

Woodturners

Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The November Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, November 11th, at the Woodcraft Store in Lenexa.

The featured speaker this month will be our Vice President **Chuck Carnahan**. Chuck has taken a fact-finding field trip to the old Phillip's Sawmill in Leavenworth, KS. He will report what the sawmill has to offer the KC Woodturners. This sawmill has been in the Phillips family for several generations.

Elections for new 1997 Kansas City Woodturners officers will be held in December. Most of the officers have held office for just over one year. The November meeting be open for nominations. If you think you have some good ideas or would like to lead this organization in a new direction, please nominate yourself for any of the positions.

The November raffle will use our last remaining gift certificate from Craft Supply, of Provo, Utah.

Boyko Varney has been doing a great job as the KC Woodturner photographer. His photos of the "show and tell" projects are really very good. Take a look at his album at the next meeting and identify any of your projects you find there.

Roger Shepherd's suggested challenge for the November meeting is a turned wooden box or container. A bowl with a lid would probably fit this description. 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"

November	Wooden box
December	A homemade turning tool
January	Gift item
February	A turned coaster
March	Paperweight

Member's Profiles:

Chris Kunzle has been a woodturner for 10 years but has turned more seriously for the past 3 years. He lives in Overland Park, KS, and is president of The International Science Center, USA Inc., which is a subsidiary of a Swiss pharmaceutical company. Chris often brings a new project to the KC Woodturners "show and tells" and he enjoys trying new ideas and sharing them with others. He has a Powermatic 90 lathe, to which he has made many modifications. Chris has made reproduction Queen Ann and Louis XIV furniture. His other hobbies include sports and classical music and he would like to learn more about metal turning, milling and toolmaking.

John Larson has been a woodturner for 8 years and has been a professional woodturner for about a year. He lives in Shawnee, KS, and works out of his house, manufacturing handles and doing restoration work for house and antique restorers. For all you recent KC Woodturners members, John started the Kansas City Woodturners and was its first President. John is a member of The National Trust for Historic Preservation. His other interests include beekeeping (with excellent honey), hunting and camping. He turns on a Record CL3-48 lathe, a Hapfo Duplicator and a Calipe Hydraulic Duplicator lathe. John is interested in trying out different types of wood finishes and he also likes reading design books and magazines.

Woodcraft Turning Demos

The woodturning demos that the KC Woodturners held at the Woodcraft store on the 19th and 26th were a big success. The demos generated a lot of interest and

questions from the Woodcraft store patrons. A number of the KC Woodturners members stopped by to watch and learn. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to demo participants **John Winfiel, Ron McCreash, Chris Kunzle, Dan Bryan, Chuck Carnahan, Roger Shepherd and Kevin Neelley.**

Last Meeting

The October meeting was held at Paxton Fine Woods. The evening's first speaker was Paxton's **Rick Farrell**. Rick talked for a few minutes about his beautiful woods for sale. He also mentioned that the KC Woodturners will receive a 10% discount at the Paxton store. During the meeting's break, Rick opened up the store to us for an evening sale at a special extra discount. Thanks Rick!

The October meeting's second speaker was **Duffy Edwards** of Duffy's Studio. Duffy is a professional jeweler who talked about wood lathe projects using mixed media, such as stone, gallery wire and gold foil. Duffy has been soldering the silver gallery wire rings that decorate some of Chuck Carnahan's bowls and offered his services to the rest of us. He passed on a number of good tips on adhesive selection and the use of gold foil.

New Member

A new member signed up at the October meeting: **Les Malone**. The Kansas City Woodturners welcome you. If you have any questions...just ask. There is something to be learned at every meeting. Almost everyone in this group are amateur woodturners with a wide variety of experience and interest. Be sure to look over our video collection. There

are instructional videos for every experience level.

Show and Tell

The October meeting's challenge was something long and thin. Boyko Varney's tall and thin vase was the closest anyone came to meeting the challenge.

Russ Blaser showed off a nice laminated bowl made with walnut and maple panels, using highlighting veneers. Russ had spent an afternoon in Kevin Neelley's studio (a one-car garage is a shop but a two-car garage is a studio) learning how to make this kind of bowl. Russ is a good student. He also brought an exotic redwood burl vase that he had given up on after it had blown apart on the lathe. Russ repaired and accentuated the breaks using Chuck Carnahan's turquoise inlay method. Russ says that he always uses his Air-Mate face mask/air purifier when lathing.

Chuck Carnahan brought an interestingly-shaped vase made from grasstree root. Grasstree root is a woody root in the lily family and not really a tree. Chuck decorated the vase with turquoise inlay. He finished the vase using Behlen's Jet Spray sanding sealer and lacquer, followed by buffing and Renaissance Wax. Chuck also showed off a good-looking maple burl cap bowl with malachite inlay.

George Sharrar instructed us on how he made his unique vases with his indexing jig. Last meeting, George had showed the laminated block that he cut the vases from. This meeting, he showed the different ways

veneers can be used to create different effects in this vase design.

John Larson displayed a rosette he had made for restoration work he was performing at one of the Truman historical houses. Originally, John had Laller Gear make a rosette-cutter for use in a drill press, but technical problems caused him to make all the rosettes on his lathe. Other restoration turning work has prompted John to extend his Record lathe bed to 12 feet long.

Boyko Varney brought two vases, both made using the two-piece method. One was a tall and thin vase with a leather insert. The other was a beautiful spalted birch vase. Varney also showed off an inlay sampler bowl. This bowl contained every kind of stone or metal inlay that he could find, including brass key-machine shavings. The bottom of this sampler bowl was the inlay key, with samples and name of each inlay used.

Rick Farrell brought a banksia pod that also used stone inlay. He showed off some miniature ivory-substitute bowls and vases made from different species of exotic nuts like betel and ivory nut palm. Rick also said that Paxton stocks most of these types of nuts.

Upcoming Events

The event calendar is empty until spring. If anything interesting arises, please let us know and we'll pass the word.

President	Roger Shepherd	236-6412
Vice President	Chuck Carnahan	236-7531
Treasurer	Russ Blaser	894-2232
Secretary	Kevin Neelley	492-6522
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.

We're starting over from scratch with this space.

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.