

Kansas City

Woodturners

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The April Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM April 8th at the Woodcraft Supply Store in Lenexa, KS. Please consider joining the American Association of Woodturners. The magazine alone is worth the price. There are several back issues of the AAW magazine in the KC Woodturners library box. Ask Roger Sheperd for an AAW membership form.

The featured speaker this month will be Clyde Cozad. Clyde's unique style of turned wooden bowl features pewter inlay. He will show us some samples of his work and describe his technique. Clyde is a U.S. Government employee and runs the vocational workshop at the Ft. Leavenworth Disciplinary Barracks. He has been a woodworker for a number of years.

Bring your name tags to the April meeting. This is just a reminder since I also forgot mine at the last meeting. If you have lost your name tag, let me know and John Larson and I will make you a new one. We will have name tags for new members at the April meeting.

We normally hold an officer's meeting one week after the normal KC Woodturners meeting. At the last officer's meeting, John Larson suggested that interested members could supply product reviews for their new woodturning-related equipment, tools or services. Many of us regularly purchase new types of lathe tools or try different brands of finishes. Your opinions could be very helpful to many of our other members. The product reviews could be given at the meetings or incorporated into the monthly newsletter. We will make a form that might help organize your thoughts for the review and will make this form available at the April meeting. We will sound out this suggestion more fully at the April meeting.

Another suggestion, made at the officer's meeting, was to profile several KC Woodturners members in each newsletter. The idea behind this suggestion is an icebreaker to get to know the members better. The profile might include what kind of woodworking or woodturning the member is most interested in, how long he has been a woodturner, what new type of projects he is interested in learning to make. We will have a questionnaire available at the April meeting. Filling out the questionnaire would, of course, be optional. At the meeting, we'll check member interest in this idea.

Boyko Varney has volunteered to be the KC Woodturners' meeting photographer. Varney must have learned a lot from Neal Ray Shoger's demonstration last month. Anyway, he will photograph the "show and tell" projects for a photo album. Thanks Varney. If any member has photographs of their projects and would like to include them in the group album, please bring them to the April meeting.

Two new members signed up at the March meeting: Bob Wickstrom and Chuck Carnahan, Jr. Welcome to you both. We hope you enjoy the KC Woodturners meetings and learn from the members.

Roger Sheperd's suggested "challenge" for the April meeting is to make a useful object. The useful object can be almost anything, including pen, rolling pin, perfume bottle or duck call. Bring your useful projects or any other turned items you're working on to the "show and tell". We have listed the upcoming challenges for the next several meetings to give you more time to plan and construct your project.

Roger Sheperd's Upcoming "Challenges"

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 kiln dried wood (not green)
July	Greenwood turning (not kiln dried)
August	Use color in a turning (stain, veneer, etc.)

Last Meeting

Neal Ray Shoger was the scheduled speaker at March's meeting. Neal's task was to try to explain how to an amateur photographer audience how to take professional-quality photos of their woodturning projects. Neal demonstrated how to get rid of shadows by using a light tent. The light tent bounces and diffuses light inside the tent to light all sides of the project. Neal recommended using the light tent outside in the sun, but it could be used inside with a single bright light source (not a flash). He recommended using 100 ASA film. If using one of the new small telephoto cameras, like a Minolta Zoom 90, Neal suggested using it at the highest zoom setting (i.e. 90) to get more depth of field. This would be like setting a manual SLR camera F-Stop to 12 or 16. That's about all I could remember. Thank you Neal for the food for thought.

The raffle was a great success. Thanks to all who donated a piece of wood. I finally won something at this raffle. I think that everyone on the first row won something.

The March meeting's challenge was a tool handle. Several people brought lathe tool handles to show. I lost my list of who brought what, but I remember a number of good utilitarian handles were shown. The "show and tell" had another good turnout this month.

Roger Lambie brought a perfect compound-mitered bowl made from cottonwood, redheart and purpleheart. George Sharrar also brought a compound-mitered bowl. His bowl had a dove insert in the bottom made from rosewood and cherry. Good job, George. Kevin Neelley brought a small lidded container made from mitered maple, cocobolo and veneers. Chris Kunzle's project was a tall, elegant, champagne glass-shaped walnut vase with turquoise rings. Chris inserted numerous small pieces of silver wire in the vase to represent bubbles. He also had to make a long lathe tool to get to the bottom of the deep vase. Boyko Varney showed us a bowl that his 11-year old relative turned. Good first try. John Winfiel brought a nice burl weed pot. Pete Peterson showed off four very interesting small bowls and cups he had turned from manzanita, pine and madrone burl. Roger Sheperd gave us a tip for turning the inside of a piece, such as manzanita burl, with holes and openings in the sides. To help keep the piece from exploding on the lathe, strengthen it by wrapping with duct tape. I hope I didn't miss anyone's show and tell project. There was a lot of imagination shown in these projects.

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 upon request.

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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Treasurer	Russ Blaser	894-2232
Secretary	Kevin Neelley	341-1082
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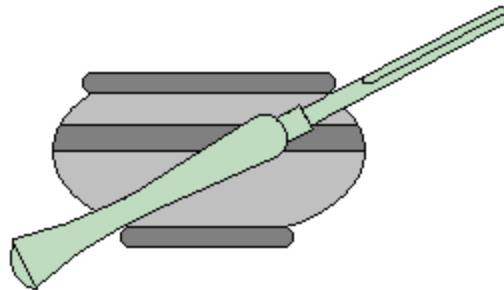
Videos and Magazines

If any members can recommend woodturning video titles, please let us know and we will purchase them for our collection. 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 sell 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.
3. Tom Mouser has a lathe for sale. Delta model 46-200, four speed manual change-over. Belt-driven with complete instructions and parts manual. It has outboard turning capacity and a 12" x 36" bed. Attachments include: face plate, 12" tool rest, headstock drive center and tailstock live center. The 3/4 HP motor is 2-years old and has been used very little. It has the original cast iron table with motor mount below. Asking price \$450.00 firm. If interested call (816) 637-5825 or local phone 471-7038, but will be gone between 4/1/96 and 4/10/96.



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.