

Woodturners

Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The March Meeting

The next meeting will NOT be held at the Woodcraft Supply store in Lenexa. Instead, this month, the meeting will be held at Paxton Beautiful Woods at 7:00 PM, March 10th. A map to Paxton is on the last page of this newsletter.

This month's meeting will feature a discussion on the different types and brands of lathe chucks, such as Nova, One-Way, Axminster and Vickmark. Several KC Woodturner members will bring their favorite chucks and will talk about the pros and cons of their design and use. If you are thinking of purchasing a lathe chuck, this discussion will probably help you choose which one to buy.

We will continue collecting 1997 Kansas City Woodturners dues at the March meeting. Dues are still only \$10.00 per year. This is the last newsletter you will receive if you haven't renewed your membership.

Roger Shepherd's suggested challenge for the March meeting is a paperweight. This could be a pretty wide-open category. 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"

March	Paperweight
April	A game, toy or top
May	Letter opener
June	Candlesticks
July	A kitchen utensil

Last Meeting

The February meeting featured "hands on" lathe tool demonstrations. Roger Shepherd, Kevin Neelley, Russ Blaser and Chuck Carnahan showed how they use their lathe tools. A number of members tried their hand at using the tools. I think that everyone learned something new.

Chuck Carnahan, our group's Vice President, had a bad car accident about a week ago and was still in the hospital at the time of this writing. He should be out of the hospital soon but will take a long time to recuperate.

New Members

Two new members were signed up at the February meeting: **Jack Attaberry** and **Don Gruis**. 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 February meeting's challenge was a turned coaster. I don't think we had much interest in this project since nobody had one to show.

Boyko Varney brought two beautiful boxes he turned on his ornamental lathe. The first was a mahogany box with an African jasper stone inset in the lid. The second was a heart-shaped cherry box with a malachite stone inset in the lid. Each box took over 30 hours to turn. Varney also inset a brass name disk into the bottom of each box. He completed the boxes with a finish he saw in a *Fine Woodworking* magazine: spar varnish, turpentine and tung oil.

Chuck Carnahan showed off a turned frame he made for a fused glass disk, which was made for another artist. The frame was constructed from canarywood and sandblasted black palm.

George Sharrar displayed a pedestal chalice made from maple and other woods. Sonny also brought a really nifty desk pen holder shaped just like the end of a wood golf club. The golf club also did double duty as a stamp roll holder with a secret sliding door to the stamp compartment

Jerry Boone, a Woodworkers Guild member, came to the meeting as a guest of

George Sharrar. He brought a nice laminated bowl made from mahogany, wenge and maple.

Russ Blaser showed off a laminated bowl made from walnut and maple. Russ used his thickness planer to cut the 7-1/2 degree angles needed for this project.

Rodger Lambie brought a spectacular 16-sided compound-mitered laminated bowl constructed from redheart and chechem.

Roger Shepherd displayed a screw-top lidded vase he made using his thread-cutting lathe. The vase was pink myrtle with a pink ivory knob. Good job on a difficult project.

Kevin Neelley brought the finished project which started out as a rough turning he had brought to last month's KC Woodturner's meeting lathe tool demo. The bowl was made from red oak, padauk, holly and ebonized walnut.

Roger Fisher showed off a cute little weedpot made from sweet gum and finished with varathane. The turned wood had dried in an interesting football shape.

Dan Bryan displayed a glass case containing some of his miniature turnings. Dan uses dental picks and small Sorby tools to shape the small vessels from nuts, corian, ebony, soapstone and exotic woods. Some of the vessels even had a free ring detail.

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

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. Contact Russ if you are interested.

Kansas City Woodturners Officers

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Videos and Magazines

George Sharrar has given us a copy of an instructional video that he and Earl Reed made together. The video features George explaining in detail how he makes the decorative inlay disks that you have seen in his bowls and vases.

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.

Map to Paxton Beautiful Woods

Location of March KC Woodturners Meeting

