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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

The February Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, February 9th, at 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.

The February meeting will feature xxxxxx of Seals, Inc. of Lenexa, KS. XXX will talk about his company's cryogenic process for increasing tool durability and wear resistance. KC Woodturner vice president **Boyko Varney** had some of his lathe tools treated by this process and predicts longer edge life. This cryogenic process may be cheaper but just as effective as Robert Sorby's technique of titanium coating lathe tools.

A nice turning block has been donated for the meeting raffle by Hardwood Lumbers of Martin City, MO. KC Woodturner **Chuck Carnahan** has moved his woodturning shop to the Hardwood Lumbers store and is now associated with the folks there. Chuck will be doing demos there every Saturday, starting February 21st, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. He will be showing how to use area woods.

Entry forms and Release forms for the upcoming Crown Center **Greater Kansas City Treasures in Wood** will be collected at this meeting. Forms are due March 16th and you can mail them yourself, but we would like see to how many of our members are contributing to this show. We will have the show volunteer sign-up sheet available at the next meeting.

Refreshments for the February meeting will be provided by **Rich McCartney** and **Ron McCreash**. Normally, refreshments consist of three 2-liter bottles of soda pop, 40 cups, a bag of ice and several dozen cookies. Setup and cleanup volunteers are **Bernie Feinerman**, **Anthony Harris** and **Clarence Huycke**.

The 1998 annual dues of \$20.00 will be collected at the February meeting. If you can't make this meeting and still want to receive this newsletter, please mail your dues to Russ Blaser, 8520 Greenwood Lane, Lenexa, KS 66215.

Last Meeting

The January meeting featured KC Woodturner **Roger Shepherd**, who gave the first demonstration on our new lathe. The topic of the demonstration was "How to use a skew". A number of members tried their hand at using Roger's techniques.

Show and Tell

Rodger Lambie brought some more bowls made from the madrone he bought last year at the Provo, Utah show. Rodger had two very nice small bowls. After lathing them to about 1/2" thick, he froze the wood for several days, then finish lathed them.

Ron McCreash brought quite a few items to show and tell. The first item was a good-looking pine burl bowl. Ron soaked the wood for a week in linseed oil to harden it prior to finish turning. He also brought a small bowl turned from apricot wood. He also brought a bowl made from cocobolo cutoffs.

John Shackelford showed off a well-turned Christmas tree ornament he made from maple and purpleheart, resembling a miniature birdhouse. John made 15 to 20 of them and gave them away as gifts last Christmas.

Russ Blaser brought a good-looking open bowl made from wormy honey locust he found on the ground.

Chris Kunzle displayed a very intricate bookend made from scrap wood. Chris used the Beale router system to cut threads on the book clamp.

Kevin Neelley brought a newly-completed segmented lidded ginger jar made from chechem and redwood burl. The jar consisted of hundreds of pieces of wood glued together before turning. Kevin also brought a small bowl made from Australian silver wattle wood and redheart.

Boyko Varney showed off two new items. The first was a bowl made from vera wood and silver wattle. The second was a very nice big maple bowl which featured an inlay made from cast iron powder.

Bob Wickstrom showed off an auto-open blast gate for a dust collection system. Bob used a refrigerator condenser fan motor to open/close the gate with LED's to indicate gate position and vacuum on. Very creative.

Anthony Harris brought a nice cherry open bowl and a big "ill fated" bowl that broke during a carrying accident.

Jim Phillips brought some of his handiwork from his metal lathe, including a Conover lathe faceplate, a mortise-tenoning jig, a centering jig for a jet lathe and a handle for a termite tool.

Upcoming Events

Free Woodturning Demonstration, Saturday February 21st, 9 AM-2 PM, at the Paxton Woodcrafters' Store, KC Woodturners member Dan Moreno is giving a demonstration on how to use a variety of turning tools to make them most effective. He will also demonstrate sharpening and finishing techniques.

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 - go in the freight entrance off Grand Avenue. 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

The KC Woodturners have purchased a video enhancer that will help us make better video copies for our tape library. Please see Librarians Rich McCartney or Dick Smith to check out or return videos and magazines during the monthly meetings. 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.

Unaccounted-For Video Tapes as of 1/27/98

As the new KC Woodturners librarians, Rich McCartney and Dick Smith compiled this updated list of the videos that we don't know who checked out. Some of the titles on our previous list have been located. Thanks to all of you for looking again in your personal video libraries. If you have any of these videos, please bring them to the meeting or call Rich McCartney at 764-4592. Rich also asks if anyone has an good copy or an original of their own that we could borrow and tape, please let us know.

1. Natural Edges and Hollow Forms by Chris Stott
2. Turning Wood by Richard Raffan
3. Tips for Turners (Tape III) by David Ellsworth
4. Turned Wood 1994 by Del Mano Gallery
5. Bowl Turning by John Jordan
6. Turned Boxes by Bonnie Klein
7. Bowl Turning by Dale Patton & Terry Telson
8. Compound Angle Bowls #3 by George Sharrar

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. 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.



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.