



Kansas City

Woodturners

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The September Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, **September 14th**, 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 scheduled speaker for September's meeting will be Kansas City Woodturners vice president Boyko Varney. Varney has finally agreed to haul his ornamental lathe down to our meeting. We have all seen Varney's beautiful lathe projects at the Show and Tell. Now we will have the opportunity to see how his machine operates. Varney will also show some examples of his work.

Refreshments for the September will be provided by **Matt Campbell and John Larson**. 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 **Ron McCreash, Norman Rechlin** and **Richard Woodhouse**.

KC Woodturner member **Ron McCreash**, who is also a member of the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild, has asked me to put a request in this newsletter for a woodturning demonstrator. Don would like to have this demonstration at the September 16th meeting of the Woodworker's Guild. The demonstration should particularly emphasize woodturning safety. If you are interested, please talk to Don at the next KC Woodturners meeting.

I have attached the latest KC Woodturner list to this newsletter. If there are any mistakes, please inform Kevin Neelley at the September meeting.

Last Meeting

The August meeting featured Jeff Farris of Farris Machinery, who gave a fine demonstration on tool sharpening and woodturning. Jeff was a very enthusiastic demonstrator who probably would have turned far into the night if he had an audience. Farris Machinery is now an Associate Member of the Kansas City Woodturners, which means that they have donated to our operating fund. We should keep Farris Machinery in mind for our future purchases, especially Sorby tools.

Show and Tell

Boyko Varney brought a beautiful lidded box made from redwood lace burl and wenge. Varney cut a Southwestern pattern in the bowl bottom using his ornamental lathe. He then filled the pattern with colorful epoxy inlay.

Don Grimes showed off several well-done new lathe projects. Don had several small lidded boxes and some small cups. The turnings were made from exotic lumber, such as dogwood and ironwood. These would make great Christmas presents.

Bob Wickstrom displayed an assortment of small magnets that he recently purchased. Bob started a nice discussion on the uses of such things in the woodshop.

Chris Kunzle brought in a new type of tool rest that he purchased for his VB30 woodlathe. This toolrest provides a lot more support for large hollowing tools.

John Shackelford showed off two very nice new turnings that were made with his new Mighty Midget lathe tool. Both turnings were made from spalted hackberry. The first was a large hollow vessel with a very small top hole. The second was a medium-sized John Jordan style vase.

Anthony Harris brought numerous projects to the show and tell. The first pieces were two small lidded boxes made from maple. Anthony also brought a small maple goblet. Next on the list were several really cute baby tooth boxes made from bloodwood. Lastly, Anthony had a well-turned large bowl made from spalted hackberry.

Don Gruis also displayed numerous new turning projects. The first three were nice small bowls made from redbud, mesquite and cherry. Next was a bowl made from Texas black walnut that Don said was "like turning a boiled egg". Last was a good-looking cherry bowl.

Dan Bryant showed a couple of his well-made cowboy hats that he turned from green ash. The first hat was large enough to actually wear. The second was mini size. Dan also passed around a copy of "Crafts Report Magazine" that featured Dan in an article. Dan himself wrote the article. Dan also mentioned that there was a recent article about him in the Kansas City Business Journal.

Upcoming Events

The John C. Campbell Folk School, July 5, 1998 thru March 27, 1999 at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC. This school has one week and weekend adult classes year-round. Demonstrators include Dave Barriger, Larry Hasiak, Nick Cook, Robert Rosand and many others. This is a hands-on school. Call 800-365-5724 for details.

Fourth GAW Annual Wood Turning Symposium, September 18 thru 20 at the Unicoi Lodge and Conference Center in Helen, Georgia. Sponsored by the Georgia Association of Woodturners. Featured presenters will be Rude Osolnik, Robert Rosand, Roger Jacobs, William Baxter and Mark St. Leger. Fees are \$110 single and \$130 family. Call Terry Jacobs at 770-934-2709 for details.

Dave Hout Woodturning Demonstration, September 26 and 27 at the Missouri Conservation Dept. Powder Valley Center, St. Louis. Sponsored by the Woodturners of

St. Louis. Dave Hout will demonstrate numerous aspects of turning including natural edge bowl turning and vacuum chuck turning. Cost is \$65.00 for both days . For more information call Ken Schaefer at 314-966-2268 or John Buehrer at 314-423-6522.

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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:

- **Jeff Farris** and Farris Machinery in Grain Valley Missouri. Jeff has quite a selection of wood lathes and lathe tools. Their address is 1206 Pavilion Drive, Grain Valley, MO 64029. Tel (816) 229-3055.
- **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.
- **Rick Farrell** and The Paxton Woodcrafters Store. Rick is offering a 10% discount on everything in the store. The Woodcrafters Store has recently received more shipments of exotic wood bowl blanks (I have already bought some of them) and Rick has lowered his prices on amboyna burl, thuya burl, chechen and ziricote burl caps. Upcoming free Saturday demonstrations include August 8th: Bowl Turning with Danny Moreno (9am-2pm) and September 9th: OneWay Tool Demonstration (9am-2pm). 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. **Bob Wickstrom** has a riser block for a Delta 14" band saw for sale. He is asking \$40. If you are interested, call Bob at 642-8061, or see him at the Woodcraft Club Shop in the Woodcraft Store.
2. **Ed Provost** of the Topeka Woodturners Club has his magazine collection for sale. Woodworker's Journal, January 1977 thru June 1997, approx. 120 issues for \$120. Fine Woodworking, December 1975 thru August 1997, approx. 126 issues for \$126. Wood Magazine, September 1984 thru August 1998, approx. 117 issues for \$117. Woodsmith, March 1979 thru June 1998, approx. 117 issues for \$117. The listed magazines to be sold as file units only. If you are interested, please call Ed at 785-478-9323.
2. **Steve Sandelich** has a Sears woodlathe for sale. The lathe includes a stand, speed reduction pulleys and a duplicator. Steve also has included some basic lathe tools in the deal. The lathe is used but in good condition. Asking \$200. If you are interested, contact Steve at 321-1801.
3. **Chris Kunzle** has a 14" CMC radial arm saw for sale. It is 3HP, 220 volt, single phase. The saw comes with a stand, table, fence, several blades and a dust collector hood. This saw has been completely rebuilt and is in very good condition. Chris is asking \$1500 (or best offer) for this \$6000 saw. If you are interested, call Chris at 897-6660.

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.