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August Demonstration

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KC Woodturner member Don Frank demonstrated thinking "Out of the Box". Don brought a number of his projects, each hidden in a cardboard box to create an air of mystery. He reached into the box and brought out one project at a time to discuss the thought process and planning that went into creating and producing the project. View the video of this demo on YouTube or the KCWT website..

The following photos are just a few examples Don showed.

This bowl was wrapped in rope and epoxied, creating an interesting surface effect.





This spiral base bowl started out as two bowls.

The ceramic coffee cup at left was the inspiration for trying to make this shape from one piece of wood. The end product was successful. Getting to the end product was very complicated.



Two other projects were a bowl inside a bowl and an intricately stained bowl.

This Don Frank project was published as an article in AAW's American Woodturner magazine. Don was already good at air brushing fish because he was a professional taxidermist for many years. He showed how the fish sculpture started out as a hollow turning and progressed to the final product.

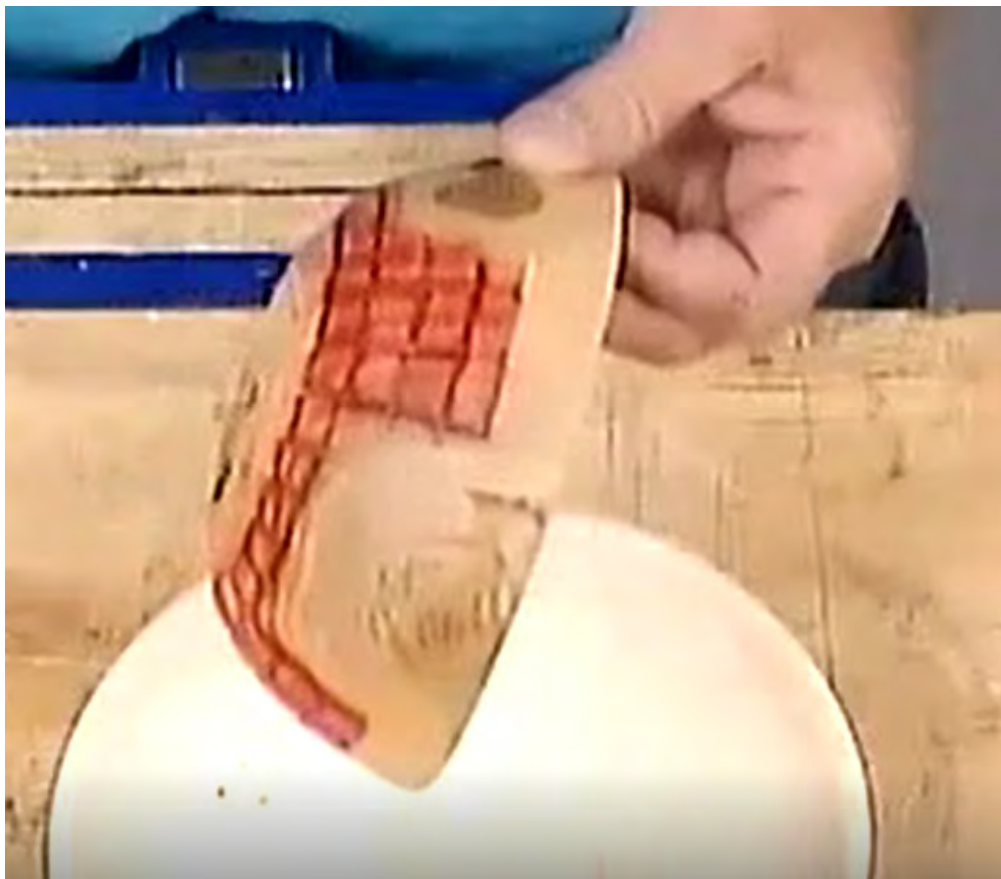


August Challenge

This page should be a couple photos of the Challenge table.

The Challenge was to bring something you carved.
Can be a basket weave pattern.

View the video on YouTube or the KCWT website.



August Show 'N Tell

This page should be a couple photos of the ShowNTell table.

View the video on YouTube or the KCWT website.



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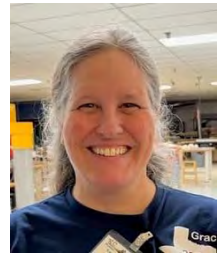


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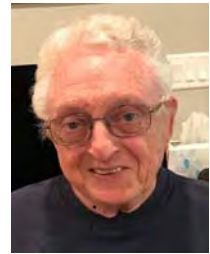
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August 2025 Monthly Meeting



Welcome to all Members and Guests!
(In-Person and via Zoom!)

Tonight's Agenda:

- Club Announcements and Safety Minute
- Presentation: Don Frank presents: Thinking Outside the Box with wood turnings
- Short refreshment break / fellowship
- Challenge –“Carve Something, anything” based on demo by Jim Garner.
- Show-n-Tell project presentations by members.

August Announcements:

- We had successful tent show during the August First Fridays this month.
 - Nice weather brought out crowds of people and the club was able to sell a few items and talk with the public.
- Our top turning Saturday in July was a great success. Over 100 tops were turned that day and even more have been donated to the cause since then.
 - Thanks to all participants.
 - We plan to do another one on Saturday, Sept 20th for anyone interested.



August Announcements:

- There is a new batch of baseball bat cut-offs available for members to use.
- Membership remained at 110 paid members this month.
- This month's Challenge drawing winner will win a (2) \$10 Craft Supply Gift Certificates
- Dollar Sweepstakes winners will get to choose from several great prize options

August Announcements:

- If you'd like your work featured on the KCWT Instagram and Facebook social media pages, please email photos and a description to Phill Sikes (phillsikes@gmail.com). Or you can also tag or mention our account (@kc_woodturners), or invite us to be a collaborator on your post. If you have any questions, reach out to Phill.
 - Social media can offer great exposure for the club!
- See Mike Thomas if you have a demonstration to share, know of a demonstrator, or if you have a demonstration you would like to see.

August Announcements:

- Mike Erickson has produced some nice useful 'hard plastic' mallets for the club.
 - These will be sold for \$30 each.
- A new tri-fold brochure has been produced for interested members. If you know someone that is truly interested in information regarding our club, feel free to pass one along to them.

KCWT – Open Shop:

- Available every Saturday morning from 8:30AM-12PM or later, Wed and Thursday evenings 6PM – 9PM (except for 3rd Wed each month, due to Guild meeting).
- Please help keep it clean, wear your badge, sign in.
- Use the doorbell at the back door if the front door is locked.
- Please report any equipment problems to a Board member.
- Keep showing the equipment love!



KCWT – Open Shop:

There was an Anthony sighting at open shop this past month!



KCWT – Help Wanted:

Volunteer some time to benefit the club whenever possible!

Please consider helping with club activities.

- Great opportunities to meet new people and talk woodturning.

We could use a couple members to help with set-up / sales / break-down of the club tent for the September and October First Fridays events.

- Set-up around 3PM, Sales from 4-9PM and break-down just after 9PM.

KCWT – Help Wanted:

There are still time slots available to help out at this years Irish Festival on the last weekend of August. Use Sign-up Genius to book your time!

We need a member to produce the club's monthly Woodchips magazine.

- See Kris, Mike or Kevin if you think you could help out.
- Kevin can produce a template.
- Would take photos at the monthly meetings.
- Should take about 2hrs or so a month.

Upcoming Events and Information:

- SWAT is just around the corner for those members that are interested. Aug 22-24 in Waco, TX.
- Irish Festival, Memorial Day weekend, Fri, Sat and Sun, Aug 29, 30 and 31.
 - Please consider spending some time at our tent selling, turning, and talking.
 - Entry to the event is free for volunteers. Always a good time!
 - See Kevin for a wristband if you have already signed up.

Upcoming Events and Information:

- KCWT will have a tent again this year at the Spinach Festival in Lenexa. This will be on Saturday Sept. 6.
- Come by and see us if you can!
- KCWT will be turning and selling tops at this years *Kaw Valley Farm Tour* in Lawrence, Saturday and Sunday Oct 4th and 5th.

Phill's August Safety Minute:

Presented by KCWT Member / AAW Symposium Deomonstrater,
Phill Sikes

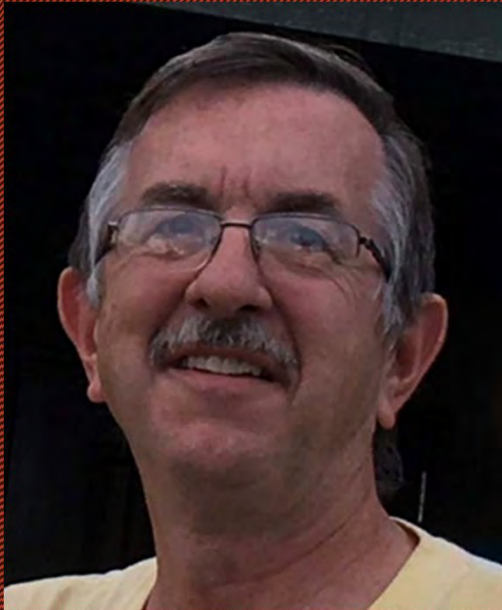


Phill wants our members to always remember safety!

Thank you, Phill.

July 2025 KCWT Monthly Demo:

Tonight's Demonstration:
Thinking Outside the Box with Turning Projects
presented by:
Don Frank



**What's In
the Box?**



Thank you for the inspiration, Don!