

September Silent Art Auction

Each month we have an auction with a piece donated by a KCWT member. This sale supports the club and gets member turnings into the hands of other members and the community.

This month is really special as the items donated are by six club members, known collectively as **The Top Guys**. They are **Jerry Darter, Dave Burks, Mike Erickson, Phil Royer, Shaun McMahon, and Larry Dice**.

The item is a complete top turning kit. Everything you can use to start turning tops including one-on-one instruction.

Auction bids are made on-line by emailing treas@kcwoodturners.org. The highest bid will be posted on the web site in the sidebar area. Bids will be shown with the \$ amount followed by the last four digits of the bidders phone number. Check back frequently and bid often.



Jerry Darter



Dave Burks



Mike Erickson



Phil Royer



Items for the auction

- 15 made tops
- 13 completed top blanks
- 5 cut discs
- 8 cut spindles
- 1 3/8" Sorby spindle gouge-\$22 handle turned by Jerry Darter
- 1 turned dowel chuck
- 1 dowel chuck (\$58) from Craft Supplies
- 1 chatter tool
- 6 puff paint colors
- 10 TomBow pens
- 8 colored Sharpies
- 1 puff paint spatter containment Tool-made by Mike Erickson
- 1 Certificate for two hours of top making instruction



Shaun McMahon



Larry Dice

The **Top Guys** have turned thousands of tops over the years. Most of them are given away to organizations as varied as The Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead and the Ronald McDonald Houses of KC. They are used to provide income for KCWT at events like the Maker Faire and The Irish fest. It is a very creative activity and the turner is continually challenged to be inventive.