

Woodturners

Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The January Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, January 13th, at the Woodcraft Supply store in Lenexa.

There will be no featured speaker this month or next month. Last month, we demonstrated how to sharpen several lathe tools. For the next two meetings, we will show how to use them. Several KC Woodturners members, who are experienced woodturners, will show how they use their favorite tools, such as bowl gouge, scraper and skew. We will try to have a couple of lathes in operation so there should be time and opportunity for anyone interested in trying their hand at using the tools. Any member is welcome to demonstrate a favorite lathe tool. Give Chuck Carnahan a call if you need wood or a special lathe headstock thread size for your chuck.

The January meeting raffle will be a gift certificate from the Woodcraft Supply Store.

Occasionally, some very interesting wood is harvested in the Kansas City area by local tree services. For a future meeting, we are trying to arrange for Tom Marvel, owner of the Marvel Tree Service, to give a short talk on the burls and other woods that he comes across and may have for sale. He might

even be persuaded to provide some raffle items.

The Kansas City Woodturners has a new Associate Member: **Paxton Beautiful Woods**. Paxton has paid for several months newsletter postage and also has offered a 10% discount to KC Woodturners members. Paxton's Rick Farrell has recently obtained a quantity of lilac wood and pink myrtle burl which should be worth your inspection.

Please bring back any checked-out videos to the January 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 continue collecting 1997 Kansas City Woodturners dues at the January meeting. Dues are still only \$10.00 per year.

Roger Shepherd's suggested challenge for the January meeting is an item that could be given as a gift. 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.

January	Gift item
February	A turned coaster
March	Paperweight
April	A game, toy or top
May	Letter opener

Member's Profiles:

The Member's Profiles section will appear again in the next newsletter. I ran out of time due to the Holidays.

Last Meeting

The October meeting featured lathe tool sharpening. Several members showed how they sharpen tools. Several jigs were demonstrated. Russ Blaser showed how he uses his "Glaser" jig. John Larson demonstrated using his belt sander/diamond wheel setup. There was a lot of audience participation with many good ideas being exchanged.

New Members

Three new members were signed up at the December meeting: **Michael Hicks**, **Robert Karle** and **Dave Minter**. The Kansas City Woodturners welcome you all. 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 December meeting's challenge was a homemade turning tool. Several members brought good examples.

Roger Fisher brought several scrapers he had made from files. He also gave some good tips on annealing steel. This prompted an audience discussion on steel heat-treating

techniques. Roger also brought some cute turned mushrooms made from tree limbs.

Norman Rechlin showed off some homemade faceplates. These were very inexpensively made but appeared to be very serviceable.

John Shackelford displayed a half-dozen lathe tools made from used nail gun drive pins. John could sell these well-made tools.

Richard McCartney brought a good-looking brush with a spalted wood handle. The handle had a leather "Made by Richard McCartney" insert that he had specially-made at Tandy Leather.

George Sharrar showed off a kaleidoscope that he was making for a Christmas present. I don't think that it was turned on a lathe but it was really interesting anyway.

Boyko Varney has been busy trying to learn the features of his new ornamental lathe. He brought the project that he made while he was being taught how to use the lathe. It was a beautiful ornamental box made from Morado wood. He also brought also brought a Christmas tree ornament that he made on his own.

Chuck Carnahan displayed two nice large-diameter plates that he recently made. The first plate was made from 2" purpleheart and had a wavy surface. The second plate was made from padauk and featured lapis stone inlay. Both plates had black palm lips.

Sorry if I missed anybody. My notes were pretty dismal for this meeting. Please don't forget to announce your name at the "Show and Tell" so I can properly record your project.

recommends it. If you are interested, ask him about it at the January meeting.

Upcoming Events

Dan Bryan, KC Woodturner member, has an exhibition of his miniatures made from nuts (like Tagua) from around the world on display at Paxton Beautiful Woods.

Russ Blaser has information on the March 1997 woodturning classes at the Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts. Russ has attended this national event in past years and highly

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.

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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.

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.