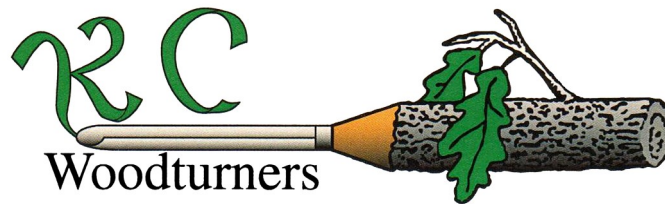


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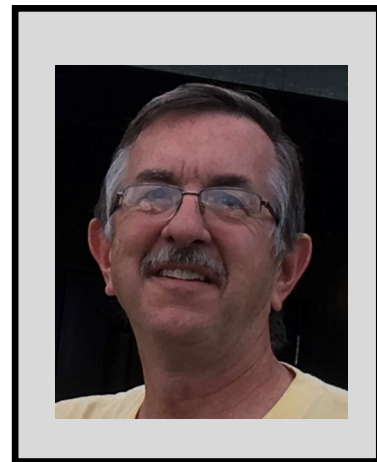
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## July Demonstration

### *Podlet Flowers*

*presented by KCWT*

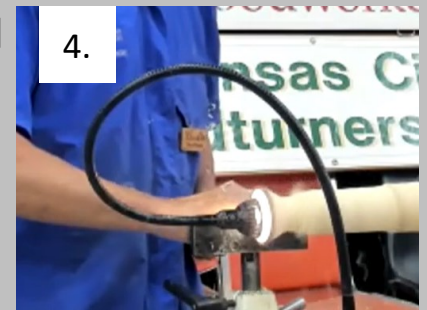
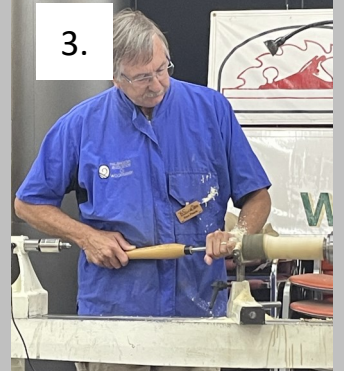
Member: Don Frank



The challenge  
next month is to  
turn something  
from branch  
wood!

# Podlet Flowers

1. Green hardwood branches works best for a podlet flower. Branch wood typically has a pith that is off center which helps with this type of turning.
2. Put an 8-12 inch piece of branch wood between centers and turn a tenon. Leave the opposite side bark on the piece.
3. Secure the tenon in a chuck and hollow the end grain side to start forming a cup shape for the inside of the podlet flower.  
\*Optional: Use a drill bit to remove the center prior to forming the inside up.
4. Mount a light to shine inside the cup just formed. This will allow you to see how thin you are turning the outside of the podlet flower. No need for a fancy setup, a flashlight mounted on the tailstock works great!
5. Turn the outside of the podlet flower paying close attention the thickness. Leave the bulk of the wood on the rest of the piece. This will be removed later when forming the stem.
6. Start turning the stem to a 3/16 inch diameter. Do this starting at the podlet end of the flower and only removing small sections at a time. This will leave the bulk of the material on the chuck end creating more stability. \*Use a piece of Styrofoam peanut between the live center and inside the podlet flower to help hold the piece in place without causing damage.



# Podlet Flowers Cont.

7. Continue forming the stem small sections at a time until you get the stem to your desired length.

8. Form the base to your desired size and shape.

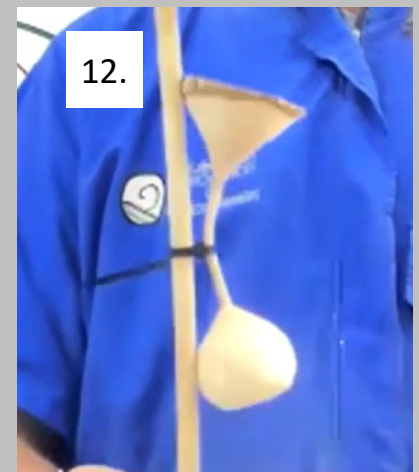
9. Cut the podlet off below the base and sand the bottom smooth.

10. Soak the podlet flower in water overnight.

11. Heat the podlet flower in the microwave.

12. Place a zip tie round the middle of the stem attaching it to a dowl. This will create a bent stem when it dries.

13. Optional: speed up the drying process by heating the podlet in the microwave in 30 second intervals until dry. Leave the zip tie on during the whole drying process.



# July Challenge

The challenge for the July meeting was to turn something offset.



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# April Show 'N Tell Cont.

Many impressive turnings this month. Get in the shop and make some more items to show in August.



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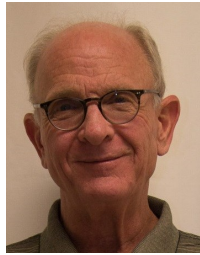


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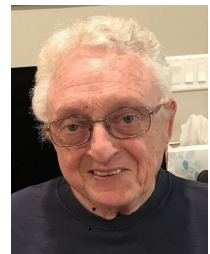
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# KCWT July 2026 Monthly Meeting



- Welcome to all Members and Guests!

## Tonight's Agenda:

- Club Announcements
- Demonstration: *"Podlet Flowers"*, presented by Don Frank
- Refreshment Break / Fellowship / Dollar Sweepstakes winner
- July Challenge –“Turn something off-center (eccentric)” based upon the June demo by Rick Tucker
- Show-n-Tell project presentations from our members

# July Announcements:

- Membership is at 94 paid members at the beginning of this month. Don't forget to tell your friends about the club!
- There was a good attendance at this years annual KCWT Picnic. Lots of good food and plenty of good conversation was had. Thanks to all who paticipated!



## July Announcements:

- Don't miss your chance at this month's Dollar Sweepstakes! Winners will choose from great prize options, including some nice tools and a quality tool rest. Winning ticket will be announced following the refreshment break, after the demonstration.
- This month's Challenge drawing winner will win (3) \$10 Craft Supply Gift Certificates



## July Announcements:

- Sounds like the July First Friday's event was not very well attended, likely due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Our club tent was also in a less desirable location this month. Final numbers are pending.
- Thanks to all members that stopped by for the Bowl-a-Palooza II finishing demo. We finished very quickly! Apologies to those who arrived a little later.



## July Announcements:

- If any KCWT member is interested in metal turning, there are some tools in the shop that have been donated to the club and are free to anyone interested.
- The KC Irish Festival is just around the corner. The club would love to have some quality items to sell at our tent again this year. Please consider donating some turned items for the club to sell. We will also be looking for volunteers for this three-day event in September.



# KCWT - Open Shop:

- Available every Saturday morning from 8:30AM-12PM or later, Wed and Thursday evenings 6PM – 9PM (except for 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed each month, due to Guild meeting).
- Try out the new Air3 respirator that was donated by MicroClimate!
- Try it out when you can and give your feedback, good or bad, to Kris Coyan to share back with MicroClimate.
- After you use it, rember to charge it up for the next user!



## KCWT - Open Shop:

- Use the doorbell at the back door if the front door is locked.
- Please report any equipment problems to a Board member.
- The space in front of each of the electrical panels in the shop must remain clear! Do not place items in front of these panels so they are always accessible.



# KCWT – Help Wanted:

- The club will host a tent again for the August First Friday's event (8/7).
  - We are looking for members that would be interested in helping with Set-up, Sales and Break Down.
  - Participating members can sell their personal treasures. (20% of the sales will go to the club.)
  - Let Ed Jaszczak or Kris Coyan know if you would like to help with any of the FF events. They run through October.



## KCWT – Help Wanted:

- We need a member to assist with the Audio/Video production for our monthly meetings.
- After several years of volunteering in this position, Rob Platt is looking for a member to train/mentor to take over this important task.
- Please consider this request and let Rob know if you can help. The quality of our meetings is greatly impacted by the A/V production.



## KCWT – Help Wanted:

- Do you have a project demonstration idea?
- Mike Thomas is looking for a demonstrator for the November 2026 monthly meeting.
- See Mike if you can help?



## KCWT – Upcoming Activities/Events:

- The August monthly demonstration will be a presentation by Craig Arnold (KCWG) on wood finishes.
- Craig is very knowledgeable on this subject and holds classes on finishing for the Guild.



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  - The club will be needing volunteers for this three-day event, September 4-6.
  - Add the dates to your calendars!

## July Safety Minute:

KCWT Member, Kris Coyan, would like to share a recent experience with you and remind you that you can never stop thinking about safety!



Wear those facemasks and avoid permanent scars!

# July Demonstration: ***“Podlet Flowers”***

Presentation by KCWT Member, Don Frank

