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# August Demonstration

*Master Class on Woodturning Finishes*
*presented* by KCWG
Member: Craig Arnold

The challenge next month is to add color to a turning

# Finishing Techniques with Craig Arnold

From preventing blotching and uneven color to understanding how different finishes bond and perform, Craig Arnold's recent demonstration provided valuable insight for woodturners of all experience levels.

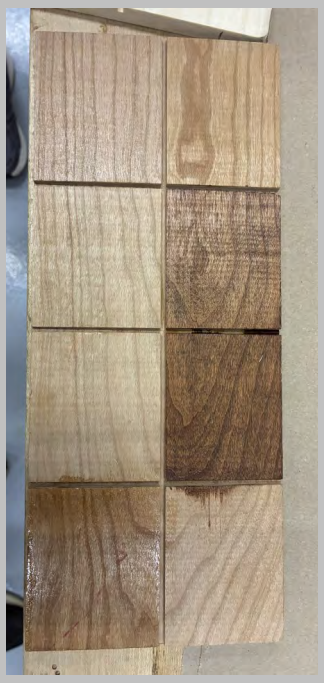
Craig, from the Kansas City Woodworkers' Guild, shared practical techniques for sealing wood before staining to achieve more consistent and attractive results. He also explained the characteristics of various finishes and how to select the most appropriate finish based on the wood, the intended use of the project, and the desired appearance.

There was a tremendous amount of useful information packed into this demonstration—far more than can be adequately summarized in a newsletter article. The finishing process is complex and best experienced through the full demonstration.

We encourage everyone to take the time to watch Craig's demonstration. Visit the KC Woodturners Videos page and click the YouTube link to access the club's video library.

**It is well worth the time to watch—and you're sure to come away with finishing techniques you can put to use on your next project!**

**Direct link to the demo video here.**



# August Challenge

The challenge for the August meeting was to turn something from branch wood.

# August Show ‘N Tell

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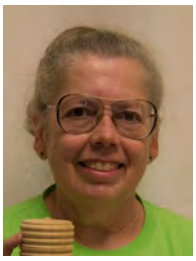

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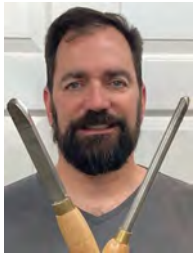

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# KCWT August 2026 Monthly Meeting

- Welcome to all Members and Guests!

Tonight's Agenda:

- Club Announcements
- Demonstration: “Master Class on woodturning finishes", presented by KC Woodworkers Guild member, Craig Arnold
- Refreshment Break / Fellowship / Dollar Sweepstakes winner
- August Challenge –“Turn something from a branch” based upon Don Frank’s July demo
- Show-n-Tell project presentations from our members

# August Announcements:

- Membership remained at 94 paid members this past month. Don't forget to promote our club to your friends!
- The board is considering a change in the day and time of the club monthly meetings. Nothing has been discussed with the Guild yet, but the Board wants to know what our members would think about a Saturday morning meeting.
  - By a show of hands, how many of the members in attendance tonight would be in favor of this change?

# August Announcements:

- Don’t miss your chance at this month’s Dollar Sweepstakes! Winners will choose from great prize options. Winning ticket will be announced during the refreshment break, following the demonstration.
- This month’s Challenge drawing winner will win (3) $10 Craft Supply Gift Certificates

# August Announcements:

- The August First Friday's event was well attended once the sun went down, but sales were moderate at the KCWT tent this month.
- We did have plenty of volunteer help this month and that was much appreciated!

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- The KC Irish Festival is just around the corner on Labor Day weekend. The club would love to have some quality items at our tent again this year.
  - Please consider donating some turned items for the club to sell.
  - Personal sales will be allowed for club volunteers with 30% of sale amount going to the club.
  - Sign up using Signup Genius. There is a link in the email or go to the KCWT website and use the link there. Sign up for one or more four-hour time slots.

# KCWT - Open Shop:

- Available every Saturday morning from 8:30AM-12PM or later, Wed and Thursday evenings 6PM – 9PM (except for 3rd Wed each month, due to Guild meeting).
  - 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 at the October First Friday's event (10/2).
  - Participating members can sell their personal treasures. (20% of the sales will go to the club.)
  - This will be the final First Friday's event for 2026.
  - Let Ed Jaszczak or Kris Coyan know if you would like to help with this event.

# KCWT – Help Wanted:

- We need a member to assist with the Audio/Video production for our monthly meetings.
  - 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 monthly meeting demonstrators for 2027
  - See Mike if you can help?

# KCWT – Upcoming Activities/Events:

- Bill Paulo will be hosting a skill builder on how to disassemble and clean a Vicmarc chuck at 1PM on Saturday, August 22nd.
  - This event will take place in our shop.
  - Interested club members can come to watch the process.
  - Bill will have the tools necessary to disassemble/reassemble a Vicmarc chuck. If you own a Vicmarc chuck, bring it in and clean it!
  - We will clean the Vicmarc chucks in our shop that day, too!

# KCWT – Upcoming Activities/Events:

- The September monthly demonstration will be a presentation by Anthony Harris and Kris Coyan – Christmas ornaments and skewed trees and flowers
- The club will have a tent at the KC Irish Festival on Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 5-7.
- The club will have a tent at the Lenexa Spinach Festival again this year on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Stop by the tent at Sar-Ko-Par Trails park in Lenexa and see us!

# KCWT – Upcoming Activities/Events:

- Anthony Harris will be offering a couple more turning class opportunities in the fall.
  - Potential subjects: Spindle Turning (Christmas ornaments), Friction lid boxes and possibly a thread chasing class.
  - Let Anthony know if you have an interest in one or more of these classes.

# August Safety Minute:

No specific safety minute this month, however, there were announcements of a couple of ‘close calls’.

Use these as a reminder to always think about safety!

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