

Woodturners

Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The February Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, February 10th, at the Woodcraft Supply store in Lenexa.

There will be no featured speaker this month. Like last month, we will demonstrate how to use several kinds of lathe tools and give members the opportunity to “try their hand” at them. We will demonstrate different tools than the last meeting. Several experienced KC Woodturners members will show how they use their favorite tools, such as hook tool or scraper. We will try to have a couple of lathes in operation so there should be ample time and opportunity for anyone interested in testing a tool. 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.

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

Roger Shepherd’s suggested challenge for the February meeting is a turned wood coaster. 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"

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| February | A turned coaster |
| March | Paperweight |
| April | A game, toy or top |
| May | Letter opener |
| June | Candlesticks |

Member’s Profiles:

John Shackelford has been a woodturner for three years. He lives in DeSoto, KS, and has been a professional trim carpenter since he was 18 years old. In his woodworking career, John has made a lot of furniture, including an entire bedroom suite and living room set. John generally makes his lathe

projects from greenwood, which he cuts and cures himself. He turns on a Record lathe

and his projects include bowls, platters and mallets. He would like to know more about segmented bowl construction and hollow turning. John often has a project for our “Show and Tells”, for example, he recently brought some very well-constructed home-made lathe tools and a set of Christmas tree ornaments. John’s other interests include

hunting and fishing. John is also an avid skeet hooter and belongs to the national organization.

Rodger Lambie has been woodturner for four years. He lives in Overland Park, KS, is a radiologist and operates several diagnostic imaging centers around town. Rodger learned turning as a kid and has but has only recently taken it up again. His other woodworking experience includes making furniture. Rodger turns on Delta and Woodfast lathes and particularly likes greenwood turning. He has also experimented with segmented bowl construction and has recently submitted a very nice segmented vase to our “Show and Tell”. Rodger would like to know more about greenwood turning and has attended a David Ellsworth course on the subject. Rodger’s other interests include scuba diving, underwater and wildlife photography, collecting Kentucky rifles and pistols, and restoring Model A automobiles.

Last Meeting

The January meeting featured “hands on” lathe tool demonstrations. Roger Shepherd, Kevin Neelley, Russ Blaser and Chris Kunzle showed how they use their lathe tools. A number of members tried their hand at using the tools.

New Members

Two new members were signed up at the January meeting: **Shirley Barr** and **Dottie Snyder**. The Kansas City Woodturners welcome you both. 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 January meeting's challenge was a gift item. Any of the examples shown would make a good gift.

Chuck Carnahan brought a good-looking large eucalyptus burl plate that featured a black palm lip. Chuck has recently started sandblasting black palm for a really exotic texture.

Rodger Lambie showed off a really nicely-shaped box elder wood vase. Box elder wood has surprisingly good grain.

Roger Shepherd brought a very interesting and very thin bowl he turned from green walnut.

Russ Blaser made a large bowl from a block of oak that had originally had a limb growing out of the trunk, which made for an interesting piece. While turning, he had to reinforce a cracked area with CA glue

Roger Fisher showed off two little hollow turnings made from paw paw wood. One of the turnings split over night even though it was fairly thin. Roger mentioned that the wood has a peculiar bad smell while turning.

John Larson brought a really nice candleholder made from bigleaf maple. Spectacular grain.

John Shackelford made several good Christmas tree ornaments from Russian olive and hackberry.

Sorry if I missed anybody. Please don't forget to announce your name at the “Show and Tell” so I can properly record your project.

Upcoming Events

The Kansas City Woodworking Show has returned to the Overland Park Int'l Trade Center, 6800 W. 115th Street, February 14-15-16. This show has seminars, exhibits and plenty of tools for sale.

George Sharrar, KC Woodturner member, is demonstrating making segmented bowls at The Kansas City Woodworking Show on Friday, Feb. 14th at 5:00 PM and again on Sunday, Feb. 16th at 2:15 PM. Don't miss this demonstration. George is the master of segmented bowl construction. In case you new members don't know George yet, he has had articles published in several national woodworking magazines.

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

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

Two new AAW videos were purchased: 1996 AAW Symposium Techniques and the 1996 AAW Symposium Instant Gallery. A video set was also purchased: C. Scott's First Steps, Turning Boxes, Decorative Effects and Turning Bowls. We also purchased the 1987-1992 AAW Project Book and the 1993 & 1995 AAW Techniques and Projects Book.

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.

It was announced at the last meeting that a man named Clyde Hood has offered some stumps to anyone that wants them: walnut, oak, coffeebean and cherry. I think they are still in the ground but turning blocks could probably be cut off them. The stumps are in Carthage, MO, but you can call Clyde locally at 384-3153.

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.