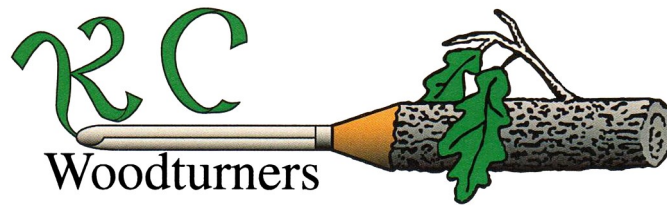


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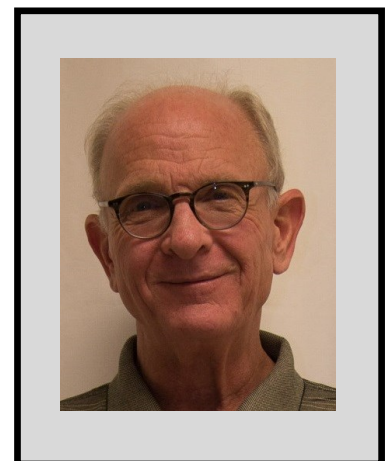


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Sharpening Tips
presented by
KCWT
Member: Mike
Thomas:



Sharpening for Success: Key Takeaways from Our Recent Demo

Three essential resources from world-class turners were shared at this Month's demo to help you master your tool edges. Whether you are struggling with "catch-prone" skewers or trying to perfect your bowl gouge profile, these videos cover the foundational geometry every turner needs.

1. Mastering the 40/40 and Negative Rake Grinds

Featured Expert: Stuart Batty In [this comprehensive session](#), Stuart Batty dives deep into the physics of the **40/40 bowl gouge grind**. Unlike jig-based grinds, Stuart emphasizes hand-eye coordination to achieve a versatile 40-degree nose angle and 40-degree side wings. He also demonstrates the setup for **negative rake scrapers**, which are game-changers for achieving a smooth finish on difficult hardwoods and reducing tear-out.



2. Solving Common Sharpening Pitfalls

Featured Expert: Glenn Lucas Glenn Lucas focuses on the "user-friendly" profile in [his guide to avoiding common problems](#). He highlights how to maintain a consistent shape over time, preventing the "heels" of your gouges from becoming too bulky—a common cause of bruising the wood. This video is excellent for turners who use sharpening jigs and want to ensure their settings remain precise for repeatable results.

3. The Philosophy of "Sharp" and Tool Design

Featured Expert: Mike Mahoney In [this video](#), Mike Mahoney explains his personal process for sharpening and defines what "sharp" actually means in a production environment. Mike focuses on the relationship between tool design and the sharpening process, showing how a clean, refined edge allows for more efficient wood removal and less time spent at the sanding station.



Quick Tip: Remember that sharpening isn't just about the grinder; it's about the presentation. A tool ground to the correct geometry but presented at the wrong angle to the wood will still feel dull. Use these videos to dial in your angles and spend more time making shavings!

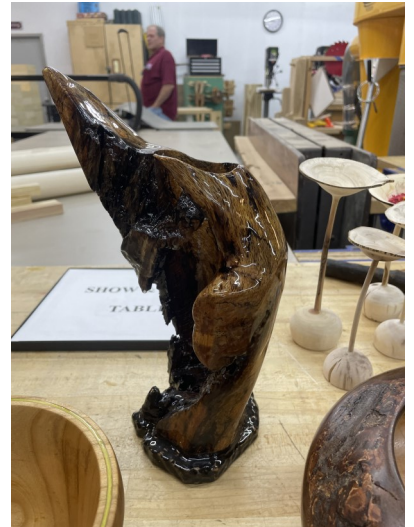
March Challenge



March Challenge was to try something different or something you have not done before. **For April,** sharpen something! Bring in sharpen a tool and share with others.

January Show 'N Tell

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



KCWT March 2026 – Monthly Meeting Announcements:

Meeting Agenda:

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

Tonight's Agenda:

- Club Announcements
- Demonstration: *Sharpening Tips from the Pros*, narrated by Mike Thomas
- Short refreshment break / fellowship
- Challenge – “*Try something different* ” based on demo by Kurtis Cowman.
- Show-n-Tell project presentations by members.

Club Announcements:

- Thank you to all the members that participated in the top turning demonstration at the Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center last month. They had more than 250 kids pass through that day!
- Membership has grown to 83 paid members at the end of last month and we are always looking for more! Tell your friends and coworkers about our club.
- 2026 club membership dues can be paid on the club website.
- A new batch of hard maple baseball bat cut-offs have been collected. If interested, they are in the tubs on the wood rack in the shop.
- This month's Challenge drawing winner will win (3) \$10 Craft Supply Gift Certificates
- Dollar Sweepstakes winners will get to choose from several great prize options, including some nice tools and a quality tool rest with a 1" dia. post.
- 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.
- We would like to have some small turned project donations to sell for the club at the First Friday's this year. The club will have a tent and tables to sell items during these events. Participating members can also sell personal items. (20% of the personal sales will go to the club.)
- 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.

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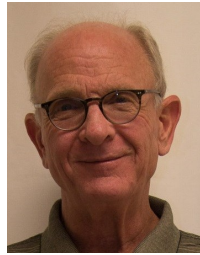


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 - Sell your personal items along with club donated items.
 - Visit with the public about woodturning and try and attract new members.
 - Let Kris Coyan, Ed Jaszczak or Kevin Neelley know if you would like to help with any of these FF events.

Upcoming Events:

- Tool Sharpening Skill Builder at the club shop. Saturday, March 21st, This will run from 12:30 – 2:30 that day (note: email announcement said 10AM start).
- Open House at the shop sponsored by the Wood Workers Guild in May 2026. The woodturners club will participate by demonstrating turning and providing tours of our shop. The date is still being firmed up.
- We will have another Shop Clean-up in late April or early May in preparation for the Open House event.

Upcoming Events:

- 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 March 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.



Thanks for the reminder, Phill!

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