

Woodturners

Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The December Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, December 9th, at the Woodcraft Supply store in Lenexa.

There will be no featured speaker this month. Instead, we will feature an informal basic lathe tool sharpening demonstration. Those of us that have some experience sharpening tools will show how we do it. There should be time and opportunity for anyone interested to try their hand at sharpening their favorite tool, so bring some dull lathe tools for sharpening. Also, we will need dull tools for the demo. If any of you are good at sharpening a certain lathe tool or have a unique method or sharpening fixture, you are very welcome to show it to the group.

Self-nominations for new 1997 Kansas City Woodturners officers will be accepted until the next meeting. If there are no nominations, the present officers have said they will serve another year. 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 December meeting raffle will be a gift certificate from the Woodcraft Supply Store.

Please bring back any checked-out videos to the December meeting. John Larson would like to take an inventory of them. Even if you are not finished viewing them, please bring them back for this yearly event. If any members would like to donate woodturning videos or books, please bring them to this meeting.

We will start collecting 1997 Kansas City Woodturners dues at the December meeting. Dues are still only \$10.00 per year.

Roger Shepherd's suggested challenge for the December meeting is a homemade turning tool. 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"

December	A homemade turning tool
January	Gift item
February	A turned coaster
March	Paperweight
April	A game, toy or top

Member's Profiles:

Dan Bryan has been a woodturner for 5 years. Dan lives in Kansas City, MO, and is a senior designer/draftsman on a CAD system. He brings many of his projects to the KC Woodturners meetings. Dan usually harvests his own greenwood and makes bowls and vases, including the natural-edged variety. He also makes boxes, miniatures, platters, does some segmented work and usually likes to experiment. Dan is a member of the American Association of Woodturners and is vice president of the Fairlane Homes Association. Dan says he has a small shop, but he is able to fit into it a Jet 1236 lathe and a Shurline mini lathe. His other interests and hobbies include 3D animation, radio control flying, video photography and holography. He would like to learn more about marketing techniques, home building, investments and the constantly changing computer world.

Chuck Carnahan has been a woodturner for 4 years and has turned full-time for about a year. Chuck lives in Roeland Park, KS, and has been a construction carpenter his entire life. He often brings his new projects to the KC Woodturners meetings and enjoys talking about his work. Chuck is also the vice president of the KC Woodturners. As you might remember, Chuck's signature woodturnings use exotic burls and a great deal of semi-precious stone inlay. He has been experimenting with segmented plates and gold inlay. Chuck has two wood lathes: a new Vega and a Rockwell. He is interested in trying new types of woodturning and is also interested in developing his photography hobby.

Last Meeting

The October meeting's speaker was Chuck Carnahan, who related the results of a fact-finding mission to Phillip's Lumberyard of Leavenworth, KS. Phillips has an enormous amount of relatively inexpensive kiln-dried domestic lumber, including walnut, oak, elm and cherry. Some boards are very wide. This wood is a very good buy. They don't have much imported hardwoods and are not restocking it since they are trying to sell the business. Outside the store, there are several tons of reclaimed stumps and logs of several exotic wood species from Belize. The exact species of any single log is uncertain. Earl Reed warned that some of the wood might be naturally toxic, which is true of many tropical hardwoods. Still, these logs might be worth pursuing if you are interested.

The Woodcraft Supply store's Paul Butel and Russ Scott wrote the KC Woodturners a very nice thank-you note in appreciation of the KC Woodturners woodturning demos last month. They also presented us with five gift certificates to the store for our monthly raffles. Thanks Paul and Russ!

New Member

A new member signed up at the November meeting: **John Shackelford**. John was an observer at the recent Woodcraft Store woodturning demo by the KC Woodturners and must have been interested. Anyway, John, 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 November meeting's challenge was a lidded container. We had several examples this month. All of the projects shown were of exceptionally good quality and style.

Chuck Carnahan displayed three bowls made from spectacular Jarrah wood. The bowls were inlaid in the Carnahan style with various varieties of semi-precious stones. Chuck is starting to buy his stones in larger sizes and then grinding them to size in a coffee grinder (with carbide-tipped cutters).

Kevin Neelley was next with a very large segmented platter made from quilted maple and padauk. Kevin bought the quilted maple and then sized the platter dimensions to waste the least amount of maple. He talked a bit about the padauk's red coloring bleeding into the maple and how he had to resand the affected areas after the platter was finished.

George Sharrar showed off two nice new sassafras bowls, each inlaid with one of George's signature-style segmented disks. He said that he had to start making smaller bowls because his wife and daughter are giving them away too quickly.

Russ Blaser brought several good-looking bowls. The first was a natural-edged beech bowl. The second was a round lidded bowl made from natural walnut. The third was a walnut crotch plate. Russ always has a good finish on his projects. He uses Behlen's Salad Bowl Finish, wiping it on very thinly, followed by the (Beale?) tripoli and white diamond finishing system.

John Larson passed around some photographs of the Truman family house that he has been helping to rehabilitate. John has made some rosettes and some very long turnings for the project. Working on an important historical project like this is a very

good reference and a compliment to a woodworker's skill.

Boyko Varney also brought several nice projects. He constructed a stamp roll container out of several types of wood. Varney also made a small crabapple wood container and he brought a walnut vase with a purpleheart base.

Roger Shepherd made two very stylish walnut containers. Both were constructed using the 2-part method (hollow out two halves then glue them together for final turning). The first container looked like the end of a baseball bat - but prettier. The second was a small globe on the end of a very long and slender stem.

Chris Kunzle showed off an interesting-looking clock that was fitted into an unusual turned basswood spindle. Chris finished this project with French polish and Renaissance wax.

Earl Reed brought a well-shaped bowl made from flame walnut. The grain on this bowl was very spectacular and was nicely finished. Earl showed that he has a good eye for shape.

Upcoming Events

The American Association of Woodturners is sending out two Traveling Woodturning Exhibitions around the country, one in mid-1997 and the other in mid-1998. The AAW has put out a call for entries. Anyone wanting to get national exposure of his skill should enter this exhibition. This is a juried show and requires slides, description and a \$5 jury fee for each entry. The deadline is February 14, 1997.

Kansas City Woodturners Officers

President	Roger Shepherd	236-6412
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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

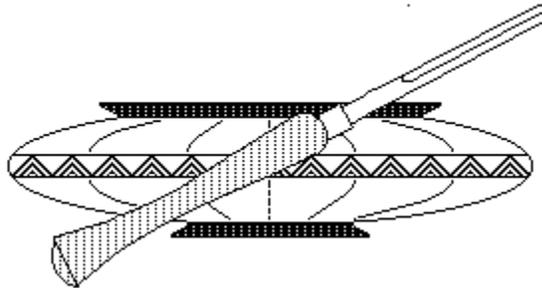
If anyone has tools, machinery, wood, etc. that they would like to sell or if you would like to buy the same, give me (Kevin

Neelley) a note and I will include it in the next newsletter.

Chuck Carnahan has two items for sale. Contact him at 236-7531 if you are interested:

1) Rockwell wood lathe with stand. Model 46-111. 36" long bed. Swings 11" and 14" with included riser blocks. 1 HP motor has fast belt speed changing. Includes 7 tool rests. Has a built-in indexing wheel. Price is \$250.00, negotiable.

2) Sorby electronic ornamental turning device. Brand new. Used very little. This device sets up fairly easily on any lathe. Lists at \$900.00, but asking \$750.00.



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.