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Woodturners

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The October Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, **October 11th**, 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 October's meeting will be Kansas City Woodturners member John Shackelford. At the last meeting, John mentioned the hundred turned Christmas tree ornaments he recently made for Christmas presents. The ornament design was one that he saw at a woodturning demonstration by a nationally-known turner. John will show us examples of the ornament as well as demonstrate the ins and outs of making them on the woodlathe.

Refreshments for the October meeting will be provided by **Rodger Lambie** and **Dennis Liggett**. 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 **Tom Mouser**, **James Phillips** and **John Sleezer**.

Call For Officers! If you are interested in being a Kansas City Woodturners officer please let us know at the next meeting. All officer's positions will be available for 1999, including my position as **Secretary and Newsletter Editor**. I have really enjoyed the position but need a change of scenery. Anyone who wishes to give it a shot should let us know.

The KC Woodturners officers have decided to give an incentive to first-time "Show and Tell" presenters. You will be given a free entry into the \$1 meeting raffle when you show off your project or interesting "whatsit" to the members. Unfortunately, we can't promise you'll win.

At the last meeting, **Rich McCartney** handed me the latest list of the KC Woodturners library of videotapes, books and magazines. So, I have included it in this newsletter. Rich and **Dick Smith** are doing an excellent job keeping the library in order.

Last Meeting

The September meeting featured the Kansas City Woodturners vice president Boyko Varney. Varney had finally agreed to haul his ornamental lathe down to our meeting. The

lathe was a marvelous piece of machinery. Varney mounted a piece on his lathe and demonstrated the steps involved in the intricate ornamental cuts.

Show and Tell

Russ Blaser brought a couple of new turnings. The first was a very nice small maple burl vase. The second was a beautiful cut flower vase made from a chechem burl cap. Russ bought the cut flower insert from Craft Supply. Russ also found out that he, like lots of other people, is sensitive to chechem dust. He used a Deft finish.

Chris Kunzle also showed off a couple of new items. The first was a good-looking vase made from spalted curly birch. Chris used a Beale system finish. The second was a small lidded box made from tigerwood and featured an ebony finial.

Anthony Harris also brought numerous projects to the show and tell. The first was originally a cherry goblet that blew up on the lathe and was made into a wobble bowl. The second was a very nice large spalted hackberry bowl with a beeswax finish. Anthony also brought a wooden goblet with a nail embedded in it. He found the nail in the wood block, removed it before turning the goblet, then replaced the nail after finishing. The fourth and fifth items were well-turned ash and vera wood bowls.

John Shackelford displayed a well-designed Christmas ornament made from ash with a dyed elm center. John saw this ornament made at a woodturning demonstration and has made dozens of them since then. He constructed the handmade hollowing tools needed for this project from 1/4" tool steel.

Bill Coomer brought a great-looking canarywood and purpleheart segmented bowl that he and yours truly made together over several sessions in our woodshops. The wood color combination in the bowl turned out well.

Danny Moreno showed off two new turnings. The first was a beautiful small chak-da-vega natural-edged bowl. The second was an objet d'art that looked like spaceship hanging on gold wire. It was made from silver waddle.

John Larson displayed an very interesting madrone burl turning. He found the rough turning in the bottom of a bucket of PEG-1000. It had been there over a year. John finish-turned the piece and was amazed by how much the piece had warped after it was removed from the lathe. We were all equally amazed.

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.

Robert Sorby Tool Representatives from England will be at The Paxton Woodcrafters' Store on Friday, November 13th from 2pm to 5pm. They will demonstrate metal spinning, spiraling and texturing, hollowing, shear scraping and fingernail gouges. This event is

free. There will be an OPEN HOUSE for clubs from 6pm to 9pm. There should be some good deals on Sorby tools and turning blocks.

Kansas City Woodturners Officers

President	Jim Lambie	681-8780
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Treasurer	Russ Blaser	894-2232
Secretary	Kevin Neelley	492-6522
Adviser	Rick Farrell	483-0659

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. 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.