



Kansas City

# Woodturners

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## The January Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, January 12th, 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.

We will hold an election for 1998 President and Vice President of the Kansas City Woodturners. Our nominating committee has recommended **Jim Lambie** for President and **Boyko Varney** for Vice President. **Russ Blaser** and **Kevin Neelley** will remain as Treasurer and Secretary for another year.

The January meeting will feature KC Woodturners **Roger Shepherd** and **John Larson**, who will be the first to give a demonstration on our new lathe. The topic of the demonstration will be "How to use a skew". There is more than one way to use a skew and there is more than one type of skew on the market. These gentlemen will try to demonstrate skew technique with their skews. Any member who has a different technique or wants to try one of the demonstrated techniques will probably be welcome to try his hand.

The KC Woodturner video tape library will now be in the care of volunteer Librarians **Rich McCartney** and **Dick Smith**. Please check out videos through them. They have audited the library and compiled a list of missing tapes. Please refer to the list in the "Videos and Magazines" section of this newsletter and see if you might have accidentally forgotten to return any of them. Thanks for your cooperation.

Rich McCartney asked me to pass on the request that if any of you have old woodworking-related magazines or catalogs gathering dust at your house and want to get rid of them, please bring them to the meetings and put them on one of the tables. Someone might be interested in them. We'll toss any unclaimed magazines at the end of the meeting.

The 1998 annual dues of \$20.00 will be collected at the January meeting.

## Last Meeting

At the December meeting, the KC Woodturner membership affirmed that they wanted to participate in the 1998 National AAW Chapters Woodturning Show, which will be held in

conjunction with the 12th Annual AAW Symposium in Akron, Ohio, June 12-14. The entry form was returned on time to the AAW Coordinator. All AAW chapters were invited to participate in the show. Each participating chapter can send entries for display. The number of entries per chapter will be decided later.

Treasurer **Russ Blaser** gave the state of the KC Woodturners bank account after paying off the lathe purchase bills with the "Donated tool auction" proceeds. The KC Woodturners now have more than \$600.00 in the bank.

The December meeting featured KC Woodturner **Kevin Neelley** as guest speaker. Kevin gave 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.

## 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.

#### Kansas City Woodturners Officers

President	Roger Shepherd	236-6412
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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.*