

Kansas City

# Woodturners

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

## The December Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM December 11th at the Woodcraft Store.

There will be no scheduled speaker this month. Instead, we will talk about dues. Should we leave annual dues at \$10.00 or do we need to raise them? Maybe we need to raise money for an out-of-town speaker. This will be an open discussion.

We need raffle donations for the next meeting. If you have a piece of turnable wood laying around, bring it to the meeting. This raffle could be very interesting if enough of you respond. Names will be drawn and each winner will get his choice of one of the raffle offerings until all the wood is gone.

The suggested "challenge" for the December meeting is a holiday ornament or gift idea. We had such a good discussion period at the last meeting that I don't think we got around to talking about the monthly challenge. If you have risen to this month's challenge and made something, or have *ever* made something resembling a holiday ornament or gift idea, or simply have a good idea to share, then bring it to the December meeting. Also bring any "show and tell" projects you're working on. The "show and tells" always seem to generate a lot of discussion. We like discussion. 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. I have donated to KC Woodturners some photocopies of wood magazine examples of these challenges. The photocopies will be for sale at 10¢ per page. You may look at them for free.

### Roger Sheperd's Upcoming "Challenges"

December	Holiday Ornaments and Gift Ideas
January	Mallet or Gavel
February	Weed Pot
March	Tool Handle (for lathe tool, chisel, etc.)
April	Useful objects - pen, pencil, rolling pin, toothpick holder or carrier, perfume bottle, duck call, etc.

## Last Meeting

Roger Sheperd took over the meeting for our new President, Dean Harper, who was ill. Roger recommended everyone joining the American Association of Woodturners. Besides publishing a very informative magazine, the AAW sponsors yearly woodturning symposiums to further our personal woodturning education and experience.

Roger Sheperd was the featured speaker at the November meeting. He brought a number of his exceptionally nice sectional canes to show. Roger discussed cane construction techniques and the special chucks, tailstocks and steady-rests he uses. In case you're interested in making canes, Roger purchases his cane hardware from Craft Supplies Co., 1287 E. 1120 South, Provo, Utah 84601 Tel#(800)551-8876. He finishes his canes with carnuba wax and polishes them on a buffing wheel.

The November meeting's "show and tell" produced some interesting items. Earl Reed brought a very nice matched pair of bowls he says will be Christmas gifts. George Sharrar showed us the sanding jig he uses in the construction of his segmented bowls. He also brought a decorative segmented ring that will probably be part of a future bowl project. Chris Kunzle brought a prototype compound miter cutoff fixture. Chris asked the group for improvement suggestions but I think the fixture is ready for test cutting. Chris has spent a lot of time and thought on this project. Kevin Neelley brought a compound mitered bowl with a Southwestern theme.

Roger Sheperd asked me to include a program questionnaire with the November newsletter. Roger is in charge of selecting programs and speakers. If you have any ideas or opinions that you would like to share with Roger, please fill out the questionnaire. I'll bring some blank questionnaires to the next meeting.

In case you missed the last meeting or didn't receive the November newsletter:

### 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 Period

The November meeting was the best meeting I can remember because of the amount of discussion. Questions were asked about moisture meters, burrs on scrapers, tool grinder

speed (1800 vs. 3600 rpm), what are weed pots?, turning green wood - slow drying vs. fast

drying, PEG, Jet lathes and Scotch-brite abrasive pads. The Discussion Period is open for any kind of woodturning question. If you have a question, a member of KC Woodturners probably has an answer. Just ask. Maybe others in the group have the same question.

## 1995 AAW Symposium and 1996 AAW Calendar

The 1995 AAW Symposium videos (held at UC Davis last July) are now available. The Kansas City Woodturners will likely purchase a set of these videos for our members. Anyone interested in purchasing a set for themselves should contact me (Kevin Neelley) for an order form. AAW members get a healthy discount. Non-members can get the discount by ordering through the Kansas City Woodturners, which is an AAW local chapter. The AAW 1996 Calendar is also available. Quantity discounts reduce the price of this beautiful calendar from \$10.00 to \$6.67 each if at least three calendars are ordered. I'll bring a copy of the AAW 1996 Calendar to the meeting for your inspection. We may raffle off the calendar. I have included a description sheet for the videos and calendar with this newsletter.

## Videos and Magazines

Please return checked-out KC Woodturners videos and magazines during the monthly meetings. Do not return them to the Woodcraft Store. John Larson will bring the box to each meeting. Also, we need to do an inventory of our growing collection so please return anything that is out. Thanks.

## Upcoming Events

2nd AAW National Show January. Fitchburg, Mass.

Topeka Woodturners Club March or April. Allen Lancer, former AAW National President and full time turner will talk about topics ranging from spindle and bowl turning, skew work, tool making and end grain turning. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

Ornamental Turning Seminar UMKC Campus. May 10, 11, 12, 13. Anyone interested in ornamental turning is invited. There is an extensive list of exhibits and programs. The cost will be \$150.00 to \$175.00 per person and includes three lunches and one dinner. If you're interested in ornamental turning, this seminar will be the best one in this country for years.

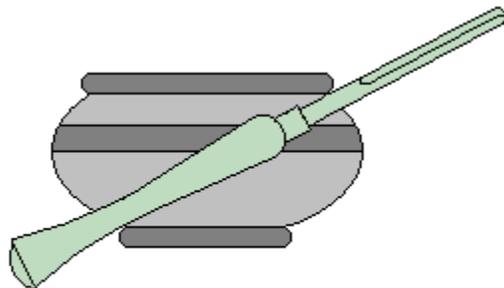
Arrowmont May, June, July. Russ Blaser will provide details at a future meeting.

American Association of Woodturners 1996 Symposium June 22-24. 10th Anniversary. Greensborough, NC.

## Buy, Sell, Trade

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

1. Matt Campbell is interested in buying a band saw and drill press.  
Contact him at Work: 469-8500 Ext. 3274 or Home: 649-0354.



*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.*