

WOODCHIPS 2017



September



October Challenge

Create a woodturning that contains at least one of the following: beading, indexing, burning or coloring.

Look at the silent auction items when you come into the meeting.
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October Demo

Kris Coyan will demonstrate making a 2-sided inside-out ornament.

KCWT's biggest outside event for the year took place September 1-3 in Crown Center - The Kansas City Irish Fest. It requires the assistance of a large number of volunteers from KCWT and they always come through. Set up requires moving all materials from the club to Washington park and setting up the tent, lathes, tables, display case, lights (so we can be seen from the space station), and a myriad of other little things.



The Fest opened last 5:00 on Friday and we were busy until Sunday at 10:00 PM. People stopped by to look, buy things, see what is being turned on the lathes, asked about turning and the club. Our site was a great spot to listen to two stages of music.



A **HUGE** "thank you" goes out to the following volunteers: **Larry Dice,, Kevin Neelley, Ed Jaszczak, Howard Russell, Jerry Darter, Stuart Shanker, Greg Hathaway, Jerry James, David Blair, Vern Hadsall, Chris Warren, Galen Carter, Omara Ortiz, Andrew E. Mitchell, Jack Karstens, Kris Coyan, Sue Bergstrand, Joyce Hegarty, Efi Kamara, Mike Thomas, Mike McMahon** (came from China for the event). Without their incredible help this event would not have happened. They, literally, put in hours of help.



Those who helped over the weekend turned a variety of items. Platters were turned as well as bottle stoppers plates, baby rattles, bowls, and a lot of tops. It is very difficult to predict what will be the popular item(s). This year it was tops. The ones with the Irish designs, the ones that glowed in the dark, the ones that were colorful were the ones that we sold the most of. We also sold wands, medallions, plates, bottle stoppers, pens, and boxes. Thank you to all who made items for the Fest.

After it was all over there was the move of everything back to KCWT. This is always a little difficult as those who help are always tired from being there much of the day but it is always done with fun and energy knowing that it was a fun weekend, we raised some money for the club, got information out there about woodturning, but, most importantly, spent time and had fun with a number of club members.

Here are some of the comments made after the fest by some of those who participated.

"I was sorry it was over and can't wait till next year." "I would also like to thank all of the volunteers both new and the veterans of the Fest for making the time fly by and raising the fun to a level that makes you forget how tired you are." "Again impressed with the breadth and depth of talent within the club. Another memorable event!!!" "The best part of the Irish Fest, other than the Jamiesons, was hanging out with the club members." "It was great fun." "It was a great time." "It was fun! Glad to help out in my own wittle way."

For 2018, The Kansas City Irish Fest will be held, as it usually is, on Labor Day weekend. This year we had one member couple take vacation so that they would be able to participate in the event and nothing would interfere with their ability to do that. Give some thought to participating in 2018, You will work hard, but you will also have a great deal of fun, spend time with fantastic club members, and meet some really interesting people.



We were in a spot where constant activity was the order of the day and night. We had two lathes and they were both kept busy for the entire time we were there.



One person came all the way from China for the event.



President's Update: September, 2017



Kansas City Woodturners Association...and YOU!

The annual election of KCWT Board of Directors for 2018 will take place at our regularly scheduled meeting on November 13th, as specified in our By-Laws, which are available for review at kcwoodturners.org. The Board is responsible for governing the organization and consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least three Directors at Large. I would like to encourage you to consider serving on the Board next year and

how you could contribute to help strengthen and improve KCWT. Responsibilities for the Officer positions and Board members are listed in the By-Laws and you can contact me or any current Board member for more information. Please contact me or any current Board member if you are interested in serving or to nominate a fellow member. Thanks for your consideration and contributions to our organization.

Announcements:

Woodturning Classes? – Are you interested in expanding or improving your woodturning skills beyond the Beginner level or like to enroll in a class that is not offered at Woodcraft? How about a class on Threadchasing, Segmented construction, Surface Decoration or Off-Center turning, for example How to turn a Cabriolet Table Leg? If so, please let me or any Board member know and we will try to find an instructor and schedule a class if there is sufficient interest.

Irish Fest – Thanks to those of you who participated at Crown Center on September 1st, 2nd & 3rd and contributed to make this year's event the best ever! We enjoyed great weather, excellent location, lots of visitors to our tent, many interested in KCWT membership, sold lots of stuff, made money and even had a good time. We also were invited back to do it again next year. Special thanks to Shaun McMahon for his outstanding leadership and organization to make this a successful event.

Shop Crawl – Plans for scheduling the event this fall have been postponed until next spring.

Please check our website (kcwoodturners.org) often and consider it your source for the most current information about club activities and events. It is also growing to become a comprehensive resource for all things woodturning. Bookmark it on your computer and create an App on your smart phone for quick, easy access anytime.

I hope you enjoy this addition to WoodChips and find it helpful. Please let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestion on how I can improve it.

Happy Turning and Be Safe!

Mike Thomas

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The demonstration this month was provided by **Rick Bywater** who showed how he makes his intricate basket illusion turnings and beaded turnings. Rick started off by describing the variety of woodturnings and different surface decoration techniques he uses. He decided to break his talk down into four 15-minute sections to help understanding of the process: beading, indexing, burning, and coloring.



Based on experience, Rick says D-Way beading tools are the best. They cut cleanly, sharpen quickly, and the design makes them last a long time. He uses the beading tool to mark location of several beads before he cuts them. Rick burns the bead valleys with sharp melamine (free sample from Home Depot or Lowes).



Rich uses a program to create index sheets for pencil marking the precise burn locations for the basket weave illusion. Rick is beading a platter, then showing an index wheel.



Rick has mounted the index wheel. He has set up the fixture that allows him to pencil mark index lines at the precise locations.



A better photo of Rick's index line marking fixture. He is starting to burn the lines with the special pyrography pen and tip.



The burn lines keep the coloring from seeping across. Rick uses special art pens to color the areas inside the burn lines. There are lots of reference materials on the internet.



The September Challenge:
Anything with multiple layers in it.



Mike Thomas



Ed Jaszczak



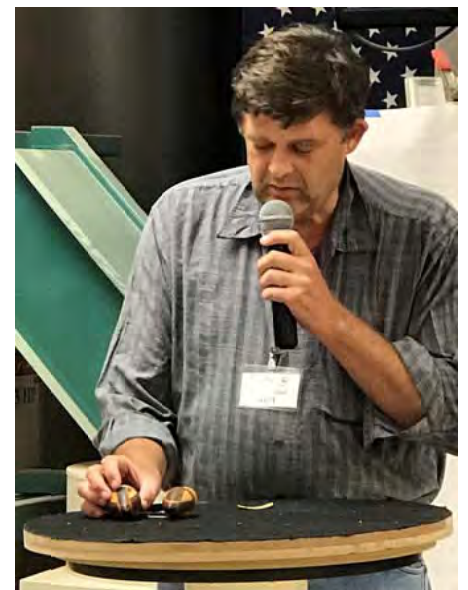
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