

WOODCHIPS 2017



October



November Challenge

Create a tree ornament.

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

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November Demo

Club experts will discuss and demonstrate bandsaw safety and the best way to cut roundstock on our bandsaw.

Meeting



The October demo was provided by Kris Coyan. Kris showed us how to create very nice but simple tree ornaments using the 2-piece inside-out method. The photo at left are examples of this type of ornament.



Kris created a how-to sheet for making 2-sided inside-out tree ornaments which the club emailed to all members. He said his demo would try follow the how-to as closely as possible but that the audience members could follow their sheets and help him out if the shavings took him on a tangent. Kris' how-to sheet is included in this newsletter.



Kris said the most difficult part of the design was to come up with a design that was symmetrical. He wanted to use HOHOHO for the demo but the wood was only long enough for HOHO. So, we were stuck with HOHO. Kris showed how he temporarily stuck the two wood pieces together with double-sided turner's tape to turn the HOHO, then separate the wood and glue the two wood pieces together. He recommended that, while the two wood pieces were separated, that is the best time to paint the HOHO or other design because of difficulty accessing the crevices after gluing the two wood pieces together.



Kris showed that it didn't take very long to make a really nice tree ornament. Because of the inside-out design, turning was a breeze to turn because you can see a ghost of the inside design while the piece is spinning on the lathe, making it easier to turn the outside really accurately. Kris hoped the audience would give 2-sided inside-out ornaments a try for the upcoming Holidays.

Kris Coyan's Steps to Make a 2-Piece Inside-Out Ornament:

- 1) Find (2) pieces of wood that have at least two parallel surfaces (such as pen blanks size pieces).
- 2) Using double sided turners tape, tape two pieces together lengthwise. Note you can also glue craft paper between the pieces but will have to allow for drying time.
- 3) Drill small holes in the center of each end of the two pieces that are stuck together...the drill hole should line up with the seam between the two pieces. This will allow the drive center and live center to push into place without separating the two pieces.
- 4) Mount the piece on the lathe between centers. I prefer to have the 'top' of the future ornament towards the headstock and the 'bottom' towards the tailstock.
- 5) Determine the shape you want to use (i.e. snowman, Christmas tree, Christmas bulb etc.) and cut ½ of that image near the center of the mounted pieces. Keep in mind that these pieces will be reversed, so don't cut too deep into the pieces. Sand the cut surfaces once shape is finished to your satisfaction. a. If you want to add colors to what will be the interior image, now is the time to do that.
- 6) Take the two pieces of wood off of the lathe, separate them at the taped seam, turn the pieces 180-degrees so that the cut images are together in the center of the two pieces of wood, glue them together with wood glue and clamp. Allow them to dry at least 30-minutes or more before proceeding.
- 7) Once dry, once again drill small holes centered in the ends and re-mount on the lathe between centers. Cut small tenons on each end of the piece so that both ends can be mounted in a 4jaw chuck.
- 8) Mount the piece in a chuck with the 'bottom' end towards the headstock and the 'top' end towards the tailstock. Using a Jacobs chuck in the tailstock, drill a small hole centered in the 'top' end of the piece that extends through the wood to the opening cut into the center of the ornament. This will be where you can fish a string through for hanging the ornament.
- 9) Reverse the piece in the chuck so that the 'top' of the ornament is on the headstock end and the 'bottom' of the ornament is towards the tailstock. Go ahead and engage the live center end for as long as possible to add some support.
- 10) Turn the finial that will be at the bottom of the ornament working back towards the area where the cut-out image exists. Be careful not to cut too far into the piece where the cut-out exists. At some point, the live center can be removed and the very end of the finial can be completed.
- 11) Once finial end is complete, start cuts that will mimic the cut-out image on the outside of the piece. Be very careful of how your cuts will interact with the cut-out image. Turn the lathe off very often to make sure your cuts are not cutting 'through' the cut-out image and that there is enough wood left to support the piece.
- 12) Finish cutting around the interior shape, working from the 'bottom' to the 'top' of the ornament (from tailstock towards the headstock/chuck). Sand the outside on the lathe while you still have enough support to do so but you should be almost finished with the ornament at this time.
- 13) Your final cuts will create a bulb, small sphere or other shape at the top of the ornament, then use a cut-off tool to separate the ornament from the chucked wood.
- 14) A little final sanding and perhaps some sealer if desired for the outer surfaces. String some thread through the hole in the top and tie off. You can add some last minute color, maybe a ribbon or small bow if you would like.



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Do a Good Turn and Support the Top Guys!

Many AAW Chapters/woodturning clubs select a program or activity to support which allows members to utilize their turning talent, skills and abilities into a donation to benefit their club or community. Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage are two popular ones but neither are active in the Kansas City area. Many of these clubs also provide project materials and include a regularly scheduled activity during their monthly meetings called "Take and Bring Back" which is like our Challenge and Show & Tell activities and encourages members to participate.

Although KCWT does not yet formally support such a program, Jerry Darter and the Top Guys have turned tops for years to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. The number of tops donated has grown each year and to keep that trend going and reach their goal this year, they need your help. The Top Guys will provide top blanks ready for turning at each meeting and all Open Shop sessions for anyone who would like to finish and return them for donation. You don't have to be a Top Guy or an advanced turner to participate. Pretty is nice but they just have to spin, so essentially everyone can do it. There is no limit on how many you can take as long as you can finish and return them at or before our meeting on January 8, 2018. Please see me, Jerry Darter or one of the Top Guys if you have any questions.

Rest assured this topic will be an agenda item for the Board to discuss at our upcoming meeting. As always, if you have any thoughts, ideas, comments or suggestions on this or any other topic, please contact me or any Board member anytime.

Thanks!

Announcements:

Annual Election – The KCWT Officers and Board of Directors for 2018 will be elected by the members present at our next meeting on November 13th. Please review the proposed slate of candidates published in this issue. It's not too late if you would like to be considered for a position as an Officer or Board member or if you would like to nominate someone willing to serve next year as nominations will be accepted from

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Annual Election continued:

from the floor at the meeting. This is your organization and the Board exists to serve the members so it's your opportunity to provide input and effect any change you may desire.

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members:

President Mike Thomas Vice President Kris Coyan
Treasurer Kevin Neelley Secretary Shaun McMahon

At Large Board Members:

Sue Bergstrand Anthony Harris Ann Mellina
Howard Russell Jerry James

Help the Top Guys – Pick up some top blanks at the next meeting or any Open Shop session to finish and return to help the Top Guys reach their goal for donation to the Ronald McDonald House. It's a great opportunity to develop or expand your top turning skills and contribute to this worthwhile charity for children facing serious health challenges in our community. Something as simple as a toy top and make a big difference in their outcome.

Annual Awards – The Board is accepting nominations for our annual awards that will be announced at our December meeting / Christmas / Holiday Party. Please contact me or any Board member if you would like to nominate someone you believe is deserving of becoming a KCWT Legend, Hall of Fame or Most Improved Turner for 2017. Award descriptions and criteria can be found on our website.

Christmas / Holiday Party – It's not too early to start planning for our annual Holiday Party that will occur on December 11th during our regularly scheduled meeting time. Decide on a side dish to bring and practice your turning skills in preparation for the team turning competition, which is always a big hit. Full details can be found on our website. Without revealing too much about what happened last year, let me just say that I still believe our team got robbed. We won!

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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 suggestions on how I can improve it.

Happy Turning and Be Safe!

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Rick Bywater issued the October CHALLENGE after his September Demo. He said to create a woodturning using at least one of the following: beading, indexing, burning, or coloring. There was a special tool drawing among the CHALLENGE entrants and I don't remember who won the Kevin

Neelley designed hollowing tool. We had a great turnout of some inspired turnings.





Chuck Levenson



Mike McReynolds



David Blair



Ed Jaszczak



Jerry McMaster



Kris Coyan



Sue Bergstrand



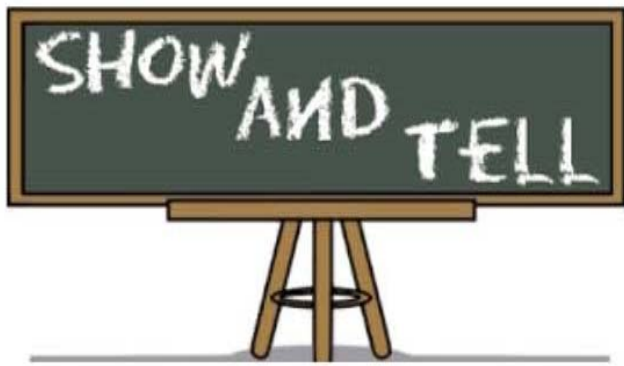
Mike Erickson



Mike Thomas



Rick Bywater



This activity at the KC Woodturners meeting is for anything to be shared with fellow woodturners. It doesn't have to be finished or completed. It can be a blow-up or a blow-out. In fact, some of the most interesting pieces are the ones that have had sudden or last minute "design enhancements".

So...no matter what your skill level is, no matter what the project, no matter the stage of completion, let us know what you are doing and how much fun you are having.



Don Gruis



David Burks



Chuck Levenson



Mike Erickson



Anthony Harris



Rick Bywater



Mike Thomas

A SPECIAL thanks to the Refreshment Crew for providing the great refreshments at our meetings. Thank you Dan and Linda Carlson! We really appreciate your efforts.

Also, we'd like to thank our Audio Visual Crew for helping us to see more clearly at each meeting. Thank you Jack Karstens and Efi Kamara! Nice job working with new equipment.

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