Kansas City

Woodturners

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The September Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM September 9th at the Woodcraft Supply Store in Lenexa, KS. Please consider joining the American Association of Woodturners. The magazine alone is worth the price. There are several back issues of the AAW magazine in the KC Woodturners library box. Ask Roger Shepherd for an AAW membership form.

The featured speaker this month will be our new Vice President, Chuck Carnahan, who will demonstrate semi-precious stone inlays in bowls. Chuck uses turquoise, malachite, coral and opals in his bowls.

As mentioned in the previous newsletters, the KC Woodturners have committed to holding woodturning demonstrations for two Saturdays in October (19th and 26th) 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 September raffle will be a gift certificate from Craft Supply, of Provo, Utah.

Roger Shepherd's suggested challenge for the September meeting is bring a homemade fixture or jig that you use. The jig does not have to be directly related to woodturning. 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"

| September | Homemade fixture or jig (for turning or otherwise) |
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| October | Something long and thin (use your imagination) |
| November | Wooden box |
| December | A homemade turning tool |
| January | Gift item |

Member's Profiles:

George Sharrar has been a woodturner for 65 years. He lives in Independence, MO and is a retired wood patternmaker. George has brought many of his segmented bowls to the KC Woodturner "show and tells". He makes very beautiful, complicated and ornate bowls from many different species of wood. He also has written articles on his techniques for woodworking magazines. George's other interests are drawing, music, computer and claims to be an ex-golfer. He is also a member of the KC Woodworker's Guild, Lee's Summit Woodworker's Guild and the Independence Host Lions Club. George turns on a Delta lathe. He also makes small furniture and jewel boxes.

Kevin Neelley has been a woodturner for ten years. He lives in Lenexa, KS, and is a mechanical engineer. Kevin has been trying for the last six years to perfect his compound-mitered design bowls. He has stolen a lot of ideas from George Sharrar but would never admit it. Kevin's other main interest is computer programming and has used a program he wrote to help design his bowls. He uses a Jet lathe to turn his projects. Kevin also makes furniture, is the Secretary for KC Woodturners and writes this newsletter..

Last Meeting

The July meeting's speaker was Russ Blaser. Russ showed off several of the turning he made at his recent class with Clay Foster. He showed several examples of multi-axis turning and a unique method of making hollow turnings.

Chuck Carnahan volunteered to be Vice President of the Kansas City Woodturners. We are very happy to have Chuck as an officer in our organization.

A new member signed up at the June meeting: **Alford Snell.** 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.

It was mentioned at the August meeting that Sean Kerus will give woodturners free access to hardwood trees on his land. If interested, call 587-6371 for details.

The August meeting's challenge was to use color in a turning:

Chuck Carnahan brought a really nice bowl made from grafted pistachio wood. It featured turquoise inlay with a rim decorated with silver gallery wire. Chuck finishes his bowls with Behlen's spray sanding sealer and spray lacquer followed by buffing with jeweler's rouge and Tripoli.

Kevin Neelley showed off a pair of laminated bowls. Both bowls had a decorative central ring made from eucalyptus burl. One bowl was made from bubinga and the other from canarywood.

Pete Stiglich and Chris Kunzle presented their hook tools that they had designed and built. The tools were well thought out and very professionally constructed down to the chrome plating. They said materials cost \$20-\$30. A similar tool, purchased from a store, would probably have cost over a hundred dollars. Chris also brought a nice walnut cup with a long and very thin stem.

Roger Lambie displayed a pistachio natural edge bowl and a large elm bowl. Good job, Roger.

Boyko Varney brought a nicely-designed mahogany and ash platter.

George Sharrar showed off a new compound mitered bowl made from maple and padauk. This bowl featured a turquoise inlay. George also brought a beautiful walnut bud vase he made using his indexing fixture. George uses brush-on lacquer on his projects. He say that he hasn't cleaned the brush in 20 years, just adds thinner when needed.

Anthony Harris brought two large bowls made from ash and some unidentifiable mystery wood. He also brought a pair of nice hedge (osage orange) goblets.

Mike Silver outdid himself again. Mike brought two terrific bowls with similar decorative fish patterns. The first was walnut with diamondwood and padauk inserts. The other was purpleheart and maple with mother of pearl eyes for the fish. Mike buys mother of pearl at a luthier supply company.

Dan Bryant brought a good-looking cottonwood bowl. He recommends very sharp lathe tools for turning cottonwood. Dan also brought a nice natural-edge cherry bowl.

Roger Shepherd showed off an experimental elm bowl with a sandblasted surface. Roger just got a new air compressor for his sandblaster.

I hope I didn't miss anyone's show and tell project. Thanks to everyone who brought something.

Upcoming Events

<u>John Jordan</u> is now offering woodturning workshops starting in August. This is a first time offering and is probably well worth the \$500.00 fee. Classes are very limited to four students and last three days of a weekend. Check out John Jordan's video from the KC Woodturners library if you are interested. I'll have several flyers available at the next meeting.

<u>Westport Art Fair</u> September 6, 7, 8. Westport, MO. Unlike the Plaza Art Fair, this event features some local talent. KC Woodturner Chuck Carnahan will have a booth there for his unique inlaid bowls.

Kansas City Woodturners Officers

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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. Russ Blaser has a nicely-constructed carving tool sharpening center for sale. It consists of a double ball-bearing mandrel, 6" x 3/4" hard felt wheel, 6" x sandpaper wheel, 1/2 HP 1725 RPM motor with 2" pulley and V-belt, electrical switch and cord. All on a mounting board and with an adjustable guide. Asking \$90.00. Call 892-2232.
- 2. 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
 - 3. John Larson has the following tools for sale:

Record CL3 48" swivel-head lathe Jointability jointing fixture Exactaguide circular saw fixture Wagner fine coat spray gun

- 4. Matt Campbell is interested in buying a drill press. Contact him at Work: 469-8500 Ext. 3274 or Home: 649-0354.
- 5. 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.