



Kansas City

# Woodturners

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## The November Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, November 10th, at the Kansas City Woodturner's new permanent meeting location: Consolidated Lumber and Millwork in Merriam, KS. A map is attached for the members who couldn't attend the previous meeting. Also, please park at the front or side of the building, outside the gates, because the gates will be locked later.

We will start off the November meeting with a business meeting. It is important that as many members attend this meeting as possible. We will discuss future plans and topics such as: Do we want to actively increase our membership? Do we want to have more ambitious (and expensive) demonstrations and out-of-town speakers? Do we want to increase our member participation in meetings and other events?. Your input and opinions are necessary.

The November meeting will feature KC Woodturner member **Chris Kunzle**, who will give a talk on vacuum chucks. Chris has made several vacuum chucks for his lathe and has agreed to talk about how he made them and also demonstrate how to use them. Just for this meeting, he has modified a vacuum chuck for his Vicmarc mini-lathe so he can give a better visual demonstration.

A number of Kansas City Woodturners members attended the Shawnee Mission School District auction last weekend and purchased a used lathe. This lathe will allow us to have demonstrations for our members' benefit. The lathe is a Powermatic model 45 with all of its important parts included. It cost us \$550.00, which is a bit more than the amount of money in our treasury. The 3-phase motor will have to be replaced with a single-phase motor, but the lathe is in otherwise good condition.

To help pay for our new lathe, we are holding a special tool auction at the November meeting. A number of members have already donated tools and other items. A list of those items is at the end of this newsletter. Any member who would like to donate a tool or other item, for example a lathe tool you never use, please bring it to the November meeting. You can request a minimum bid for your donated item. If the minimum bid is not reached, you would get the item back or you could reduce your minimum bid, at your option. So, **bring tools and money** to the November meeting. A cash contribution would also be very welcome.

## Last Meeting

The October meeting featured KC Woodturner **George “Sonny” Sharrar** as guest speaker. He brought several of the numerous jigs he has made and often uses on his segmented bowls. Sonny’s ingenuity has inspired many of us to try more difficult projects.

**Chris Kunzle** and **Jim Lambie** were “volunteered” for the Kansas City Woodturners’ officers nominating committee. The present officers feel that it’s time for some new blood in the leadership position. Now is your chance to have some input in leading the KC Woodturners in a new direction in 1998. Please volunteer for one of the KC Woodturners’ officers positions. Otherwise, Chris and Jim will be nominating new officers in the next few months.

Our President **Roger Shepherd** announced an excellent opportunity for KC Woodturners members to display their beautiful projects. Crown Center would like to have a city-wide show that would include the Woodworker’s Guild, Lee’s Summit Woodturners and the Kansas City Woodturners in a joint effort. This show has been proposed for April 1998. A number of members said they would like to participate and would volunteer to help with the show. Nothing will be sold at the show but an participant directory will be provided so interested parties can inquire about purchases. That’s all the details we have so far.

**Larry Lassiter** mentioned that he is starting a beginning woodturning group at William Christman High School in Independence, MO, on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. The high school is located at 24 Highway and Noland Road (1224 N. Noland Road). He said to drive around the school, look for the big dust collector and go in the nearest door. The first meeting’s speaker will be a retired teacher who will talk about tool sharpening.

## Show and Tell

**Kevin Neelley** brought a tall segmented lidded jar or urn. The jar was made from goncalo alves wood and was decorated with a black palm end-grain central ring and knob boss.

**Ron McCreash** showed off a very nicely-designed flower vase. The vase was made from walnut with a turquoise inlay. Ron designed the vase to incorporate a flower-holder that he purchased from Craft Supply Co.

**Boyko Varney** brought a two projects that he created on his new ornamental lathe. The first was a small ebony pedestal that was made to hold a glass sphere he purchased at the Hidden Glen Art Fair. The second was a beautiful and intricate lidded container with a basketweave design made from walnut, African blackwood and other woods.

**Dan Bryan** brought two almost-finished nicely-shaped natural-edged bowls that he turned live on his internet site. You can find Dan’s “One Good Turn” internet site at [qni.com/~dbryan](http://qni.com/~dbryan).

**Chuck Carnahan** showed off a small natural-edged bowl made from ambrosia maple. He also brought an open bowl made from Madagascar rosewood. Chuck has recently started using a

UV-protectant lacquer spray that has kept the Madagascar rosewood from turning color for at least two months.

## Upcoming Events

**Woodturning Demonstration**, Saturday December 6th at the Paxton Woodcrafters' Store, KC Woodturners member Dan Moreno is giving a demonstration of "Lidded Vessel" techniques. Dan will turn a lidded bowl from one piece of wood.

### Kansas City Woodturners Officers

President	Roger Shepherd	236-6412
Vice President	Chuck Carnahan	361-9722*
Treasurer	Russ Blaser	894-2232
Secretary	Kevin Neelley	492-6522
Adviser	John Larson	268-7582

\*New phone number

## 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.

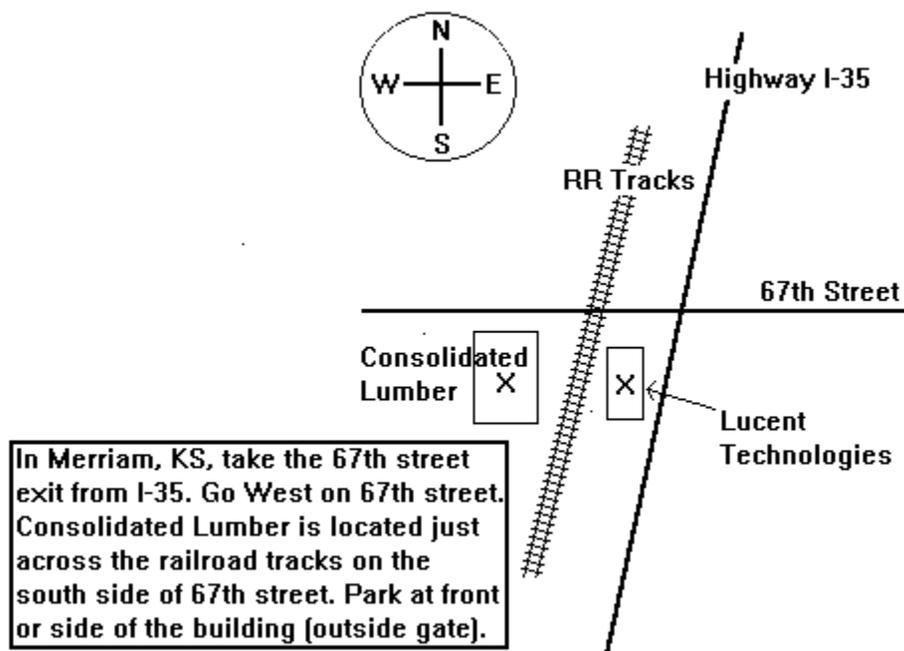
1. Craftsman 12" bandsaw for sale. Good condition. Price is \$200.00. If interested, call Dean Harper at 381-7318
2. The Paxton Woodcrafters Store is a supporter of the KC Woodturners. They have the areas largest supply of bowl blanks, turning squares, burls, rare exotics, etc. All KC Woodturners members receive a 10% discount on everything in the store, every day. Paxton also stocks Robert Sorby turning tools and an extensive selection of pen parts and accessories. Their address is 6311 St. John Ave, KCMO 64123. Tel. (816) 483-0659 and (800) 333-7298.

## List of Donations for the Auction (so far):

1. **Racal Air-Mate Visor.** Donated by Earl Reed and Sonny Sharrar. This item retails for around \$160.00 and is in unused condition. \$50.00 minimum bid.
2. **9 Vials of crushed semi-precious stone**, including opals, turquoise, lapis and malachite. Donated by Chuck Carnahan. Worth about \$225.00. \$50.00 minimum bid.

3. **Digital Electronic Measuring Tape.** Donated by Russ Blaser. Unused condition. Minimum bid \$15.00. Also, **Zucol stud sensor** and a nice **homemade scraper** lathe tool - no minimum bids.
4. **Ringmaster Bowl Maker** with instructions. Donated by Chris Kunzle. Unused condition. Minimum bid \$125.00. Also, parting tool and scraper lathe tools, numerous pen mechanisms and pen blanks and a 4"x4"x10" flame walnut block - no minimum bids.
5. **Wen Cordless Reciprocating Saw** for wood or metal. Donated by Kevin Neelley. Unused condition. Minimum bid \$35.00.
6. **Maple block cutoffs.** Donated by Bill Hudson. No minimum bid.

### Map to Consolidated Lumber and Millwork:



*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 Consolidated Lumber and Millwork in Merriam, Kansas at 7:00 PM.*