

Woodturners

Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

Special Event

On Wednesday, June 18th, the Kansas City Woodturners will host Soren Berger, former president of the New Zealand Woodturners Group and 3-times demonstrator at Dale Nish's symposium at Provo, Utah. Mr. Berger is in the United States on tour and is passing through Kansas City. We are extremely lucky to have arranged this special tour stop. The demo will be at the Woodcraft Supply Store from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with an hour off for lunch. Admission is free to Kansas City Woodturners and \$20.00 for others. Soren Berger will also be at the Utah Symposium again this year, demonstrating for Dale Nish.

The June Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, June 9th, at the Woodcraft Supply store in Lenexa.

This month's meeting will feature a discussion on wood toxicity by our president, Roger Shepherd. 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.

The KC Woodturners got a special deal from Farris Machinery for our June raffle. We have **three** \$125 *Turning Point Workshop* registration fees to raffle off at this \$5.00-per-chance raffle. As you may remember, Farris Machinery of Grain Valley, MO, is hosting the workshop on Friday, Saturday & Sunday on June 20, 21 & 22, 1997.

The Kansas City Woodturners exhibition at **Artie's Gallery** is coming up Friday, June 13th through July 5th. At the June meeting, participating members should plan on giving Roger Shepherd a commitment on the number of turnings they will be exhibiting so we can better plan display space. Turnings need to be brought to the gallery during normal business hours Monday, June 9th through Thursday, June 12th. There will be a "meet the artist" open house between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Friday, June 13th. As mentioned previously, 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 will be a good place to show off the Kansas City Woodturner's work. Let your neighbors know about it. This will be fun.

Here's advance notice that the July meeting of the Kansas City Woodturners will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at Farris Machinery from 10:00 a.m. till ?. The KC Woodturners will host a BBQ lunch with John Larson and Chuck Carnahan in charge. At the June meeting, please let them know if you will be attending so they can have enough food and drink for everyone.

Roger Shepherd's suggested challenge for the June meeting is candlesticks. This project should give you some good spindle-turning lathe time. 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"

June	Candlesticks
July	A kitchen utensil
August	Mortar & Pestle or Ball & Cup Game
September	Natural-edged bowl
October	Mirror

Last Meeting

The May meeting featured a discussion on electric motors by Loren Mosely. Motors can be a difficult subject due to the varied knowledge level of the audience. Loren talked about AC and DC motors, variable speed, torque and reversibility. He gave plenty of opportunity for questions and answers. Loren retired from Black and Veatch a few years ago. Actually, his specialty is tool sharpening and he has written a book on the subject. Loren is one of the founding members of a local woodcarving club.

Five new members signed up at the June meeting: **Dennis Liggett, James Giblin, Anthony Harris, Doug Jones and Garth Renken**. The KC Woodturners welcome you. If you have any questions...just ask. Most of us here have received good help and advice from the other members. That's what this group is for. Be sure to look over our video collection. There are instructional videos for every experience level.

Show and Tell

Chris Kunzle started off the show and tell by showing off a very old and handsome set of carving tools he purchased. He also showed off a tool grinding and polishing center that he made. Nice job, Chris.

Anthony Harris brought several new projects: two nicely-turned cherry goblets, a very large ash bowl and several other bowls made from local wood.

John Larson brought a drawing for a newel post that he's making from white oak for a restoration project.

Don Gruis brought some threaded jar lids he made. We should probably ask Don to give a longer presentation for us on how he made these interesting and useful turnings.

Roger Shepherd showed us a very tall cylindrical cocobolo vase he recently turned. He also made a nice snap-on lid for it.

Sonny Sharrar displayed a nice walnut bowl that featured one of his signature ornamental disks. He also showed two rings he made using a zig-zag pattern and gave a brief rundown of how he made them.

Bill King showed off a good-looking walnut bowl and some cherry lidded that had a segmented inlaid design.

Dennis Liggett talked about rock crushing. Our vice president, Chuck Carnahan, has been purchasing some of his stones from Dennis.

Upcoming Events

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 Friday, 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.

Sorby Tool Demonstration. Monday, August 18 at Farris Machinery of Grain Valley, MO. A Robert Sorby Tool Company demonstrator from England will spend the day at Farris Machinery. We have been advised that this demonstrator is a master woodturner and his demonstration should be excellent.

Woodturners of St. Louis Annual Turning Symposium - “The Joy of Turning”. Saturday and Sunday, September 13th and 14th, 1997 at the Viking Conf. Center Holiday Inn. Speakers include John Jordan, Michael Hosaluk and Johannes Michelson (wooden hats). Cost is \$120.00

for both days (spouse \$45.00). Call 314-966-2268 for details. This is a really good regional show.

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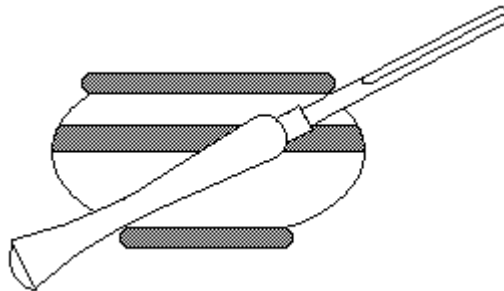
Videos and Magazines

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.

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.