

Kansas City

Woodturners

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The February Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM February 12th at the Woodcraft Supply Store. If you haven't paid your \$10.00 1996 dues yet, please do so at the February meeting or mail a check to Russ Blaser, 8520 Greenwood Lane, Lenexa, KS 66215. Thanks.

The featured speaker this month will be KC Woodturners member Roger Fisher. He will demonstrate on the lathe "Introduction to Spindle Turning". Roger has been a woodworker for many years. Many of you have seen his "show and tell" projects. He has a Master's Degree in Industrial Arts and has recently retired from the St. Joe, MO, school system after 37 years of teaching Woodshop and other subjects. Roger farms 407 acres and still has time to make custom millwork.

The suggested "challenge" for the February meeting is a weed pot. A weed pot is a small vase for dried flowers or silk flowers. A weed pot is not generally hollowed out like a vase. Instead, it has a drilled neck opening 3/8" or larger for flower stems. Alternately, a weed pot neck opening could be drilled 9/16" to accept a test tube for holding fresh flower stems and water. The design possibilities for a weed pot are endless. Bring your weed pots to the "show and tell" and any other projects you're working on. 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. If you have any good examples or plans for the challenges, bring them in and I will photocopy them for our "library".

Roger Sheperd's Upcoming "Challenges"

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.
May	"Natural Edge" bowl, vase, plate or platter
June	Bowl or vase from <u>kiln dried</u> wood (not green)

Last Meeting

The President of our organization, Dean Harper, due to his recent health problems, has asked to bow out of his KC Woodturners leadership role. Dean has missed the last couple

of meetings and felt that the Presidential responsibilities should pass to someone else. Vice President Roger Sheperd, the de facto President in Dean's absence, has accepted the position and is now our new President. We all hope Dean's health improves soon. This means we will be looking for volunteers for Vice President.

Our Adviser, Earl Reed, has also asked to bow out of his KC Woodturner's leadership role due to the recent illness of his wife. He wants to spend more time at home with her, which is understandable. Our best wishes go to Earl and his wife.

Roger Sheperd presided over the January meeting. The meeting started with a collection of the 1996 dues by our Treasurer, Russ Blaser. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, KC Woodturners dues will remain at \$10.00 per year. Russ also described the upcoming Arrowmont and Elderhostel events for the interested members. During the following discussion period, one of the members asked if a power miter saw could be used to cut compound miters for a segmented bowl - the general consensus was "no, the saw is not accurate enough". Bill Hudson brought a new kind of deep-hollowing lathe tool called the "Mighty Midget" which is advertised to cut a controlled amount and not dig into the turning. This tool is available through Craft Supplies. A new member asked about the best way to learn lathe techniques - John Larson and others recommended viewing lathing videos and watching the experts at work. One of the other members mentioned that the videotaped Dale Nish demonstration for the KC Woodworker's Guild would be a good source of information if the videotape was edited. Another KC Woodturners member volunteered to perform this service for us. Thanks, I'd like to see the tape myself.

The January meeting's "show and tell", like the December meeting, had quite a few great projects. George Sharrar brought a platter featuring his signature star design in the center. He also brought a small vase with a decorative ring made from Earl Reed's wood "scraps". George also brought a small plaque that displayed and identified 100 species of wood he used for a church project. Dan Bryan brought a number of his recent projects to show: a really nice pair of delicately turned goblets made from cedar and maple, a gavel, a pecan compound mitered bowl and a photo of an hourglass he made and an interesting story to accompany it. Chris Kunzle has finally tested his compound mitering fixture and produced a terrific compound mitered bowl made from canary wood, bubinga, goncolo alves, wenge and others. Good job on your first bowl, Chris! Cris Payne brought a pair of segmented canes with deer antler handles - very professional job. Several KC Woodturners members brought January "Challenge" mallets or gavels. Roger Fisher brought a nice gavel that he finished with Varathane, then polished with rottenstone and oil. Roger, by the way, buys the signature disks for his projects from Northland Advertizing, 200 East 13th Ave., North KCMO 61116, 421-5335. Kevin Neelley, Russ Blaser, John Larson and Roger Sheperd also brought mallets or gavels. Everyone seemed to have a different idea of what a mallet or gavel should look like. Roger Sheperd also brought a walnut bowl made from green wood. Roger dried the finished piece in a

microwave oven using full-power, 5-minutes time per heating, about ten times over several days. When asked how to tell when the piece is dry, Roger said “when it stops looking wet”. Good advice, Roger! Mike Silver brought the beginnings of a cradle, made with nicely turned spindles. If I missed anybody, I apologize. This meeting had a very good project turnout. One more thing, please introduce yourselves when you get up in front of the group to show off your projects. I would like to learn more member’s names and I’m sure others would too.

Jug Buckles was the scheduled speaker at January’s meeting. He was as entertaining as he was informative. Jug brought examples of his unique segmented bowls. He cuts segments for his segmented bowls and vases very different from anybody else. He described in detail how he makes 45 degree miter cuts to make the triangular segments which arranges into a ring. Jug uses tape to hold the ring segments together while gluing. He says he often uses a screw chuck for his bowls. When making a tall vase, he will assemble several rings to the vase base plate and completely lathe it, including finish sanding and varnishing, before he glues on a few more rings and continuing the process. Jug recommends slow turning speeds. He also brought a large bowl made from glued up disks of apple-ply plywood. This plywood bowl was as striking in appearance as his segmented bowls. Jug has sold a number of his projects at the Renaissance Festival, Crown Center and the Central Park Gallery. One wood source mentioned was Marrs Tree Service in Shawnee Mission, phone 888-0539, which might be a good source for sawmill work or turning blocks.

Upcoming Events

John Campbell “Wood at the Folk School” Event January through June. Will feature classes and demonstrations in woodcarving, woodturning, blacksmithing, quilting and much more. Held in Brasstown, NC. Fees are around \$232.00 per class or event. Room and board can be arranged for about \$300.00 per week.

Topeka Woodturners Club March or April. SOLD OUT! 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 the January meeting.

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

New Kansas City Woodturners Officers

President	Roger Sheperd	236-6412
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Treasurer	Russ Blaser	894-2232
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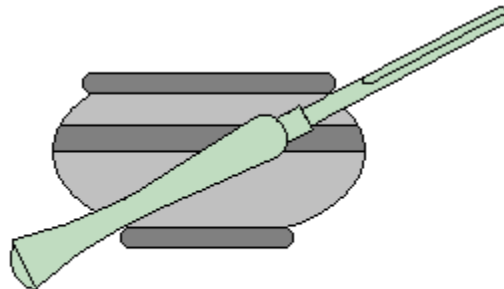
Videos and Magazines

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. Thanks.

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 drill press. Contact him at Work: 469-8500 Ext. 3274 or Home: 649-0354.
2. Tom Mouser has an older model Delta lathe for sale. 12" throw by 36" bed. 1 HP motor. 3-speed manual changeover. 3 face plates. Original steel stand. \$600.00. Contact him at (816) 471-7038, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.



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.