



Kansas City

# Woodturners

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

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## The January Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, **January 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 January's meeting will be Kansas City Woodturners member **Russ Blaser**. He will speak on turning platters using a faceplate. Russ has some nice 10" kiln-dried walnut for his demonstration.

The January meeting will start off the new year with new Kansas City Woodturners officers. Our new president is **Boyko Varney**. Varney served as vice-president last year. The new vice-president is **Chris Kunzle**. The new treasurer is **Don Gruis**. The new newsletter editor/secretary is **Anthony Harris**. The librarians, **Richard McCartney** and **Dick Smith**, have agreed to continue their task for another year. The new officers want to make 1999 the best year yet for the Kansas City Woodturners. Please help them by letting them know what kind of speakers, programs and demonstrations you would like to see.

The new treasurer, **Don Gruis**, would like me to remind all members that the \$20 yearly dues are due. Please see him at the meeting or pay by mail. Don's address is 6703 East 99<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64134. Associate member dues of \$50 are also due from our supporting businesses.

January is also the membership drive month for the **American Association of Woodturners**. The Kansas City Woodturners is a local chapter of the AAW, so we encourage all of our members to join the AAW. I will put membership forms on one of the meeting tables as well as several copies of the *American Woodturner*, the AAW magazine, for anyone to take. The magazine is an excellent source of woodturning information and it alone is worth the price of membership.

**Damon Braly** and **Howard Campbell** were both first time "Show and Tell" presenters at the December meeting and, as such, won free entries into the \$1 raffle. Unfortunately, I don't think either of them won. Anyway, 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.

Refreshments for the January meeting will be provided by **Clarence Huycke** and **Damon Braly**. Refreshments consist of three 2-liter bottles of soda pop, 40 cups, two bags of ice and four dozen cookies. Setup and cleanup volunteers are **Howard Campbell**, **Kevin Neelley** and **Tracy McCarty**.

## Last Meeting

The December meeting featured Kansas City Woodturners member **Dan Moreno**. Danny gave a great informational talk on the "Woods of the World". He also brought some of his collection of wood samples for identification. **Anthony Harris** received the prize for the most wood species identified.

Thanks to **Paul Butel** and **Bill Coomer** of Woodcraft Supply for donating the raffle items for December's meeting: a very nice T-shirt and a 3-month membership in Woodcraft Supply's Woodworker's Club.

## Show and Tell

**John Larson** showed off two very difficult to make bubinga serving plates. The plates were oval and were made using two different radii. He used a cabinet scraper to smooth some of the outermost flat areas. Good job! John also mentioned that he has an order form for "best in the world" Swedish silicon steel bandsaw blades. If anybody is in the market for these blades, please contact John.

**Rodger Lambie** brought a nicely-turned spalted hackberry bowl. This bowl was turned from green wood and, as normal, warped oval. Rod said that he has an identically-turned bowl at home that he was able to keep round by using bar clamps.

**Anthony Harris** made a small cute bowl from green madrone. Unfortunately it became very extremely warped as it dried, so he decided it would make a good Show and Tell project.

**Kevin Neelley** brought two large segmented platters made from purpleheart and curly maple. One platter was finished and the other one was assembled and ready for lathing to show the "before" platter appearance. I recently heard on the Internet that heat can bring the purple back to purpleheart after its color is browned by sanding. I haven't tried to prove this one way or the other.

**Ron McCreash** showed off a K&E protractor that he bought while recently vacationing in New England. He said that the protractor looked like pre-WWII German made but was in excellent condition. It would measure angles with a precision of 1 minute or 1/60<sup>th</sup> of a degree.

**Bill Coomer** brought in a very interesting hanging magnet thing. I think he said that he didn't make it, but it certainly was interesting. He also brought a cocobolo yoyo.

**Damon Braly** turned a terrific wormy hackberry. Damon said he spent a lot of time picking stuff out of the worm holes. Good job!. This was Damon's first Show and Tell.

**Howard Campbell** showed off a really interesting music box. I can't remember if Howard made it or not, but if so, he did a great job. The music box shape was a bear holding balloons. To wind the music box, you turn the bear. This was Howard's first show and Tell.

**Boyko Varney** made several more museum pieces on his ornamental lathe. The first was a small lidded box made from Laotian flamewood and ebony. The box was made in a basketweave pattern and featured a cabochon inset in the lid. The second was a decorative stand for a piece of decorative glass. The stand featured abalone shell inlay (which has very toxic dust - like asbestos). The third was a nice shallow bowl.

## Upcoming Events

**The Kansas City Woodworking Show** will be at the Overland Park International Trade Center (Hall B). Exhibit dates and are Friday, Jan. 29 - Noon to 7 pm; Saturday, Jan. 30 - 10 am to 6 pm; Sunday, Jan. 31 - 10 am to 5 pm.

**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.

**The Arrowmount School of Arts and Crafts** in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, will start their woodturning classes in March. Call 423-436-5860 for a catalog and more details. The woodturning class schedule is as follows: March 1-5 is Clay Foster, March 8-12 is Ray Key, March 15-19 is Ray Key, March 22-26 is Ron Fleming and Bonnie Klein. Classes in June, July and August have the following instructors: Betty Scarpino, Todd Hoyer, Mike Lee, S. Lamar/S. Lear, John Jordan, David Ellsworth and Christian Burchard.

Arrowmount Elderhostel woodturning classes: April 4-10 is Lyle Jamieson, April 11-17 is Nick Cook. There are 3 more Elderhostel classes in September.

**The 1999 Utah Woodturning Symposium**, May 27, 1999 thru May 29, 1999 at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. There will be 100 demonstrations by some of the best woodturners in the world, such as Richard Raffan, Vic Wood, Bonnie Klein, Dale Nish and others. Tuition is \$220. Spouse \$100. If you can only go to one symposium in 1999, this is the one. Call 801-378-2021 for details.

## Kansas City Woodturners Officers

President	Boyko Varney	913-727-5129
Vice President	Chris Kunzle	897-6660
Treasurer	Don Gruis	763-3385
Secretary	Anthony Harris	648-2027
Librarians	Richard McCartney	764-4592
	Dick Smith	341-4613
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. One of the best selections of woodworking equipment in the Kansas City area. 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. Paxton's Fall Burl-A-Rama features 30% to 60% off on a wide selection of burls, blocks and turning squares of madrone burl, redwood burl, eucalyptus burl, spalted maple blocks, rare New Zealand species and many more. 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 **Anthony Harris** a note and he will include it in the next newsletter.

1. **Bob Wickstrom** has a homemade tool sharpener for sale. He did a really nice job on this sharpener. It looks and works the same as the "scary sharp", uses sticky back sandpaper disks and is reversible. Comes in a nice wooden box.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.

5. **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.*