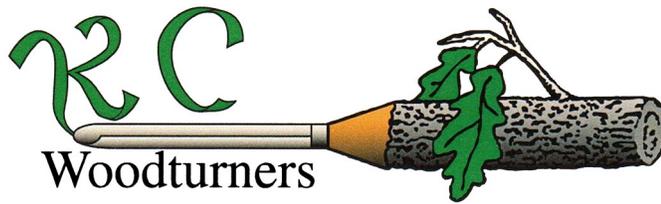


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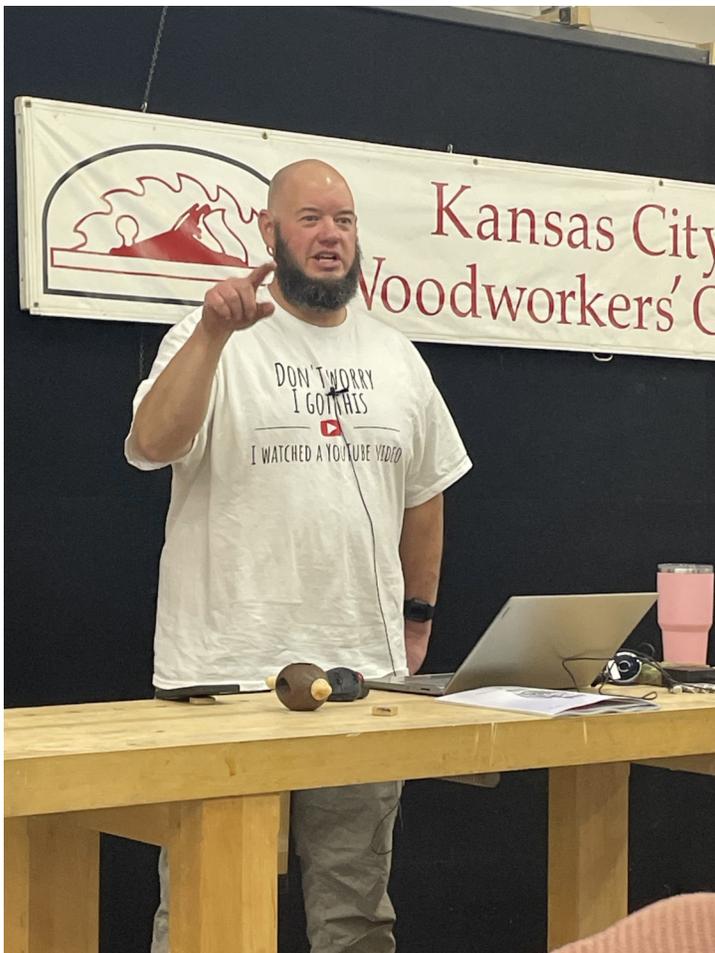
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February Demonstration



3D Printers and Lasers
presented by KCWT
member:
Kurtis Cowman

Thanks, Kurtis, for an informative demo on 3D printers and laser engravers. Kurtis introduced new high-tech options to complement the shop. For a synopsis of the demo, read the write up on the following pages and watch the video found on kcwoodturners.org.

Expanding Beyond The Lathe: High-Tech Meets Woodturning

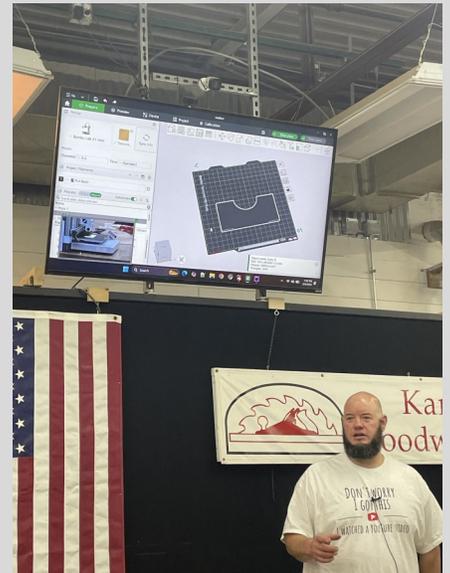
This month's demonstration took us on a detour from our usual shavings and sawdust as Kurtis challenged us to step outside our comfort zones. His message was clear: modern technology isn't here to replace the lathe, but to empower the turner. By integrating 3D printing and laser engraving into his workflow, Kurtis has unlocked a new toolkit for both shop utility and artistic flair.

3D Printing

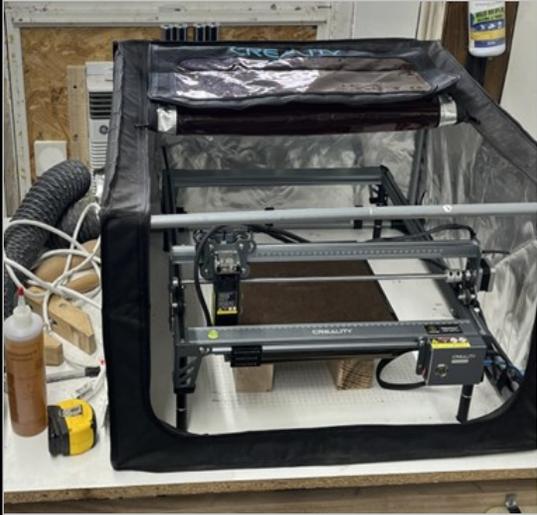
While 3D printing might feel like science fiction to some, Kurtis demonstrated how it serves as the ultimate shop assistant. He showcased a variety of custom-made solutions that solve common turning headaches:

- **Sharpening Jigs:** Custom-angled guides that ensure repeatable sharpening .
- **Smart Storage:** Form-fitting racks designed specifically for chucks, drive centers and tools, keeping workbench clutter at bay.
- **Layout Tools:** Center-finders and marking gauges tailored to specific project dimensions.

For those worried about the learning curve, Kurtis eased the tension by explaining the "Plug and Play" approach. You don't need to be a digital architect to get started; he showed how to find ready-made files online, download them, and send them straight to the printer—no design skills required. Of course, for the tech-adventurers in the crowd, he also gave a glimpse into the creative freedom of designing custom parts from scratch.



Expanding Beyond The Lathe: High-Tech Meets Woodturning—Cont.



Laser Engraving

While we couldn't run a laser in the meeting due to venting the samples Kurtis brought spoke for themselves. The laser serves as the ultimate "finishing touch" for any item.



Beyond just decorative patterns, the primary draw for turners is permanent, professional branding. Instead of a shaky hand with a wood-burning pen or marker, imagine your logo, the year, and the wood species etched with microscopic precision into the foot of your bowl. It's a way to sign your work that matches the high quality of the turning itself.

The Bottom Line

Whether it's a 3D-printed jig that saves you ten minutes of setup or a laser-etched logo that adds value to a sale, these "high-tech" tools are ultimately just new ways to celebrate an old craft. As Kurtis showed us, the best way to honor our tradition is to keep it evolving.



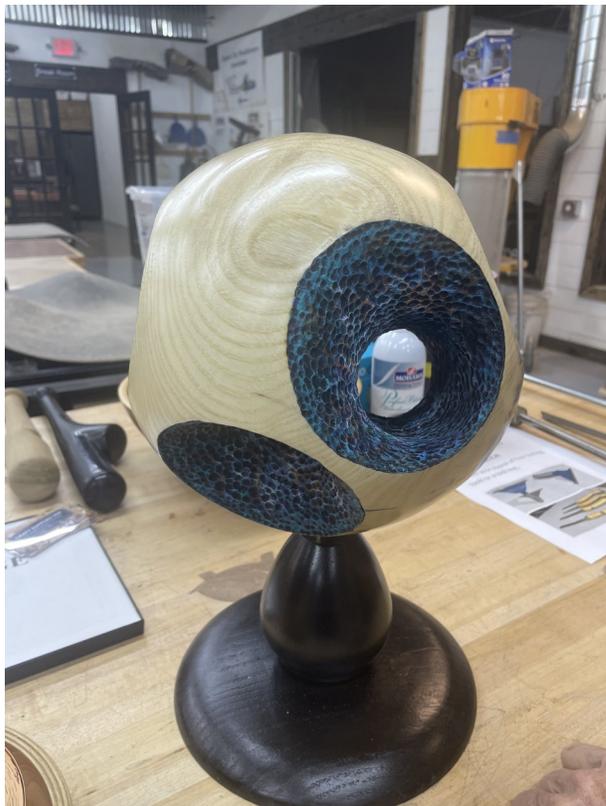
March Challenge

Time to get courageous and try something new. The March Challenge is to try something you have never done. This might be a new material, different tool, a unique process, etc.



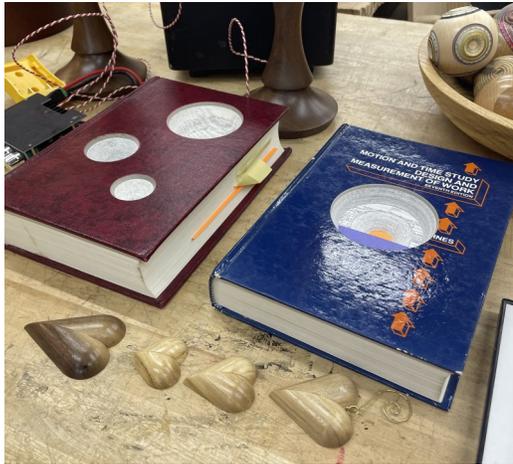
January Challenge

The challenge this month was turn something that is off-center or eccentric.



January Show 'N Tell

Amazing works were presented this month.
Keep turning and plan to show off next month!



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February 2026 Monthly Meeting



- Welcome to all Members and Guests!

Tonight's Agenda:

- Club Announcements
- Demonstration: Kurtis Cowman – *The Basics of Laser Engraving/3D Printing*
- Refreshment break / Fellowship / Dollar Sweepstakes
- February Challenge – “Turn something eccentric” based on Anthony Harris’ January demo
- Show-n-Tell project presentations by members.

February Announcements:

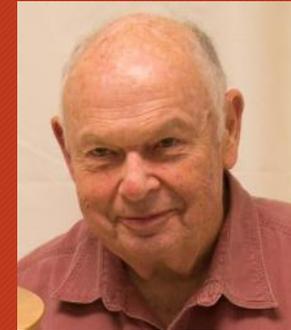
- As of last Monday's Board meeting, we have 68 paid members for 2026. If you have not already paid your 2026 dues, please go to the website and do so now.
- This month's Challenge drawing winner will win a (3) \$10 Craft Supply Gift Certificates.
- Our club will demonstrate again this year at the Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center. This event will be held on Sat. Feb 28th from 10AM to 2PM. Come see us if you can!

February Announcements:

- Important: There will be a Shop Cleanup this Saturday, Feb. 14th from 10AM - ????. If you are a Open Shop user, please plan to be there to clean and organize our shop space!
- This month's Dollar Sweepstakes has some fantastic prize options for the winning ticket. Don't miss your chance to select from the great choices. Did you see that hollowing tool?
- The Board will organize another Skill Builder on tool sharpening. Tentative date is March 21. More info to come.

February Announcements:

- Longtime KCWT member and friend, Don Gruis, recently passed away. To recognize Don, his name will be added to the KCWT memorial plaque that hangs in our shop. We will miss Don!
- KCWT member Jerry Darter is recovering at home after a recent surgery. If you can, drop Jerry a note of well wishes for a speedy recovery.
(jerry.darter@sbcglobal.net)
- Does your name tag have an Emergency Contact label on the back? See Kris Coyan and he will get you one.



February Announcements:

- The Shop bandsaw is currently down. It sounds like the motor requires some work. The electric chainsaw can be used in some cases but make sure to use bar oil.
- The tail stock on the small Delta Lathe is not working correctly; parts to repair it are currently on back order.

KCWT Social Media:

- If you'd like your work featured on the KCWT Instagram and/or Facebook social media pages, email photos and description to Phill Sikes (phillsikes@gmail.com).
- You can also tag or mention our account (@kc_woodturners) or invite us to be a collaborator on your post. If you have questions, reach out to Phill.
- Social media offers great exposure for you and our club!

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.
- Note: Shop Cleanup Sat. Sept 14.



Upcoming Events:

- Turning demonstration at Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, Sat. Feb 28th, 10Am-12PM.
- First Friday's tent sales start April 3rd, 4PM - 9PM. Consider selling your items!
- Tool Sharpening Skill Builder at the shop, tentative date is March 21st, following Open Shop.
- Bowl-A-Palooza II is coming! We will be coring and rough turning bowls to sell at club events. Stop by and see the process. Saturday, April 18th starting around noon, following Open Shop.

Phill's February Safety Reminder:

KCWT Member Phill Sikes can't be here tonight but wants to remind all members to think about safety while they are turning.



Let's try to not let Phill down!

February KCWT Demo:

Tonight's Demonstration:
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Thank you for sharing, Kurtis!