



Kansas City

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The December Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, December 8th, at the Kansas City Woodturner's new permanent meeting location: Consolidated Lumber and Millwork in Merriam, KS. Please park at the front or side of the building, outside the gates, because the gates will be locked later.

Thanks to everyone who filled out the Help! request form at the November KC Woodturners meeting. The officers will really appreciate your assistance at future meetings. If you did not attend the November KC Woodturners meeting, you will receive the form in this newsletter. Please fill it out and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Kevin Neelley at the newsletter return address.

The December meeting will feature KC Woodturner member **Kevin Neelley**, who will give a talk on making homemade thickness calipers. Several years ago, Kevin started to design and make thickness calipers because he couldn't buy the type or the shape he wanted.

The 1998 12th Annual AAW Symposium will be held in Akron, Ohio, June 12-14. The 1998 National AAW Chapters Woodturning Show will be held during the AAW Symposium. All AAW chapters are invited to participate in the show. Each participating chapter can send entries for display. The number of entries per chapter will be decided later. If the Kansas City Woodturners elect to participate, we need to make this decision at the December meeting and return a survey form to the AAW Coordinator by December 31st.

Last Meeting

The last meeting started off with a business meeting. KC Woodturners president Roger Shepherd asked the membership for opinions on whether we should actively try to increase our membership. The consensus was "yes, but not too many members". Also, the opinion was "we could probably do more if we had a larger membership base". We talked about displaying membership enrollment forms at Paxtons and at any future KC Woodturners show, such as Crown Center.

Roger called for a show of hands of KC Woodturners members wanting to participate in the Kansas City-wide woodworking show at Crown Center next year, April 18-May 4. About half of the members signaled their desire to participate. Our vice-president, Chuck Carnahan, has

attended a couple of Crown Center show steering committee meetings and, so, we are helping to get the show's ball rolling. The event's name will be **Greater Kansas City Treasures in Wood**. There will be a limit 3 pieces per person. Our members will need to help staff the show. This show will get much Kansas City publicity and some national publicity. It will be an excellent opportunity to show off the talents of our members.

Roger Shepherd gave the state of the KC Woodturners bank account, which was of course in the red after the recent lathe purchase. Roger asked for opinions on events or paid demonstrations that the membership would like to do or see in the future, and, also, if the membership thought the current \$10.00 yearly dues was sufficient. One member called for a vote on increasing the dues. Almost all the 37 attending members voted for increasing the dues. At the next vote, 30 of 37 voted to increase dues to at least \$15.00 yearly. At the next vote, 22 of 37 voted to increase dues to at least \$20.00 yearly. At the next vote, there was not much support for increasing dues over the \$20.00 level, so voting was ended. So...the Kansas City Woodturners dues, starting in January 1998, are \$20.00 yearly.

The donated tool auction was a great success! Thanks to everyone who made a donation and thanks to everyone who made a purchase. The KC Woodturners bank account is in the black again. Our new lathe has been paid off and now we are discussing purchasing a lathe motor and buying some new videos for our library.

The November meeting featured KC Woodturner **Chris Kunzle** as guest speaker. Chris had to rush through his demonstration of vacuum chucks because of the long auction which preceded his talk. Probably, most people wished that Chris had time to demonstrate his vacuum chuck by actually turning something. Maybe we'll try this at a future meeting. Thanks, Chris.

Show and Tell

Rodger Lambie brought a really big and well-executed hollow turning made from madrone wood. Rodger said that he started out with a 65 pound piece of wood and turned it down to 3 pounds. There must have been a lot of shavings on the floor.

Dan Moreno showed off a very unusual and nicely-designed turning made from ebony and maple burl. He called it "a square peg in a round hole". Good creativity, Dan.

Boyko Varney brought a two projects that he created on his ornamental lathe. We're going to have to ask Varney to bring his lathe for a demonstration. The first was a beautiful padauk vase with inset stones. The second was a small, very intricate container.

Sonny Sharrar also brought two newly-completed projects. The first was a small walnut lidded bowl. The second was a segmented bowl made from bloodwood and purpleheart with one of Sonny's famous inlays in the bottom.

Chris Kunzle showed off a small spiral-fluted cherry goblet that he made using Sorby's new texturing tool (for the texturing). Some of our members might remember this tool demonstrated

at our Farris Machinery meeting. Chris cut the flutes on the outside of the goblet before he hollowed out the goblet bowl.

Dennis Liggett brought several items to the show and tell. The first was a highly-figured plate made from air-dried walnut root. The second was an outstanding maple plate with a incised dragon design, inset with Malachite, that Dennis created using computer clip-art and a 200,000 rpm dental tool. Great idea, Dennis. The third item was a nice maple plate, inset with quartz.

Anthony Harris also brought several projects to show off. The first was cute a little hedge box. The second was a threaded-lid box made with a cylindrical hedge base and a domed walnut top, which looked a lot like a wooden bullet. Anthony's third turned item was an object that we were supposed to guess what it was (I had no clue). The fourth item was a miniature hedge cup.

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 Woodworking Show, January 30-February 1 at the Overland Park International Trade Center. This is a trade exhibition with many free demos.

Greater Kansas City Treasures in Wood, April 18-May 4 at Crown Center, KCMO. Submit entry forms by March 16. Check in items on April 6. Check out items on May 5.

12th Annual AAW Symposium and National Exhibition of AAW Chapters, June 12-14 at the John S. Knight Convention Center in Akron, Ohio. Featuring Ron Fleming, Michelle Holzapfel, Todd Hoyer, Richard Raffan and others. 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.

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.

December is the AAW membership drive month.

Join the AAW. The American Woodturner Magazine alone is worth the price



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.