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**May
Challenge**
How do you
sign your
work?

**June
Demo**
Check
our
website

DEMONSTRATION

We had 39 members tune into Zoom for the meeting and watch **Kevin Neelley, David Stalling and Ann Mellina** discuss and show how to use their laser printers. There has been growing interest among members regarding the use of these tools.



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

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We had 10 members participate in The Challenge this month. The Challenge was to turn an item using multiple axes.

Those participating this month were:

Ann Mellina, Anthony Harris, Daniel Dubois, David Stalling, Kris Coyan, Mike Thomas, Phill Sikes - who won the Challenge award, Rick Tucker, Sue Bergstrand, and Rick Bywater



We had 8 who contributed to Show and Tell this month:

Members showing and telling:

Ann Mellina, Anthony Harris, David Dubois, Dave Stalling, Kris Coyan, Mark Inman, Mike Thomas, and 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!

BOWL TURNING CLASS

OK, the jokes are probably groaners but the class is scintillating. Three sessions of four hours each and you end up with a lot of bowls. Taught by **Anthony Harris**, the class took place on three successive Sundays. The tools were provided (you could bring your own) as well as the wood.

Each class started with a demonstration of what would be turned that day. Following the demo the students got their wood and got to work with the individual tutelage provided by Anthony.

The end products speak for themselves.



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

Cutting and Storing Wood

Bugs? Mold? Cracks? How can you prevent the wood you've acquired from turning into just another pile of firewood? This week's picks offer ideas, advice, and solutions for cutting and storing wood effectively.

In his article, "How to Save Blanks," from the March 2014 issue of Woodturning FUNdamentals, John Lucas explains methods to save or prolong the useful life of green wood.

Spring is in the Air

Here in Minnesota, there are signs of spring all around us. Buds are forming on tree branches, crocus are bursting in the garden, nesting geese are vocalizing (loudly), and there is finally hope for warmer days ahead.

In the article, "No Two Stems Alike: An Organic Collaboration," from the December 2017 issue of *American Woodturner*, Jeff Chelf, Dan Zobel, and Derek Weidman explain how they collaborated to create a colorful flower bouquet, camaraderie, and friendships.

Smart Sanding

In his article, "The Art of Sanding," from the January 2016 issue of Woodturning FUNdamentals, Jack Morse says you should put as much pride in your sanding as you put into the rest of your project. He shares his advice for successful sanding.

Keen Kitchen Contraptions

Functional kitchen items are fun to make and a delight to use. Unlike mass produced items, the personal touch of the maker combined with creativity in design and wood selection make handmade kitchen gadgets extra special.

Whether you are building your skills or are an expert woodturner in need of a handmade gift, useful kitchen utensils will bring joy to the cooks in almost any kitchen.

This week's picks focus on useful kitchen items you can turn for yourself or someone else. (Reminder: Mother's Day is May 9.)

AAW's 2021 Virtual Symposium, July 17-18, 2021

Enjoy AAW's in-person Symposium? Enjoy last year's Virtual Symposium? This year, we're bringing you the best of both, and more. You'll have front-row seats, right from the safety and comfort of your own home.

For this year's event:

- Enhanced virtual event software platform
- Multiple concurrent live demonstration tracks (with access after the conference to all recordings)
- Virtual tradeshow
- Virtual Instant Gallery
- Live and silent auctions
- Special-interest topics
- Drawings
- ...and more!



Glenn Lucas's online demo at AAW's 2020 Virtual Symposium.

The only thing missing will be the handshakes and hugs from old and new woodturning friends. You will need to wait one more year for that.

Visit woodturner.org for the latest event details.



Our display at the MidContinent Library thanks to **Mark Inman**



THINGS YA JUST GOTTA KNOW

Open Shop is continuing as it has for the past year. Sign in at the door.

Need a Wednesday evening opener for Open Shop.

Efi Kamara is going to be opening the shop one Sunday a month. Its is going to be the 3rd Sunday of the month from 9-noon.

Anthony Harris is holding a box turning class starting 4/25.in Holt

There is a display case cleaning set up for 4/8 at noon. We will be focusing on the two cases in the meeting area.

Craig Timmerman professional demonstrator - Zooming on 4/20 any 7:00PM.

5/28 we are participating in a MayFair in Holt, MO. This is as fundraiser for the Northland Therapeutic Riding Center. We will be taking a couple lathes and our tent and will be turning for the event. Contact Mark Inman or Shaun McMahon if you'd like to participate. It promises to be a fun event.

Website Gallery

KCWT is updating 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, send them and their information (size, wood, finish) to Kevin Neelley - treas@KCWoodturners.org.



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MAY Silent Art Auction

KC Woodturner and club treasurer **Kevin Neelley** has donated one of his fine segmented woodturnings to the KCWT May 2021 Silent Art Auction. See the photos and description below. 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.

This Silent Art Auction ends on Friday, 5/14/2021. Bids can be made between now and the end of the auction by email to <mailto:treas@kcwoodturners.org>. The highest 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



Artist: Kevin Neelley

Title: Figured Walnut and Yellowheart Segmented Vase

Dimensions: 5-1/4" diameter x 8-1/2" tall

Description: This vase was constructed from figured walnut and yellowheart segment rings and was turned on Kevin's Vicmarc bowl lathe. The vase was finished using Behlen sanding sealer and Behlen lacquer.





CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Yup, it really is from a woodturning point of view and a KCWT perspective.

That needs some explanation. Mike McCauley of the Guild and Shaun McMahon of KCWT have been given the go-ahead by their respective Boards to pursue a Christmas sales event.

Covid changed quite a few things for both organizations. All our outside activities for 2020 were cancelled and, so far, many for 2021. Our outside activities encourage and allow for a lot of public activity and are enthusiastically embraced by the collective memberships. They are fun. They allow us to show our stuff. They enable us to demonstrate and promote activities which we are excited about and proud of.

This Christmas activity will give both the Guild and KCWT an opportunity to recover some of those things. With vaccines and the lowering of restrictions there is a real possibility for an event to occur in the latter part of November this year; we are hopeful.

In order for it to happen, we want and need assistance in making the plans and carrying out the activities which will make it a reality. The planning will start soon and one of the great things about this event is that so many members of the Guild and KCWT can be involved.

Every member of KCWT and the Guild can help by making items (especially Christmas themed) that the clubs can sell as this is also a fundraising activity for both.

There will NOT be a lot of meetings and, with lots of help, not a lot of work, but a great deal of fun.

As always, KCWT needs you. You are what makes KCWT special. Your membership, your interest, your turnings, your experience, your participation, and your enthusiasm make KCWT what it is.

Please help with this event. We need planners, workers, turnings, ideas, and support.

When you've decided you want to assist in this endeavor, please call Shaun McMahon or send



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