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September Demonstration



Springfield, MO woodturner, Larry Randolph, demonstrated how he makes his unique turned bird houses. These are suitable for tree ornaments but could be made any size you like.

Thanks, Larry for sharing!



The process for turning a small bird house requires several steps, which are outlined below. Please watch the recording of the meeting to learn more from Larry about the process. Directions are below.

1. Mount the blank for the roof in a chuck.
2. Drill a 1 1/8 inch hole in the roof.
3. Turn the bottom of the roof
4. Remove the roof and set aside.
5. With the same chuck, mount the bottom of the bird house blank.
6. Drill a 3/4 inch hole in the base/bottom.
7. Turn the bank round and start to shape the top.
8. Turn a tenon to fit the into the roof.



Directions Cont.

9. Drill a small hole (size is a preference—1/4" was used for this project) for the bird entrance and dowl for purch.



10. Finish turning the top portion of the house.



11. Remove from chuck.

12. Install pin chuck and mount the house.



13. Finish turning the house and remove from chuck.



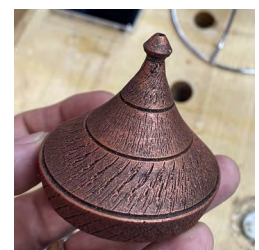
14. Mount the roof to the pin chuck and finish turning the roof.



15. Optional—add texture and paint.

16. Glue together

17. Add an eye screw and any decor





The 2025 KC Irish Fest August 29-30-31, 2025

The KC Woodturners look forward to this event every year. We have entered the KC Irish Fest for at least 15 years. The KC Irish Fest helps pay our rent and this was a successful event for us. A number of members sold their personal woodturnings. A number of generous members donated woodturned items for sale. A great



Irish Fest 2025

September Challenge

The challenge this month was to turn something that pushed you out of your comfort zone. Try something new! Thanks to all who contributed to the September Challenge!



September Show 'N Tell

Several impressive pieces presented during the Show 'N Tell portion of the meeting.



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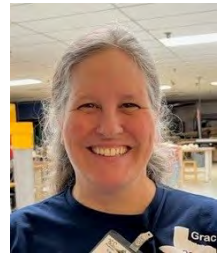


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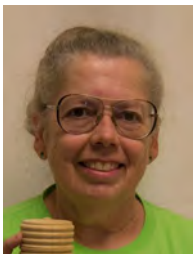
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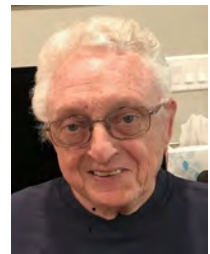
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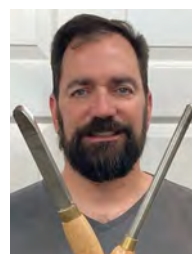
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September 2025 Monthly Meeting



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

Tonight's Agenda:

- Club Announcements and Safety Minute
- Demonstration: Larry Randolph presents: Turning Small Ornamental Bird Houses
- Short refreshment break / fellowship
- Challenge –“Turn something new that you have always wanted to try” based on demo by Don Frank.
- Show-n-Tell project presentations by members.

September Announcements:

We had another successful participation in the Irish Festival this year.

- There were many members that volunteered at the KCWT tent. A big thanks to all of you!
- Great temperatures and location in the park this year!
- Gross sales were \$4,532.31 with our club receiving \$1,808.87...almost a month's rent!



Irish Festival 2025:



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September Announcements:

- We had decent tent sales during the September First Friday's event. The weather was a little cooler and the crowds were a little slimmer. October will be the last First Friday's event of 2025.
 - The club made around \$300 dollars from the August FF sales.
- First Fridays was followed with a KCWT tent at the Lenexa Spinach Festival on Saturday. Great weather and good crowds, but also a lot of competition.
 - No sale totals yet, but it was a good event, and we may have gained some new members.

September Announcements:

- Membership has grown slightly to 115 paid members this month.
- Mike Erickson has produced some nice 'hard plastic' mallets for the club. These will be available during the meeting and will be sold for \$30 each, proceeds going to the club.
- 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, including the infamous Multi-Meter.

September Announcements:

- A new KCWT tri-fold brochure has been produced by Elizabeth Wright.
 - If you know someone that is truly interested in information regarding our club, feel free to give them one.
 - These will be in a stand on the table in the shop.
- Emergency Contact labels have been made to apply to the back of your membership name tags.
 - If your name tag does not already have one, please pick one up tonight.
- Thank you to Brian Bartelli for taking over production of the Woodchips newsletter!

September 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.

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.



KCWT – Help Wanted:

Please consider helping with club activities.

- Great opportunities to meet new people and talk woodturning.

We need a member or two to help Ed J. out with the October First Friday's tent sale.

- Help set-up / sell / break-down on Friday, Oct. 3rd, 3:30 – 9 PM.
- Personal item sales are encouraged. (Note 20% of personal sales will go to KCWT).
- Let Ed know if you can help.

Shop Clean-Up will happen this Saturday from 8:30 - ?? until it is done.

- If you use the shop, please volunteer some time to get it clean and organized.

Upcoming Events and Information:

- We are going to have another top turning Saturday on September 20th.
 - Show up anytime between 8:30AM – 4PM.
 - Blanks will be available, just come and have fun.
- Watch for an email regarding club participation and help needed with a Kaw Valley Farm Tour in Lawrence Kansas, Sat/Sun Oct 4th and 5th.
 - The club will need a few volunteers for 4-hour stints of turning (and selling) spinning tops.
 - Will have a lathe set-up at a local nursery. Turning will be outside if weather permits, otherwise it will move into a greenhouse.

Phill's September Safety Minute:

Presented by KCWT Member / AAW Symposium Deomonstrater,
Phill Sikes



Phill wants our members to always think safety!

Thank you, Phill.

Sept 2025 KCWT Monthly Demo:

Tonight's Demonstration:
Turning Small Ornamental Bird Houses
presented by:
Larry Randolph



Thank you for the demo, Larry!