by members to help support the club. New items are being added each week.

Go to [Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) and type Hand Turned KC in the search bar. You can also do a search for KCWT.

Thanks for supporting the Kansas City Woodturners. Be sure to tell your friends.

# THINGS YA JUST GOTTA KNOW

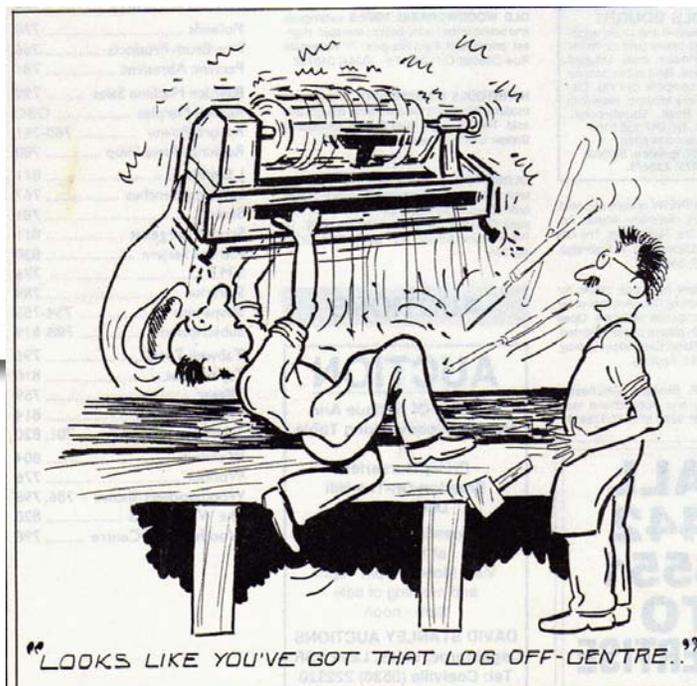
Kevin Neelley will be doing a demonstration of how to use segmenting software this Saturday during the Zoom meeting. He will start at 10:00 AM.

Open Shop is continuing. Make sure that you use Sign-up-Genius.

We are going to have a shop cleanup on Saturday 3/6/2021. It will be really helpful if those who are using the shop can be there to assist.

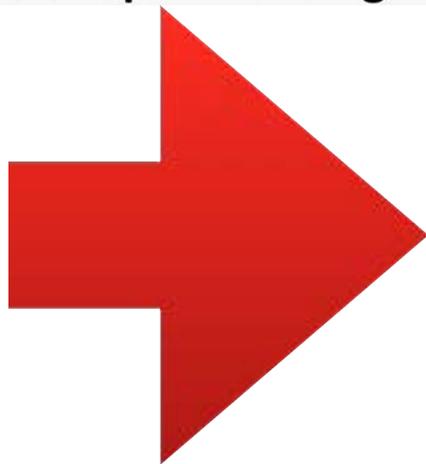
Please keep checking our ETSY sight. We are adding items all the time because of the generosity of our incredibly generous members.

FYI - we do have a permanent gallery. It is in the library at the shop. I know most of us are not going there now because of Covid. But, when you have an opportunity to go there, please check it out. It was started with a generous gift by Bob and Mary Davis's daughter. Since then we have added a number of items by KCWT turners. You might get some inspiration.



**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.

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# Family tradition: Wood turner focuses on versatile offerings

By Bill.Althaus@examiner.net

If you have ever enjoyed the magic of Disneyland, placed a bet at Caesars Palace, climbed aboard an attraction at Knott's Berry Farm or watched "Dancing with the Stars," there is a good bet you've seen the handiwork of Scott Root and his family of creative wood turners.

Many of the attractions at Disneyland feature the skills of the Root family, who have perfected their craft for 80 years, starting with Scott Root's grandfather, Wilson, who turned it over to Scott's father, Jim.

Scott is carrying on the family tradition and has a scrapbook of creations from spindles and columns to novelty products like lamp posts, finials and decorative gavels and chess pieces.

On a larger scale, many of the ornate columns inside Caesars Palace feature the intricate work of the Root family.

"We were watching 'Dancing with the Stars,'" said Scott, a Grain Valley resident who recently moved the family business from California to its new location off Old 50 Highway in Lone Jack, "and a pair of dancers are dancing through Disneyland weaving in and out of the columns we created for the Main Street Candy Store.



Woodturner Scott Root, who recently moved with his family to Grain Valley after perfecting his craft in California, works on a spindle in his Abaroot Manufacturing shop in Lone Jack.

"We got kind of a kick out of that."

His three adult daughters, Teresa, Jessica and Victoria, got a kick out of special scavenger hunts their father would devise when they were youngsters, showing them photos of Abaroot pieces in the Disneyland, prompting them to search for them.

"That was fun," Scott said, as he looked through the many photos featuring creations you have to see to believe, work that is so detailed it baffles the imagination to think it was created by hand.

The family created specialty items for Caesars Palace for 30 years, and Scott takes a great deal of pride in talking about the tradition that began with Wilson Root.

"My grandfather Wilson actually started it all back in the days when the Yellow Pages were the best way to advertise," he explained. "He was smart, and he wanted to be the first wood crafter in the listing, so he changed the e in Abe to an a, and came up with Abraroot woodturning.

Today, Scott's new workshop replaces the family shop that was more than a half century old.

"We offer a complete line of standard and custom manufactured architectural wood products including spindles, kitchen posts, table legs, custom columns and mailbox stands," he explains. "If you want it, we can do it."

He can also duplicate a patron's pattern from samples, drawings or pictures in an assortment of wood that is as varied as the client's imagination."

After moving the business to Lone Jack, because the West Coast was simply getting too expensive and the Roots had family in Missouri, he has done jobs that have been shipped to California, Florida and Tennessee.

"We have clients from all over the country," he explained. "We're still waiting on our first client from Missouri, but we're hoping that happens soon."



Scott Root created this decorative pedestal in 45 minutes at his shop.

Thank you to **Larry Dice** for this article



All,  
I just talked to Mike Jones and we're good to go for the KCWT Exotic Wood Sale. We set up after dinner Friday, February 26th, and will take an hour or two. We will need four or five volunteers. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 27th, 9:00am to 2:00pm and the Guild will schedule Open Shop after 2:00pm. We will need about ten volunteers from 8:00am to 3:00pm. There should be no impact to our Open Lathe on Saturday.

We will sell the wood for \$2 per pound.

Weather permitting, we can have a couple tables outside with some nice wood for the Covid fearful buyers. If somebody wants us to pick and ship wood to them we should consider that.

If you can volunteer please let me know. This should be a wonderful opportunity for our club and we have the Guild to thank for it.

Kevin



Eppler was an active member of the Orthodox Church, devoting significant energy to composing and arranging music for services. He was especially proud of his diploma from the Summer School of Liturgical Music in Jordanville, New York, and recordings of many of his compositions can be found online. Friends and visitors to his workshop knew him as a brilliant and wide-ranging conversationalist, always eager to dive into a discussion of American or global politics, the art of flutemaking, music and music education, food and wine, and Bulgarian cultural history, among countless other topics. No visit was complete without a game of fetch with Bongo, Eppler's much-loved dachshund.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ilya (1971) and Nina (1992) Eppler and his wife Ariadna (1993). He is survived by his brother George Illitch Eppler and his sister-in-law, Susan. A panikhida (Eastern Orthodox memorial) service was held on June 12 at the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Seattle, and he was buried next to his wife in Lakeview Cemetery, under a headstone he himself had carved many years earlier.



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