The Kansas City Woodturners Association announces:

Christmas Ornament Class

(a Spindle Turning Class)

Taught by Professional Woodturner

Anthony Harris

The KC Woodturners and teacher Anthony Harris are planning a December Christmas Ornament Class, a spindle-turning class. The fundamentals skills of spindle turning are applicable to all subsequent endeavors on the lathe, and you make something to put on your tree. See ornament examples on the next page.

No lathe experience is necessary to sign up although turners with some experience can still benefit through deeper exploration into good tool handling, making good shapes, tool modifications and efficiency. The class will supply tools to those who don't have them, but bringing your own is beneficial. Wood will also be supplied.

Primary tools: 1/2 inch spindle gouge, 1/8 inch parting tool, ½ inch round-nosed scraper. You will eventually need these spindle tools: roughing gouge, skew.

The class will run from 12:30pm until 4:30pm on Saturday 12/10 and Saturday 12/17.

Particular topics are where and how to get wood – it doesn't all have to come from a lumber yard. We will learn a few methods for mounting work on the lathe. Shapes of and sharpening of your tools and the skills to make clean, efficient cuts on the inside and outside of spindles. We will pay particular attention to how to use a chuck and how to prepare billets for mounting. Sanding and finishing will be covered, but limited as we do not have adequate facilities for either. We will have fun, and the puns are free though not without other costs.

If you are interested in taking this class but have questions, email Kevin Neelley at treas@kcwoodturners.org or Anthony Harris at anthony@acmewoodturning.com. The class will be held in the KC Woodturners lathe room at the clubhouse, 3189 Mercier St., KCMO.

Class fee is $120.00 and is limited to 8 students. No tuition refunds after class has begun. To reserve your place you can pay using PayPal at: http://www.kcwoodturners.org/Class/Ornaments1.html