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The June Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, **May 8th**, 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 topic of June's meeting will be woodshop safety equipment. Our vice president, **Boyko Varney** asks that all members bring their personal safety equipment to the next meeting, including face shields, breathing apparatus and hearing protection. Varney hopes to get a good cross section of the safety equipment that's available.

Our treasurer, **Russ Blaser**, is accumulating another \$1000 order with Craft Supply of Provo, Utah. Craft Supply gives a very good discount to some of the items, such as glue and lathe tools, 25% off on Sorby tools, and almost zero discount to other items. Russ has accumulated \$700 so far. If you want to participate, contact Russ. He'll ask you to pay when the items arrive.

We are going to have two raffles at the June meeting. The first one will be a \$1 raffle for a \$25 gift certificate from Craft Supply. The second will be a \$5 raffle for two entrance fees for Farris Machinery's July *Turning Point Workshop*. Next month we will raffle off entrance fees for the August workshop. We had this raffle last year and the members that went were very pleased with the Farris workshop.

Refreshments for the May meeting will be provided by **Rod Strahm** and **Dick Woodhouse**. Refreshments consist of three 2-liter bottles of soda pop, 40 cups, a bag of ice and four dozen cookies. Setup and cleanup volunteers are **Bob Wickstrom**, **Dick Smith** and **Roger Shepherd**.

Thanks to **Rodger Lambie** for making the Kansas City Woodturners poster for the Crown Center show. I heard that Crown Center thought that the show was a success and that they would probably do it again next year.

Last Meeting

The May meeting featured KC Woodturner **Dan Bryan**, who showed samples of his turnings and demonstrate how he makes small and miniature turnings. Dan sells his turnings on the Internet at <http://www.woodturning.com>.

Show and Tell

We had a really good turnout at this meeting. Some excellent turnings were made during the last month. I think we have some of the best amateur turners in the country.

Russ Blaser found an excellent block of elm to turn into a really great “John Jordan” style hollow turning. The wood had striking natural green streaking.

Ron McCreash brought some interesting African spears that he bought in a garage sale. One spear had a turned ebony shaft and the other was turned from mahogany. He also brought a well-designed exotic-looking choc-ta-vega platter that he recently made. Ron made the decision to leave the platter’s underside as natural wood. He displayed the platter on a mirror to highlight the underside. Good decision, Ron

Rodger Lambie showed off two new projects. The first was an ash and maple “John Jordan” style vase. The second was a really nice and very large ash bowl. Rod is getting good at big bowls. The bowl started out as a 120 lb. hunk of wood.

Chris Kunzle also brought several projects. The first was a tall open vase with a naturally wavy top. The second was a large bowl made from spalted sycamore. Chris said he used a quart of Deft and some duct tape to strengthen the end grain. The final bowl was one Chris had displayed at the Crown Center show. It was made by gluing 1200 small wood pieces to a sacrificial bowl, filling the spaces between the pieces with green, translucent acrylic, then lathing away the sacrificial bowl. Good job, Chris.

John Shackelford displayed a very unique and nicely-designed project. John called it a “temple jar” made from green live oak. The live oak was very different from the oak we generally see around here.

Dennis Liggett brought a box full of his beautiful laminated, spiral-stemmed goblets made from many different woods. He said that he’s made about 30 goblets by now. Dennis also brought the self-centering aircraft drill bit he uses in their manufacture. Dennis also brought a nice maple platter that contained about 2 ounces of lapis inlay.

Sonny Sharrar showed off an ornate chalice and an ingenious nested cup. The nested cup was made using a sacrificial outer cup that was cut away in a pattern to reveal the inner cup. Good technique, Sonny.

Anthony Harris brought two new pieces. The first was a small oak bowl. The second was a nice large cup with 12 captive rings on its stem. Anthony was trying for 13 rings but one broke.

Dan Bryan also brought several pieces to show off. The first was a good-looking box elder bowl that had beautiful natural red streaking. The second was a nicely-designed osage orange bowl. The third was set of similar small natural-edged apple bowls.

Boyko Varney displayed another of his intricate ornamental lathe creations. This one was a lidded box made from ebony, redheart, vera wood and holly. This box featured a basket-weave design.

Upcoming Events

The 1998 Utah Woodturning Symposium, May 28 thru 30 at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Featuring Keith Rowley, Stuart Batty, Johannes Michelson, Dale Nish and others. \$220.00 for all three days. Call 801-378-2021 for details.

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.

The Turning Point Workshops, July 10-12 at Farris Machinery in Grain Valley, MO. The featured demonstrators are all excellent and include Nick Cook, William Baxter, Virgil Barksdale and Jim Stuckey. Call 800-872-5489 for details.

The Turning Point Workshops, August 14-16 at Farris Machinery in Grain Valley, MO. The featured demonstrators are all excellent and include Nick Cook, Howard Lewin, Robert Rosand and Dave Hout. Call 800-872-5489 for details.

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Videos and Magazines

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.

Associate Members

Several area businesses have supported the Kansas City Woodturners so we list them to show our appreciation and encourage your patronage:

- **Paul Butel**, **Bill Coomer** and Woodcraft Supply. Their newly remodeled store and shop area looks great. Their address is 8645 Bluejacket Road, Lenexa, KS 66214. Tel (913) 599-2800.

- **Chuck Carnahan** and Hardwood Lumbers of Martin City, MO. Offering a 10% discount on their “area wood” lumber and turning blocks. Their address is 410 East 135th St., Martin City, MO 64145. Tel (816) 941-6344.
- **Rick Farrell** and The Paxton Woodcrafters Store. Offering a 10% discount on everything in the store. Their address is 6311 St. John Ave, KCMO 64123. Tel. (816) 483-0659 and (800) 333-7298.

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. William Harrin has a Mini-Max copy lathe for sale. It's a SCMI T124 Model. If you are interested, call Bill at 642-9696.



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.