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Woodturners

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The November Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM November 13th at the Woodcraft Store.

This month our scheduled speaker will be Roger Sheperd. He will talk about his sectional turned wooden canes, constructed from exotic hardwoods such as tulipwood and black palm.

Roger Sheperd, as our new Vice President, has put together a list of interesting woodturning challenges for upcoming meetings. He has tried to keep the projects on his list simple, interesting and not too time-consuming for us busy members. The purpose of these challenges is to give us an excuse to try our hands at making something different and to generate discussion at our meetings. The challenges are just a suggestion and are certainly not required. Don't forget that we also have a "show and tell" where you can bring any project you're working on. So, if you've made something - bring it! If you're having trouble with a project - just ask! I'm sure that someone in our membership has some helpful advice. The upcoming challenges are listed for the next several meetings to give more time to those of us that have a hard time finishing a project in a month. Also, it gives us a chance to discuss the projects with others in our group and maybe find solutions to any technical problems. With the Holidays rapidly approaching, some of us may be interested in making gifts, so please bring woodturned gift ideas, magazine articles or plans to share with others at the upcoming meeting.

Upcoming "Challenges"

December	Holiday Ornaments and Gift Ideas
January	Mallet or Gavel
February	Weed Pot
March	Tool Handle (for lathe tool, chisel, etc.)

Last Meeting

John Larson asked to step down as president of our group. Business and personal commitments made it difficult for him to find the necessary free time to organize and run this group. We know that John has personally shouldered much of the responsibility and effort in organizing the Kansas City Woodturners and planning the meetings. We thank him sincerely for that. At the last meeting new officers were "volunteered" to continue John's work and keep Kansas City Woodturners going. Roger Sheperd has asked me to include a questionnaire with this newsletter that he would like you to think about and fill out. Roger is in charge of programs and wants to make them interesting and informative but needs input on what our membership wants to see. If you know of a good speaker, please let him know.

New Kansas City Woodturners Officers

President	Dean Harper	381-7318
Vice President	Roger Sheperd	236-6412
Treasurer	Russ Blaser	894-2232
Secretary	Kevin Neelley	341-1082
Adviser	John Larson	268-7582
Adviser	Earl Reed	246-4747

Discussion

The new officers have started to meet one day each month for program planning. One agreed-on topic was the need for more discussion at the Woodturners monthly meeting. Most of us that attend the meetings are there to learn. Some of our best meetings featured a spirited question and answer session with much member participation. We would like to make a Discussion Period a permanent part of our meetings. The Discussion Period would have a scheduled topic as well as open discussion on any topic, such as personal experience with finishes, glues or lathe tools. The intention is to have the moderator lead a member discussion and not just present a speech. I think there's a lot of talent and knowledge within our group that we can tap. Some discussion topics may need some research and, so, the need for scheduled topics. Think about topics that are interesting to you and bring a list to the November meeting. Let's make the first Discussion Period a discussion of discussion topics.

Woodcraft Store News

The Robert Sorby eccentric chuck has arrived at the store. Anyone interested in eccentric turning should take a look at it. One of the recent American Woodturner magazines had a good article on eccentric turning.

Buy, Sell, Trade

If anyone has tools, machinery, wood, etc. that they would like to part with, give me (Kevin Neelley) a note and I will include it in the next newsletter.

The Kansas City Woodturners is a group of individuals who get together to share their common interest in working on the lathe. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at Woodcraft Supply in Lenexa, Kansas at 7:00 PM.