



Kansas City

# Woodturners

## The May Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, **May 10th**, at Consolidated Lumber and Millwork in Merriam, KS. Please park at the front or side of the building, outside the gates, because the gates will be locked later.

Here is a tentative list of activities for the meeting:

1. A brief discussion about the outcome of our survey distributed two months ago.
2. Demonstration of making an eggcup in preparation for eggcup races to be held in future meetings.
3. Ron Traeger will give a final demonstration on turning pool cues.
4. Making square things round. A hands-on look at spindle turning.
5. Show-and-Tell.

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

We decided to hold a challenge for the May meeting. The challenge is to make a straight-sided box similar to the one the Keith Rowley made during the April meeting. **Rick Farrell** from Paxton's donated the walnut and sassafras for the challenge.

Refreshments for the January meeting will be provided **Chuck Korte** and **Chris Kunzle**. Refreshments consist of three 2-liter bottles of soda pop, 40 cups, two bags of ice and four dozen cookies. Setup and cleanup crew for the next meeting is **James Phillips**, **Fred Pryor**, and **Earl Reed**.

### —Attention—

We are going to have our club auction during the June meeting. That means dig out all of those tools that you don't use, and that lumber that you don't have any plans to use and bring them to the June meeting. There is a flip side to the coin, you know. Somebody is going to have to buy this stuff, so don't be bringing bags of shavings or some such. Bring cash money too, 'cause we don't take American Express. All the money goes into the kitty, and we are going to use it to enhance our ability to demonstrate and do hands-on turning at meetings. The auction itself is kind of fun, too.

## Last Meeting



The April meeting was a special show put on by Keith Rowley who was traveling on behalf of the Robert Sorby Company. Paxton Woodcrafters were the sponsors for this demonstration, and we had a number of visitors from other clubs in the area. Keith turned a small, straight-sided box which is the subject of this coming meetings challenge. Then he turned a platter on our new bowl lathe and finally a jewelry stand.

What do you think of the way the new lathes were set up? That bowl lathe looked as good as any lathe I have ever seen. The crew that worked on them were: Chris Kunzle, Tracy McCarty, Pat Roman, and Pete Stiglich. Paxton donated the wood that was used on both lathes. Farris Machinery really went over the top. They donated the bowl lathe, but didn't just pass it on in an "as is" condition. Farris ordered several extra parts and bought a new motor in order to make it operational. We went from using a borrowed lathe the month before to two lathes last month. Thanks people, it took all of you to do it!

## Show and Tell

Missed it during April's meeting, but bring your stuff for May's meeting.

## Upcoming Events

**The John C. Campbell Folk School**, July 5, 1998 thru 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.

Arrowmount Elderhostel woodturning classes: There are 3 more Elderhostel classes in September.

**The 1999 Utah Woodturning Symposium**, May 27, 1999 thru 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.

## Kansas City Woodturners Officers

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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.

*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 Consolidated Lumber and Millwork in Merriam, Kansas at 7:00 PM.*



## President's Letter

In the past few months you have seen a number of changes. We sold the Powermatic lathe for \$700 and replaced it with a Vicmark mini-lathe and a Sorby bowl lathe. The Vicmark was purchased and installed with a motor and controller at a cost of approximately \$700. An additional \$250 was spent on a chuck. The Sorby was donated by Ferris Machinery and \$100 was spent getting it ready. A television, purchased by the club for \$200, and video camera, donated by Chris Kunzle, was used during the Keith Rowley demonstration. The used brown chairs were purchased for about \$50. And \$80 was required for postage.

A lot of time and effort went into getting the lathes ready in time for the Keith Rowley demonstration. Time was needed to locate a motor, controller, and additional components for the Vicmark and install everything. Thanks goes to the club members (Pat Roman, Traci McCarty, Chris Kunzle, Richard Woodhouse, and Pete Stiglich) who volunteered over 200 hours of their time to make two lathe stands, get the lathes ready, and obtain the TV and camera. For this one demonstration and the regular raffle we collected about \$500. All of the money goes into the kitty to help cover present and future improvements. The club now has approximately \$1,200.

During the Rowley demonstration we had a good showing from our club and other nonmembers. Lets give Rick Ferrel and Paxon a pat on the back for making it possible at no cost to the club. We had the opportunity to get a known turner from England on very short notice. If changing the meeting night presented problems for any individual, you have my apologies. Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> was the only night Keith was available. In spite of a few problems the show went on until after 10 o'clock. I think most enjoyed the demonstration and would like to see other big name turners in the future.

Kieth Rowley implied the Vicmark was too small and/or the chuck was too big for a small lathe. In both cases this may or not be true for our needs. As we stated in an earlier meeting, if the Vicmark will not meet our needs we will look for an alternative at a later date when we have more money.

Once again I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped get the two lathes and TV ready. This is our club and to make it better and keep it enjoyable everyones support is needed. In the future, if you are asked to do a demonstration, give some of your time, work on a project, complete in one of the challenges, give a raffle donation, bring cookies, take pictures, pay an additional meeting fee, or be a board member, remember it is your club. If you have any suggestions to improve the club, feel free to bring it to the boards attention.

*Boyko Varney, President  
Kansas City Woodturners*