

Kansas City

# Woodturners

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

## The May Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM May 13th 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 KC Woodturner member Mike Silver. Mike will explain how he does pewter inlay in his turned wooden bowls. Mike often brings interesting projects and ideas to the meetings.

We will raffle off a \$25.00 gift certificate from Craft Supplies USA of Provo, Utah.

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 meetings.

Roger Sheperd's suggested challenge for the May meeting is to make a "natural edge" bowl, vase, plate or platter. A number of members are already proficient in this type of turning. Bring your "challenge" project 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 Shepherd's Upcoming "Challenges"

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, paint, etc.)
September	Homemade fixture or jig (for turning or otherwise)

## Last Meeting

There was no scheduled speaker due to technical difficulties but there was plenty to talk about anyway. Roger Shepherd mentioned that Paxton will give KC Woodturners a 10% discount on wood if we show them a KC Woodturners name tag.

KC Woodturners member Bill Robertson talked to the group about the upcoming Ornamental Turning Seminar that he and Ray Laller (of Laller Gear Company) are sponsoring. This seminar is literally a chance of a lifetime for anyone interested in ornamental turning. It is being held at the UMKC campus on May 10, 11 ,12 and 13. The cost is \$175.00 which includes a number of meals.

John Larson had made the suggestion about including several KC Woodturners members profiles 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 distributed questionnaires at the April meeting for the members to take home and fill out. Some questionnaires have already been returned. Filling out the questionnaire is, of course, optional.

Boyko Varney, our volunteer photographer, started taking photos of the “show and tell” projects for our photo album. I hope the photographs turned out well. If any of you would like to include photos of a previous project in the album, bring them to the meeting and give them to Varney. He will have you fill out a description card for project information.

A new member signed up at the April meeting: **Jason White**. The KC Woodturners welcome you. If you have any questions...just ask. Most of us here have received good help and advice from the other members. That’s what this group is for.

The April meeting's challenge was a useful turned object, such as a pen or pencil. Several people brought useful objects along with the other “show and tell” projects:

**George Sharrar** brought several bowls he had finished in time for the meeting. The first was a segmented cocoon-wood bowl with one of his signature wooden stars in the bottom. Another was a walnut green-wood bowl that George had gouged out the inside with a handmade scorp. The last was a segmented walnut bowl using purpleheart and veneers in a very difficult-looking pattern.

**Chris Kunzle** made a bowl from curly walnut he won at a previous KC Woodturners meeting raffle. This bowl had a lid with a redheart knob and was finished with Behlen’s Woodturner’s Finish. Chris also brought some tool steel scrapers he had made with steel purchased at Bossert Supply. He heat treated the steel after contour grinding and set it into a nice-looking purpleheart handle.

**Roger Lambie** brought a number of really nice “useful objects”. Roger had several pens made from interesting materials like impregnated wood. He also brought two object turned from cocobolo wood - a letter opener and a perfume vial.

**Chuck Carnahan** showed off a very unique eucalyptus bowl with malachite stone inlay. Chuck sets his stone inlay into the natural splits and defects of his turned bowls, sometimes widening grooves or creating new ones with a Dremel tool. He sets the rock into the grooves using a special clear Epoxy 330 and Red-label woodworkers super glue. Chuck finished his bowl with sanding sealer and Behlen's laquer.

**Roger Shepherd** was a very prolific woodturner for this meeting. He made seven small boxes or toothpick holders using various woods like ebony and rosewood. Roger also brought an rosewood spurtle (English porridge stirrer).

**Richard McCartney** also brought several nicely turned items. He used cocobolo to make a pen, letter opener and magnifying glass handle.

**Chris Payne** showed us a duck call he made. Chris says that he is experimenting with different kinds of reeds for the call.

**Mike Silver** brought a very interesting laminated-wood Southwestern Indian design bowl. This bowl had a authentic rounded bottom that required a stand for it to sit level. Mike constructed the bowl using cherry and walnut. Part of the construction required making a difficult scroll saw cut which produced a very interesting pattern.

**Calvin Lamparter**, who was visiting our meeting, brought a number of fine pens to show. He turned pens from snakewood, bakote, mediterranean ouve, gonkalo alves and South African burl.

I hope I didn't miss anyone's show and tell project. This was another good turnout with some really great woodturned 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. One of the Arrowmont classes, held by Steve Loar, sounds interesting. The literature says the class uses songs as inspiration for woodworking designs. If you whistle while you lathe, you might be a candidate for this class.

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 Shepherd	236-6412
Vice President	taking volunteers	
Treasurer	Russ Blaser	894-2232
Secretary	Kevin Neelley	341-1082
Adviser	John Larson	268-7582

## 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. I am currently upgrading my shop and have the following tools for sale:  
Jointer-Planer, 6-1/8 inch, Sears Craftsman. Price \$300.00  
Table Saw, 10 inch, Rockwell Homecraft Model. Price \$200.00  
Band Saw with Stand, 12 inch, Sears Craftsman. Price \$300.00  
Scroll Saw with Stand, almost new condition, 18 inch and variable-speed, Delta. Price \$650.00  
Call Roger Shepherd daytime 661-0666, evenings 236-6412.
2. 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).
3. Matt Campbell is interested in buying a drill press. Contact him at Work: 469-8500 Ext. 3274 or Home: 649-0354.
4. 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.



Laminated Bowl by George Sharrar

*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.*