

## The March Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM March 11th at the Woodcraft Supply Store in Lenexa, KS. I have included a list KC Woodturners members who have paid their 1996 dues. If you should be on this list, but aren't, please let Russ Blaser know.

The featured speaker this month will be Neal Ray Shoger. Neal is a professional photographer who was a KC Woodturners member last year. Although his busy schedule has made it difficult attending meetings this year, he will speak to our group on the topic of "Photographing your projects". Neal's talk will be with the beginner in mind but I'm sure he will try to field questions from the experienced shutterbugs. If you are unsure about lighting methods, film speeds or background colors, Neal may have the answer.

We need raffle donations for the next meeting. If you have a piece of turnable wood laying around, bring it to the meeting. It doesn't have to be kiln dried...a freshly chain-sawed length of limb is OK. We tried this type of raffle at the December 1995 meeting and it was very successful. 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. Good luck.

Roger Sheperd's suggested "challenge" for the March meeting is a tool handle. Use this opportunity to replace that short lathe tool handle with a longer, more controllable, one. Bring your tool handles and any other projects you're working on to the "show and tell". 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.

Roger Sheperd's Upcoming "Challenges"

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)
July	Greenwood turning (not kiln dried)

## Last Meeting

Roger Sheperd presided over the January meeting. In an effort to help everyone learn member's names, genuine KC Woodturners name tags were passed out. John Larson donated the name tags. It is hoped that wearing the name tags becomes a regular thing at the meetings. Most of us see each other only once a month at the KC Woodturners meetings and it can be difficult remembering names after that long a period..

More interest was expressed in compiling an album of member's turned projects. A notebook for this purpose was donated by a member. Another member offered to donate photograph pages for the notebook. So, bring photographs of your work for our collection. We may have to purchase an inexpensive camera to take photographs of the "show and tell" projects. After Neal Ray Shoger's talk, we may all get the itch to photograph our work. We are looking for a volunteer to photograph the "show and tell" projects at the KC Woodturners monthly meetings for our photograph album. The volunteer doesn't need to be a professional photographer. If you would like to perform this valuable service, see one of the KC Woodturners officers.

The February meeting's "show and tell" display tables were loaded with weedpots and other interesting items. A outstanding variety of woods and shapes were exhibited. The last several meetings have exhibited really good woodturning efforts by our members. Tom Mauser showed us his aspen weedpots and a bowl made from wood he had harvested. Kevin Neelley brought a spalted wormy pin oak weedpot. Ron McCreash made a milkbottle-style weedpot from an apple log he found in his woodpile. Russ Blaser brought a wormy walnut weedpot. Russ also brought a honey locust bowl that had suffered an unfortunate explosion on the lathe. George Sharrar shared several of his new bowls with us, including one that was decorated using a "safety planer" index that he created. George really loves to experiment. Richard McCartney made hackberry and chestnut weedpots, both having test tube inserts for holding live flowers. Roger Lambie constructed an interesting bowl from morado, walnut and cocobolo. Mike Silver brought an ash milkbottle-style weedpot and a cherry weedpot. Cris Payne made two banksia pod weedpots. Roger Fisher displayed two weedpots, one of which was turned from a spectacular white oak crotch. Doug Jones, a new member this month, showed us a honey locust bowl, hedge cup and a cherry bowl. Jim Giblin, another new member this month, brought weedpots made from hackberry and willow. By the way, welcome to our new members. I hope you have a good time learning woodturning with this group. Frank Smith of the Topeka Woodturners Club brought a laminated wood lamp and explained how to accurately drill the hole through the center. Varney Boyko showed us his hickory and cherry weedpots. Jug Buckles brought one of his exotic plywood laminated vases. Roger displayed a collection of his weedpots, one of which was African grasstree root, the strangest wood I've ever seen. Forgive me if I missed anybody or didn't mention a turning. I was sometimes more interested in looking than in taking notes. Good job, everyone!

Roger Fisher was the scheduled speaker at February's meeting. Roger demonstrated beginner's spindle turning. He showed the differences between the cutting and scraping methods and performed a number of other useful turning techniques. Roger taught us like he probably taught his woodshop pupils during his 37-year tenure with the St. Joseph school system. Good technique, very thorough and very entertaining. I hope everybody learned something from Roger.

## 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.

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. Registration materials and program description are in the latest issue of *American Woodturner*.

### New Kansas City Woodturners Officers

President	Roger Sheperd	236-6412
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## Videos and Magazines

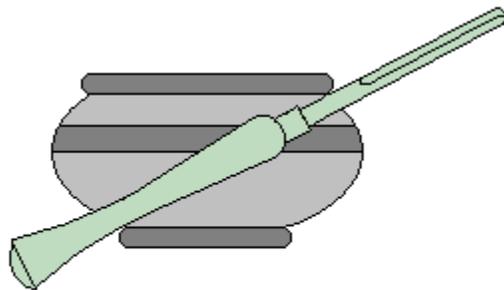
The new 1995 AAW Symposium videos have been purchased and have arrived. There is at least one demonstration on it that should interest you. The ball-turning demo is particularly interesting. John Larson will bring them to the March meeting. Please return checked-out KC Woodturners videos and magazines 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. Large Quantity of Walnut Lumber For Sale. \$1.00 per board foot. Planks and turning stock. All stock dried to 6% moisture. Planks planed 3/4" thick, up to 14" wide and up to 10' long. Planks 2" thick or more, up to 8" width, varying lengths and can be ripped for turning stock. Turning stock 2"x2" and 4"x4" in varying lengths. Contact Ed Provost, Phone (913) 256-2109, 7945 SW 69th St., Auburn, KS 66402 (This address is about 14 miles SW of Topeka).
2. Matt Campbell is interested in buying a 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.*