



Kansas City

Woodturners

April 1999 Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners Newsletter No. 55

The April Meeting

*****ATTENTION*****

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 to 9:30 PM, **Wednesday, April 14th**, at Consolidated Lumber and Millwork in Merriam, KS. This will be a special meeting due to our guest.

The club is asking for a \$10 donation from attendees. The money will go into the Kansas City Woodturner's treasury.

*****ATTENTION*****

Please park at the front or side of the building, outside the gates, because the gates will be locked later.

The Kansas City Woodturner Club is very pleased to announce to its members and to extend a warm invitation to the Topeka Woodturner's Guild, the Independence Woodturner's Club, the Kansas City Woodworker's Guild, and the Lee Summit Woodworker's Guild to join us on Wednesday, April 14, 1999 for a special demonstration by the internationally acclaimed British woodturner, Keith Rowley.

Keith Rowley is traveling on behalf of the Robert Sorby Company. Paxton Woodcrafters is the generous sponsor of the event.

The event will be at Consolidated Lumber from 6:30 to 9:30 PM at I-35 and 67th Street.

Program

Introduction of Keith Rowley

A Demonstration turning of 2 or 3 objects from Keith Rowley's book.

A 15 minute break for refreshments

Raffle

A Demonstration of hollow vessel turning

(The usual Show and Tell portion of our meeting will be minimal to accommodate the changed agenda. Go ahead and bring something so that we can see what you have been up to this month.)

The club is asking for a \$10 donation from attendees which will go into the Kansas City Woodturner's treasury.

This is a great opportunity to see a professional demonstration and to ask questions of a skilled craftsman. We would like to encourage everyone to attend this special opportunity.

About Keith Rowley: Woodturner, Teacher, Demonstrator, and Author

Keith Rowley was born in Heanor, South Derbyshire. His interest in wood started early when he left school to work in the National Coal Board's Joinery Section. The wide spectrum of skills he acquired include carpentry, cabinet making, wheel wrighting and turning.

The demise of the coal industry in South Derbyshire in the late fifties prompted Keith to join the Nottingham City Police. He took early retirement from the Force in 1984 and has been turning on a professional basis every since.

He balances his time now with a mixture of architectural turning, teaching, wrighting and demonstration. Known to many woodturners through his demonstrations at major woodturning exhibitions. Keith has also demonstrated at several international seminars and is much in demand at branches of the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain. He is a registered turner with the Worshipful Company of Turners and has been appointed as the organization's Official Assessor for the Midlands area. He is the author of highly popular book, Woodturning: A Foundation Course.

We have planned a challenge for the May meeting. Paxton Woodcrafters will donate a small block of wood to each attendee for the purpose. The challenge is to turn a duplicate of one of Keith's demonstration pieces, so come prepared to watch closely.

Show and Tell

KC Woodturners gives an incentive to first-time "Show and Tell" presenters. You will be given a free entry into the \$1 meeting raffle when you show off your project or interesting "whatsit" to the members.

Last meeting, Don Gruis showed a nice segmented closed form and a small table.

Chris Kunzle showed a baton of brass, African blackwood, and ivory and a long-stemmed goblet of Afrormosia.

Warren Wicker made a split-turned vase of Afrormosia.

Boyko Varney made a functional sundial of Afrormosia.

Bob Davis turned an assortment of small lidded vessels, boxes, and a split-turned vase of Afrormosia.

Chip Siskey turned a small vase with a turned flower in it of Afrormosia.

The March challenge was to turn something out of the Afrormosia that Paxton Woodcrafters donated for the purpose.

First prize, a \$50 Paxton gift certificate, was awarded to Bob Davis for his assortment of lidded vessels and split-turned vase.

Second prize, a \$25 Paxton gift certificate, went to Don Gruis for his small table.

Third prize, a 20% discount on next purchase, went to Chip Siskey for his vase and flower.

Last meeting we had a brief talk from Joe Fergasen on his lumber business and a number of members purchased some of the turning blocks that he brought.

Ron Trager gave part two of his series on turning pool cues and we had a lively session of questions and answers.

We raffled off five pieces of white oak, two barometers, and a nice Japanese wet stone.

Ron McCreash is going to be on the committee for the Crown Center Gallery show.

Chuck (John) Korte, Pat Roman, Richard Woodhouse, Ron McCreash, Traci McCarty, Don Grimes, and Chris Kunzle have formed a team to build the stand for the Sorby lathe.

Refreshments for the April meeting will be provided by **Jerry Darter, Clarence Huycke, and Anthony Harris**. Refreshments consist of three 2-liter bottles of soda pop, 40 cups, two bags of ice and four dozen cookies. Setup and cleanup volunteers are **Cris Payne, Warren Robinson, and Steve Sandelich**.

Upcoming Events

The John C. Campbell Folk School, July 5, 1998 through March 27, 1999 at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC. This school has one week and weekend adult classes year-round. Demonstrators include Dave Barriger, Larry Hasiak, Nick Cook, Robert Rosand and many others. This is a hands-on school. Call 800-365-5724 for details.

The Arrowmount School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, will start their woodturning classes in March. Call 423-436-5860 for a catalog and more details. Classes in June, July and August have the following instructors: Betty Scarpino, Todd Hoyer, Mike Lee, S. Lamar/S. Lear, John Jordan, David Ellsworth and Christian Burchard.

The 1999 Utah Woodturning Symposium, May 27, 1999 through May 29, 1999 at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. There will be 100 demonstrations by some of the best woodturners in the world, such as Richard Raffan, Vic Wood, Bonnie Klein, Dale Nish and others. Tuition is \$220. Spouse \$100. If you can only go to one symposium in 1999, this is the one. Call 801-378-2021 for details.

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Videos and Magazines

Please see Librarians **Rich McCartney** or **Dick Smith** to check out or return videos and magazines during the monthly meetings. If any of you have old woodworking-related magazines or catalogs gathering dust at your house and want to get rid of them, please bring them to the meetings and put them on one of the tables. Someone might be interested in them. We'll toss any unclaimed magazines at the end of the meeting.

Associate Members

Several area businesses have supported the Kansas City Woodturners so we list them to show our appreciation and encourage your patronage:

- **Jeff Farris** and Farris Machinery in Grain Valley Missouri. Jeff has quite a selection of wood lathes and lathe tools. Their address is 1206 Pavilion Drive, Grain Valley, MO 64029. Tel (816) 229-3055.
- **Paul Butel, Bill Coomer** and Woodcraft Supply. One of the best selections of woodworking equipment in the Kansas City area. Their address is 8645 Bluejacket Road, Lenexa, KS 66214. Tel (913) 599-2800.
- **Rick Farrell** and The Paxton Woodcrafters Store. Rick is offering a 10% discount on everything in the store. Paxton's Fall Burl-A-Rama features 30% to 60% off on a wide selection of burls, blocks and turning squares of madrone burl, redwood burl, eucalyptus burl, spalted maple blocks, rare New Zealand species and many more. Their address is 6311 St. John Ave, KCMO 64123. Tel. (816) 483-0659 and (800) 333-7298.

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 **Anthony Harris** a note and he will include it in the next newsletter.

1. **Bob Wickstrom** has a homemade tool sharpener for sale. He did a really nice job on this sharpener. It looks and works the same as the "scary sharp", uses sticky back sandpaper disks and is reversible. Comes in a nice wooden box.
2. **Bob Wickstrom** has a riser block for a Delta 14" band saw for sale. He is asking \$40. If you are interested, call Bob at 642-8061, or see him at the Woodcraft Club Shop in the Woodcraft Store.
3. **Steve Sandelich** has a Sears woodlathe for sale. The lathe includes a stand, speed reduction pulleys and a duplicator. Steve also has included some basic lathe tools in the deal. The lathe is used but in good condition. Asking \$200. If you are interested, contact Steve at 321-1801.
4. **Russ Blazer** has Sorby 205 TCT Slicer for use with a Sorby or Dennis Stewart Arm Brace for sale for \$37 where the new price was \$46.95. He is also selling a Sorby 330H spiraling & Texturing System for \$110, where the new price was \$148.95. If you are interested, call Russ at 894-2232.

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE PAXTON'S CHALLENGE.....

Paxton's has supplied each of you with a 2"x 4"x 4' piece of Afrormosia to turn into something creative on your lathe.

Bring your masterpiece to the next meeting and the Paxton's employees will judge the entries based on the quality of turning, finish, design, innovation and creativity.

The Winners will receive the following:

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| 1 st Place Prize | \$50.00 Gift Certificate to Paxton's |
| 2 nd Place Prize | \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Paxton's |
| 3 rd Place Prize | 20% off next purchase at Paxton's (some conditions apply) |

THE RULES OF THE GAME:

- 1)The finished piece can only contain Afrormosia.
- 2)No inlay materials can be used.
- 3)You can cut, glue and turn the wood.
- 4)Be Creative and Have Fun.
- 5)Don't forget to bring your project to the next meeting!

Afrormosia is also known as "African Teak". Similar to Teak in appearance yet easier to glue due to less oils in the wood. A lot of the Teak furniture imported from other countries is actually Afrormosia.

For additional questions, please feel free to contact Rick Farrell at Paxton Woodcrafters' Store. (816) 483-0659. Good luck!