

Woodturners

Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The May Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, May 12th, at the Woodcraft Supply store in Lenexa.

This month's meeting will feature a discussion on electric motors by a knowledgeable guest speaker that has yet to be named. I don't really know much about electric motors even though I probably have ten of them in my woodshop. Maybe you're interested in the differences between AC and DC motors, 110 volt vs. 220 volt power or motor torque vs. speed. Our guest speaker will try to answer your questions.

We asked for member feedback at the April meeting. At the May meeting, we will ask again 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. At the April meeting, one member asked about the correct lathe RPM for turning projects with various diameters. We will try to have an answer at the next meeting.

KC Woodturners member Earl Reed has donated a One-Way lathe-tool sharpening system for the May raffle. Thank you very much, Earl! This sharpening system is unused. Besides featuring the gouge and skew/scrapper sharpening fixtures, the system has a fingernail gouge sharpening attachment and a diamond wheel dresser. This will be a \$5.00-per-chance raffle. I use this same sharpening system in my woodshop every day, so I can attest to its quality and usefulness.

Roger Shepherd's suggested challenge for the May meeting is a turned letter opener. This could turn out to be a very interesting project. 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"

May	Letter opener
June	Candlesticks
July	A kitchen utensil
August	Mortar & Pestle or Ball & Cup Game
September	Natural-edged bowl

Last Meeting

The April featured KC Woodturners vice-president Chuck Carnahan's description of his auto accident. He decided that it was faster to tell everyone, all at once, rather than separately. We are glad to see Chuck back on his feet.

The proposed Kansas City Woodturners exhibition at Artie's Gallery, in Overland Park, was announced and the membership indicated a general interest in the show. We have given Doug Blank, owner of Artie's Gallery, the go-ahead to start advertising our participation. Read the "Upcoming Events" section for more details. Your pieces can be "display only" or be priced for sale. There is no upper or lower limit to the sale price - that's your decision. Artie's Gallery gets the standard 40% commission on sales. This show should be a good place to show off the KC Woodturner's work. Let your neighbors know about it. This will be fun.

The toxic wood discussion that was scheduled for the April meeting has been postponed until the June meeting due to technical difficulties. We will talk about which woods are toxic and how you can protect yourself.

George "Sonny" Sharrar has given two more instructional tapes to the KC Woodturners. These tapes feature Sonny demonstrating how he makes his segmented bowls and some of his other beautiful and unique turnings. Thanks to Sonny for taking the time to share his ideas, methods and talent with us. The tapes will be placed in the KC Woodturners library.

Jim Lambie won the April meeting raffle. The prize was the registration fee to the Farris Woodturning Workshop in June. Congratulations! We will expect Jim to give us a report on the experience.

Show and Tell

The March meeting's challenge was a turned game, toy or top. Roger Fisher won the prize in this

category for bringing a turned apple with an arrow in it. It was also the only entry in this category. The Show and Tell had a good turnout at the April meeting:

George "Sonny" Sharrar brought a triangular dominoes game. Unfortunately, it wasn't a turned game, but we enjoyed seeing it anyway. He also brought four beautiful bowls. The first two bowls were made from burl walnut - one bowl was natural and the other was cut into segments. Sonny said he didn't like the segmented bowl as much as the natural one. The last two bowls were constructed from compound-mitered oak, with walnut central rings. One of them had a purpleheart lip.

Kevin Neelley showed off three of his most recent turnings. The first was a cherry, wenge and redheart chalice that was started at a KC Woodturners demonstration a couple of meetings ago. The other two turnings were vases constructed of mitered and compound-mitered wood

segments. The first vase was made from chechem and tulipwood. The second vase was made from partridge wood and birds-eyes maple.

Chris Kunzle has been trying out his new VB30 lathe, a very nice machine. Chris also brought several recent projects. The first bowl was a two-part turning that was glued together with a penny inside. The second was a very thin maple hollow turning. He also displayed a very nice madrone burl bowl, featuring a wenge lip. Chris also showed off a wooden goblet - very long and very thin stemmed.

Russ Blaser brought two well-crafted mesquite bowls. Russ recently visited Texas and brought back some of the native wood. One bowl was natural-edged and the other was a small hollow turning.

John Shackelford, who is just a beginner to woodturning, brought an excellent "John Jordan" style vase to show off. The vase was made from spalted hackberry and had very nice lines. Good job, John!

Earl Reed brought a turned walnut bowl. Earl always seems to be able to find great walnut. He also brought a terrific walnut and padauk segmented bowl. The segments were cut to reveal the padauk in flower-petal patterns, a technically difficult design.

Roger Fisher showed off a toy he made. It was a turned wooden apple with an arrow of another kind of wood loosely inserted through a hole drilled in the apple. The arrow could not be removed from the apple because the carved arrowhead and feathers were bigger than the hole. The arrow was a solid piece of wood. Roger told us the secret to making it.

Upcoming Events

Utah Woodturning Symposium '97. June 5th thru 7th at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Speakers notably include Allan Batty, Ray Key, Dale Nish, Richard Raffan and Bonnie Klein. Cost is \$230.00 for all three days. Call 801-378-2021 for details.

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.

Artie's Gallery in Overland Park has offered exhibition space for a KC Woodturners show in his gallery. Doug Blank, owner, 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.

Eleventh Annual AAW Symposium - Woodturning Fiesta. July 18th thru 20th at Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas. Speakers notably include Stuart Batty, David Ellsworth, Clay Foster, Ray Key and Alan Lacer. Cost is \$205.00 for all three days (spouse \$110.00). Call 612-484-9094 for details.

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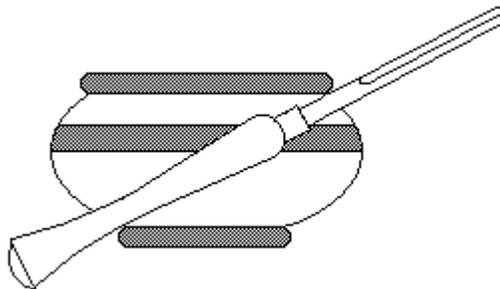
Videos and Magazines

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.

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.



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.