Kansas City

Woodturners

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The July Meeting

The next meeting will NOT BE HELD at the Woodcraft Store. This special meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday July 13th at Farris Machinery in Grain Valley, MO. See the attached map for directions. We'll likely go out for lunch, or you can bring a lunch.

The demonstrations at Farris Machinery will feature many of the new Robert Sorby products. You will be able to see the Sorby lathe and eccentric chuck as well as the new Sorby electronic ornamental turning lathe attachment.

As mentioned at the last meeting, the KC Woodturners have committed to holding woodturning demonstrations for two Saturdays in October (19th and 20th) here at the Woodcraft Store. The demo hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please sign up for a one-hour or two-hour time slot. Basically, all we need to do is to work on our current lathe projects at the store rather than at home. You don't need to have any special program set up. The demo would be for Woodcraft walk-in customers. We need volunteers for time slots using several lathes for these two days. We are doing this as a favor to the Woodcraft Store since they have been so kind to let us use their back room for our meetings.

The July raffle will be a gift certificate from Craft Supply, of Provo, Utah.

Roger Shepherd's suggested challenge for the July meeting is to do a greenwood turning. A number of the members are already experts at this so we should have a good showing. Bring your challenge project or any other turned items you're working on to the "show and tell". We have listed the upcoming challenges for the next several meetings to give you more time to plan and construct your project.

Roger Shepherd's Upcoming "Challenges"

July	Greenwood turning (not kiln dried)	
August	Use color in a turning (stain, veneer, paint, etc.)	
September	Homemade fixture or jig (for turning or otherwise)	
October	Something long and thin (use your imagination)	
November	Wooden box	

Member's Profiles:

Roger Fisher has been a woodturner for 54 years. He lives in St. Joseph, MO, and is a retired public school teacher of Industrial Arts. Roger recently gave the KC Woodturners a demonstration of his skill as a teacher and a woodturner. He has a Walker-Turner and a Montgomery Ward lathe and enjoys turning spindles and bowls using green native woods and kiln-dried lumber. He has worked at remodeling an historic local restaurant which involved recreating antique moldings. Roger operates a 407-acre farm which includes 27 head of cattle and still has time to do custom woodworking and woodturning. His other interests include tinkering with a 1/2-scale steam tractor engine which he also takes to shows.

J.R. "Russ" Blaser has been a woodturner for 2 years. He lives in Lenexa, KS, and has retired as plant manager of the H.D. Hudson Manufacturing Company. Russ is a very prolific woodturner who has brought many of his greenwood honey locust turnings to our "show and tell". He turns his projects on a Woodfast lathe. His turning projects include bowls, segmented bowls, plates and hollow vessels. Russ also builds furniture and cabinets. His other hobbies include working with stained glass and repair and restoration of antique furniture. Russ is also a member of the Abdallah Shrine Oriental Band.

Last Meeting

William Hudson was the scheduled speaker at the June meeting. He entertained us by making small wooden tops. Bill also showed off some of the small lathe tools he has constructed. John Larson talked about and passed around photographs of the recent Ornamental Turning Seminar that he and several other KC Woodturners members recently attended.

Dean Harper is attending KC Woodturners meetings again after a recent illness. We are happy to see you again, Dean. Dean asked the membership if they would like to participate in a showing at the Prairie Village Shopping Center. We will discuss it at a later meeting.

Someone asked about experience with Excel brand glue. The consensus was that its overly slow drying time was not useful for segmented bowls. Also, it stains hands.

Three new members signed up at the June meeting: H. A. "Rocky" Mountain, John Sleezer and Larry Erickson. The Kansas City Woodturners welcome you. If you have any questions...just ask. There is something to be learned at every meeting. Almost everyone in this group are amateur woodturners with a wide variety of experience and interest. Be sure to look over our video collection. There are instructional videos for every experience level.

The June meeting's challenge was a bowl or vase made from kiln-dried wood As usual, we had a good turnout:

Chris Kunzle brought an extremely bright quartz halogen light he constructed that would be very useful for lighting the interiors of hollow turnings. He started with a musical keyboard light and attached it to a AC/DC adapter using a Radio Shack adapter. Good job, Chris.

George Sharrar showed off two of his recent laminated bowls. The first was made from maple with purpleheart rim and base. This striking bowl featured one of his signature rosettes inserted in the bowl's base. George also used his Safety Planer fixture to make circle designs in the sides of the bowl. George always has intricate designs. The second bowl was a nice walnut bowl with veneer inlay and a padauk rim.

Dan Bryan had quite a few items for show and tell. He brought an hedge jam chuck he made based on an AAW magazine article. Dan also made a good-looking set of small wedding gift goblets from mopane. Another goblet was made from walnut with turquoise stone inlay. Dan showed off a very small walnut goblet and a maple burl goblet.

Kevin Neelley brought two oak bowls with laminated scalloped-design rims.

Roger Shepherd had made a very interesting bottle coaster from walnut crotch.

Mike Silver showed off a finished bowl that he had used as an "in-progress" partially finished bowl during his May demonstration. This beautiful Indian-design bowl was constructed from maple and inlaid with walnut and purpleheart. Mike has honed his inlay technique to near perfection.

John Larson brought a good-looking zebrawood mirror with antler handle that he had made for his wife.

I hope I didn't miss anyone's show and tell project. This was another good turnout with some really great woodturned projects. Thanks to everyone who brought something.

Upcoming Events

<u>Turned Askew</u> June 17 through July 29. Winston-Salem North Carolina. Features John Jordan, Stoney Lamar, David Ellsworth, Betty Scarpino, Bonnie Klein, Merryll Saylan and others. At the Piedmont Craftsmen Gallery. Call 910-725-1516

<u>allTURNatives Conference</u> August 9,10,11. Collegeville, PA. 1997 World Turning Conference: Turning Toward the 21st Century. Sponsored by The World Turning Center. Discusses many aspects of woodturning, including design, materials and collecting. Includes instant gallery and auction. Call 215-844-2188

New Kansas City Woodturners Officers

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President	Roger Shepherd	236-6412
Vice President	taking volunteers	
Treasurer	Russ Blaser	894-2232
Secretary	Kevin Neelley	492-6522
Adviser	John Larson	268-7582

Videos and Magazines

If any members can recommend woodturning video titles, please let us know and we will purchase them for our collection. Please return checked-out KC Woodturners videos and magazines during the monthly meetings. Do <u>not</u> return them to the Woodcraft Store. John Larson will bring the box to each meeting. Thanks.

Buy, Sell, Trade

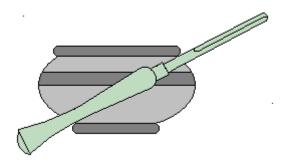
If anyone has tools, machinery, wood, etc. that they would like to sell or if you would like to buy the same, give me (Kevin Neelley) a note and I will include it in the next newsletter.

- 1. Chris Kunzle has an older model DeWalt radial arm saw for sale. This machine is made with old-style quality. It is 20 years old and is in excellent condition. Blade is 10" diameter. Motor 110 Volt. Asking \$250.00
 - 2. John Larson has the following tools for sale:

Record CL3 48" swivel-head lathe Jointability jointing fixture Exact aguide circular saw fixture

Wagner fine coat spray gun

- 3. Matt Campbell is interested in buying a drill press. Contact him at Work: 469-8500 Ext. 3274 or Home: 649-0354.
- 4. Tom Mouser has a lathe for sale. Delta model 46-200, four speed manual change-over. Belt-driven with complete instructions and parts manual. It has outboard turning capacity and a 12" x 36" bed. Attachments include: face plate, 12" tool rest, headstock drive center and tailstock live center. The 3/4 HP motor is 2-years old and has been used very little. It has the original cast iron table with motor mount below. Asking price \$350.00 firm. If interested call (816) 637-5825 or local phone 471-7038.



The Kansas City Woodturners is a group of individuals who get together to share their common interest in working on the lathe. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at Woodcraft Supply in Lenexa, Kansas at 7:00 PM.