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November Demonstration

Emerging Sphere and Bowl
presented by KCWT member:
Brian Bartelli



The challenge for January is
to turn something emerging.



During this month's demo, Brian showed how to make an emerging sphere and bowl. Tips and tricks were shared including unique ways to get the half sphere turned accurately.

Turning an Emerging Sphere

Here are a few key tips for turning an emerging sphere. Watch the video of the demo to learn more. The video can be found on the website

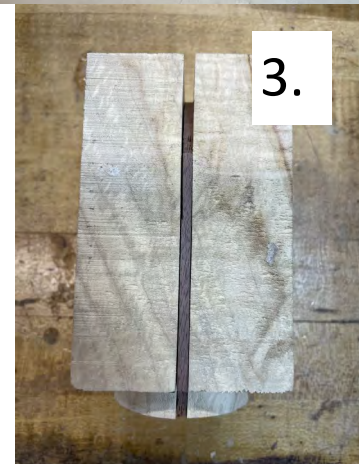
- Use a square blank
- Mark the center on two sides
- Mark 1/3 of the total width of the blank to remove
- Use a set of jumbo jaws setup as pictured to hold the blank.
- When you flip the blank, use spacer blocks as pictured.
- Watch the video for the full demo and explanation



Turning an Emerging Bowl

When turning an emerging bowl, it is important to get the half sphere as accurate as possible. Brian demonstrated three different ways to increase accuracy when creating the half sphere

Watch the video for the full explanation of how to turn an emerging sphere, but included here are some pictures of the process used.



Pictured on this page are the steps to setup a template to turn the half sphere.

1. Cut the square blank in half.
2. Create a template with the half sphere cutout (Using a different color wood helps).
3. Glue the blank and template together.
4. Turn the blank down to the template.

Turning an Emerging Bowl Cont.

An additional method to turning an accurate half sphere is to use a sphere turning jig. Brian showed his homemade jig created from plywood (pictured on the right).

After you turn the half sphere, cut the blank in half and mount it on a turned scrap block. Brian used hot glue to mount the blank. Pictured on the bottom right is the blank mounted and shown in a very rough starting process of getting the blank turned to a finished state.

Key tip is to make sure the blank is mounted in true center of the bowl. Using the live center on the lathe will help with the process of lining up the blank.

***Give it a try and bring your turned emerging piece to the Jan. meeting!**



November Challenge

The challenge this month was turn something out of green wood.



November Show 'N Tell

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



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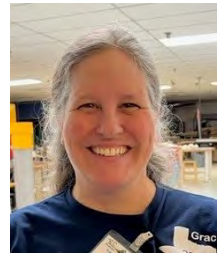


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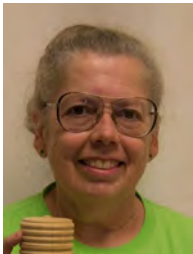
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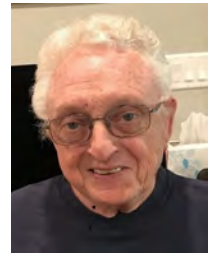
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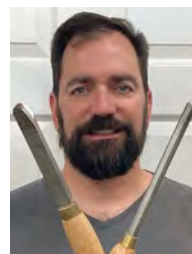
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November 2025 Monthly Meeting



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

Tonight's Agenda:

- Club Announcements
- Demonstration: Brian Bartelli - *Emerging Bowl and Sphere from a Board*
- Short refreshment break / fellowship
- Phill Sikes Challenge - "Turn something from green wood or that you can demonstrate in 2026"
- Show-n-Tell project presentations by members.

November Announcements:

- The Membership grew to 120 paid members at the end of last month, we are hoping for even more members in 2026.
- 2026 club membership payment is now available on the website. We want to see you all back next year!
- Mike Erickson has produced some nice 'hard plastic' mallets for the club. These are well made and will be available during the meeting for \$30 each, money will go to the club.
- The club also has some hard maple baseball bat blanks for sale this month.

November Announcements:

- 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 some nice walnut bowl blanks. Important: This month's winner HAS TO TAKE THE MULTIMETER...along with their choice from the remaining items!
- Does your name tag have an Emergency Contact label on the back? If not, see Kris Coyan during our break and I will get you one.

November Announcements:

- Membership If you demonstrated at a meeting in 2025, Kevin has printed some special 'I Demo'd' stickers for you. Pick up your sticker and put it on your name tag as a badge of honor!
- The Board would like to have some small member-turned items to sell during Santa's Workshop. The club will have a table or two to sell items during this event. Members can sell personal items at the club table, 20% will go to the club.
- Santa's Workshop also has opportunities for members to sponsor their own tables, too. Check with the Guild for sign-up. Members will be responsible for payment options.

November Announcements:

- If you'd like your work featured on the KCWT Instagram and/or 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 is great exposure for our club!

Voting for 2026 KCWT Officers:

- KCWT proposed KCWT Slate of Officers for 2026:
 - President: Kris Coyan
 - Vice President: Mike Thomas
 - Treasurer: Kevin Neelley
 - Secretary: Elizabeth (and Calvin) Wright



President

Kris Coyan



Vice President

Mike Thomas



Treasurer

Kevin Neelley



Secretary

Elizabeth Wright

- Are there any nominations from the floor?

Voting for 2026 KCWT Officers:

- We will now vote / confirm the 2026 Slate of Officers. We will vote on the entire slate unless there are challengers. In the case of a challenge, we will vote on that seat individually.
 - All in favor, please raise your hands.
 - All those opposed, please raise your hands.
- Announce Results.

KCWT 2026 Participating Members:

- 2026 At Large Board Members:



Sue Bergstrand



Anthony Harris



Ed Jaszczak



Bill Paolo



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- Refreshments Safety Audio\Video Newsletter



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Brian Bartelli

KCWT 2026 Member Participation:

- The board would like to encourage more At Large board members in 2026. If you are interested, please see Kris Coyan or Mike Thomas.
- New board members bring new ideas, regardless of their age or skill level!
- The Board meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7PM.
- Come join us!

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.
- Come join us!



Santa's Workshop - 2026:

- KCWT will be participating in the Santa's Workshop again this year.
- - Sat / Sun November 22nd and 23rd (weekend before Thanksgiving).
 - We will need member volunteers to make small items to sell, help with sales, demonstrate top turning and drill holes in the kids trucks to put tops into.



Santa's Workshop - 2026:

- Personal sales will be available again this year, inquire with the Guild soon if you are interested in sponsoring a table and selling your turned items.
- Let Kris Coyan, Mike Thomas or Kevin Neelley know if you would like to help with this event.
- The more the merrier!



Upcoming Events:

- December will be the KCWT annual Holiday Party and we want to see you there!
 - As Usual, the club will provide the main course, plates, napkins and drinks. Members requested to bring a side dish or desert to share.
 - Gift exchange, provide a wrapped turned gift and you will receive a gift turned by another member to be revealed during dinner.
 - Year in review, Awards presentations, Turning challenge?

Phill's November Safety Minute:

Presented by KCWT Member / AAW Symposium Demonstrator,
Phill Sikes



Phill wants all of our members to always think about safety!

Thank you, Phill.

November KCWT Demo:

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Thank you for sharing this demonstration, Brian!