

The April Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, April 14th, at the Woodcraft Supply store in Lenexa.

This month's meeting will feature a discussion on wood toxicity. Probably most woods are toxic to some extent. Toxicity is the tree's defense against hungry insects or animals. Most toxic substances are in the tree's leaves, bark and sapwood. Sometimes the heartwood is also toxic, which can affect us woodturners. We will talk about which woods are toxic and what you can do about it.

We would like to get our membership's feedback on the KC Woodturners meetings of the past year. Do you like the meetings? We will ask for your suggestions on future meeting discussion topics and speakers. If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please write them down and bring them to the next meeting.

The April raffle will feature a gift certificate from Woodcraft Supply.

Farris Machinery of Grain Valley, MO, is presenting a 3-day woodturning weekend workshop on June 20, 21 and 22, which I highly recommend. This should be a very informative and worthwhile seminar which will feature woodturning lessons, demonstrations and tool "test drives" from a number of very knowledgeable instructors. Registration fee is \$125, which includes a BBQ dinner on Saturday night. To register, call 1-800-872-5489. The KC Woodturner's officers thought that there might be enough interest in the Farris woodturning workshop for a **special raffle at the April meeting**: put in \$5 for a chance to win the \$125 registration fee to the seminar.

Doug Blank, owner of Artie's Gallery in Overland Park, has offered exhibition space for a KC Woodturners show in his gallery. Doug has proposed a show scheduled June 13th through July 5th, starting with a "meet the artist" open house between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm on June 13th. The show items can be either for "display only" or "for sale". The "for sale" items would have the standard 40% commission to Artie's Gallery and should be priced accordingly. Doug will advertize the show and issue a press release to the newspapers. This sounds like a good opportunity for KC Woodturners to show off the projects they don't really want to sell, but would like others to see. Many of our family members would like to see what the other KC Woodturners are making. We'll discuss this golden opportunity at the April meeting.

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More local news...Pyramid Products of KCMO is putting on a tool show in the near future. One of the items they are featuring is the new Powermatic lathe. The Pyramid Products people have passed the word that they would like to have the Powermatic lathe pre-sold before it is shipped in for the show and would make someone a very good deal on it. If you are in the market for one of these lathes, give KC Woodturners member Jug Buckles a call at 631-5692.

Roger Shepherd's suggested challenge for the April meeting is a game, toy or top. Many of you have examples in this category laying around the house, so bring them in. 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"

April	A game, toy or top
May	Letter opener
June	Candlesticks
July	A kitchen utensil
August	Mortar & Pestle or Ball & Cup Game

Last Meeting

The March meeting was held at Paxton Beautiful Woods in KCMO. This meeting featured a discussion on the different types and brands of lathe chucks. Boyko Varney brought his Axminster chuck.. Roger Shepherd brought his Vicmark chuck. George Sharrar brought a 3-jaw metal lathe chuck. Rodger Lambie brought his Stonghold chuck. Nobody brought a Nova chuck. The pros and cons and prices of these chucks was discussed. After the meeting, Paxton's Rick Farrell kept the store open for purchasing "emergency" woodturning supplies.

Show and Tell

The March meeting's challenge was a paperweight. I don't think we had much interest in this project since nobody had one to show.

George "Sonny" Sharrar brought a beautiful segmented walnut bowl featuring one of his "signature" ornamental disks inset in the bowl bottom. Sonny has made a video showing how he makes his wooden jewelry and ornamental disks and has donated a copy to the KC Woodturners

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners video library. Sonny and Earl Reed really did a good job making this video. Anyone interested in learning how Sonny makes his ornamental disks should see his video.

Upcoming Events

AAW meeting in San Antonio, TX. July 18 thru 20.

Utah Woodturning Show

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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.

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.