# WOODCHIPS - 2014



### **April**



#### **REMINDER**

Get your raffle tickets when you come into the meeting

April Challenge
A bowl turned on the bias.

May Demo
John Veerkamp will be turning mushrooms

#### Dale Larson-from tree to bowl, thin turning, and making a sphere. - April 12-13

The President of the AAW was hosted by Bob and Sandi Speier. Saturday started at 9:00 AM and he did three demonstrations. He began by talking about trees, cutting, and the "money cut," then turned a bowl, did a thin turning, ending with making a sphere. His fee was donated to the AAW so **KCWT** will have our name on a room at the AAW Symposium in Phoenix this year.



















When you do it right; making sure that you have good help who know what they are doing and take direction well, when you understand where the bowl will be sitting in the wood because you understand the characteristics of the tree, you can end up with a beautiful bowl feather and all.









Being personally concerned about safety, and being a very visible promoter of safety, he used a face shield in turing the bowl.











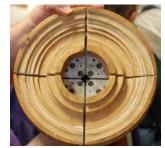




He used a curved tool rest when finishing the inside of the bowl so he could keep the tool as close to the wood as possible.











When finishing the bottom of the bowl, he uses his custom made chuck so the the bowl is very securely held. Four pieces of 2X6 cut quarter pie shape, and screwed onto jumbo jaws then ridged to fit a variety of bowl sizes assures complete access to the bottom and a secure hold.











Make sure the wood is green and wet. Take your time working in from the lip toward the center. It helps a whole lot if the tool is very sharp and when it starts getting thin, the use of a light can be a great assistance in making sure that the thickness is uniform. When completed, you can shape it as you like or leave it as it is.

The Sunday hands-on activity gave the three who signed up a lot of individual attention. The first thing that happened was the making of cup chucks that would be used in the making of the spheres. The one on one attention helped **Mike Gonzales**, **Bill Kuhlman**, **and Shaun Q. McMahon** get a handle on sphere making.







Hosting a guest turner has some advantages. For example, **Sandi Speier** turned this sphere when Dale worked with her in her shop.



















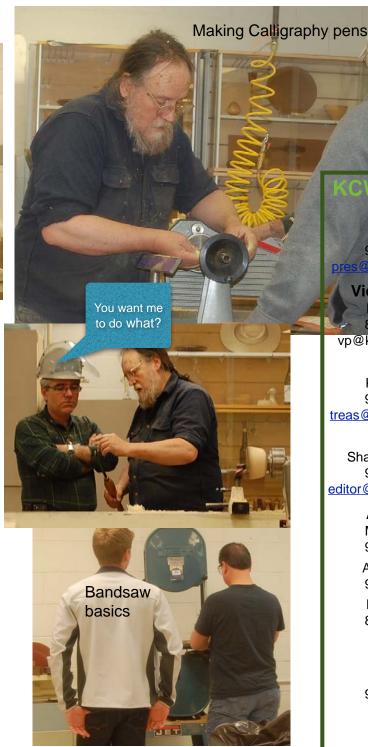




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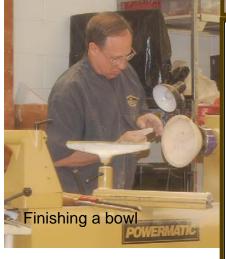
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**AAW Symposium** - For those of you not familiar with things that are demonstrated at one of these, here are a couple pages from that latest issue of the AAW Magazine. There seems to be something for everyone. You do need to be a member to attend. One of the perks is that those attending get to see a member of **KCWT** making a presentation - the one with the red circle around it.







Larry Dice began the meeting talking about the Dale Larson Demo. Then he announced that we will be having a summer picnic again. We will use the shelter next to the one we had last year. The picnic (pot luck)will be June 14th and we will have the shelter from 8 AM to 10 PM. More information will be forthcoming.

The Columbia, MO turning club wanted someone to come to their meeting on Sunday April 27th and demonstrate top turning. NOTE - Jerry Darter and Edd Maxwell went to do the demonstration. The Top Guys come through again.



What's art? **Dick Woodhouse** is still searching for the answer. But the key is he keeps on looking and he brought in an example of something that falls into that category. Not your cup of tea? Well...remember, "Each to his own taste" said the old lady as she kissed the cow. It's obviously not a cow but an artistic impression.

## CHALLENGE

The challenge this month was to make a shawl pin based on the demonstration last month by **Mike Erickson.** 











Jim Reynolds didn't get it exactly right but created his own design enhancement. John Hendrickson made a variety for his wife putting a cap on the pointed end. John Veerkamp had some that he had already made. Limited only by imagination. Ben Hayes wanted to make a square edged one but went to far and the corners rounded off. Bert Dunham made one out of rose wood. Shaun Q. McMahon (camera shy) made one with a

## **SHOW AND TELL**



Shaun Q.
McMahon
brought the
spheres and
cup chucks
which were the
result of the
Dale Larson
Hands-on.



Thinking about the art display for JOCO **Dick Woodhouse** made something that can be hung on a wall.





His wife requested a really nice bowl for a wedding gift. **Rick Bywater** made this one out of box elder. He finished it with polyurethane.



Sycamore is the wood and **Rich McCartney** turned these two
between centers. This wood is from
New York and tends to be smaller
than the sycamore here.

John Veerkamp to keep making some of the things he learned during the demo. These are made of walnut and cherry. Some of these will be for the art show.

Start making things for the Art Show for 1060.



A purse hook walnut inset - and a pen with a light and a stylus were brought in by Larry Settle.



Tony Giordano (camera shy) brought in a segmented bowl.



Spending four years in South Africa gave **Dave Agee** some experiences with different woods indigenous to where he lived.



Mike Erickson brought in a bowl he made from a piece of spalted maple that he got from the wood pile in out shop it was FREE.



All these spheres came from the same size block of wood. They are smaller when you are just learning. **Mike Gonzales** is obviously a fast learner. He took the class from Dale

Larson



A bowl turned on a bias is what David Bartlett brought in. He wanted to show what he was going to demonstrate how to turn. NOTE, he is also a marathon runner.

Thank you to all who are participating in The Challenges and in Show and Tell. These are grand ways to develop skills, to pass on your skills to others, and to inspire others to get on their lathes and do some turning. If you have not been a participant lately, give some thought to being one and then do it. We all benefit from the expertise that is brought in through these activities. This helps **KCWT** get better and better.

OK, it's not exactly a sphere as it has a thingy on it. But **Anthony Harris** is always trying new things so he did some design carving on it from the stem to the neck on the bowl.

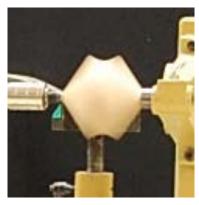


## **Demonstration** - this month's demo was provided by **David Bartlett** who

showed how to turn a bowl on a bias -







First, you start with a cube and the more cube it is the better. Make it a perfect cube and then take two opposite corners and put one in the tail stock and one in the head stock and then take stock of the importance of making sure that you keep anything you have of value - like fingers and hands - out of the way of all the other spinning corners. The first thing to do is to turn a tenon for a chuck. Then turn the outside round. With the chuck on the headstock turn the inside.





Make absolutely sure that you keep all hands and fingers behind the tool rest. Reverse the bowl on the chuck securely and finish the bottom of the bowl. Then,









vou're biased.



"Go into the arts. I'm not kidding.

The arts are not a way to make a living.

They are a very human way of making life more bearable.

Practicing an art, no matter how well or badly,
is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake.

Sing in the shower. Dance to the radio. Tell stories.

Write a poem to a friend, even a lousy poem.

Do it as well as you possibly can.

You will get an enormous reward.

You will have created something."

Kurt Vonnegut



You can do all the above **and** you can do some woodturning.

Another way of looking at art is that it is an activity that transforms the doer/maker. I know of no person who has not been transformed by putting a tool to wood on a lathe.