



Wood Chips

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Woodturning Safety

Is woodturning a safe activity?

Woodturning can be a safe activity if you follow safe practices. The lathe is a power tool and can be dangerous if used improperly or by individuals who do not respect the power of the tool and the momentum of a spinning blank. Sometimes things happen that can't be foreseen even if a person is very cautious. Many accidents happen when the turner is tired. Take breaks and stay alert while using any power tools. Never work in the shop under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

What safety precautions are paramount in woodturning?

Eye protection and respiratory protection are the two paramount issues in woodturning. General shop safety rules are also very important as in any workshop activity. Safe mounting of turning blanks on the lathe and vigilance in assuring the blank or pieces don't fly off the lathe are extremely important.

What precautions should you take when turning wood?

Woodturning can be dangerous in many ways. You should read the manuals from your equipment manufacturer and avoid modifications to

equipment which is not recommended by the manufacturer.

The AAW supplies safety warning information in each renewal confirmation. You should take the precautions in your shop to the extent that you feel comfortable, but be vigilant about safety. Using a lathe is dangerous in a number of ways including eyes, skin, lungs, and other body parts and functions. *You should always wear eye protection.* Wood dust can be very dangerous, especially some woods which can be sensitizers and spalling woods with biohazards (see below). You should wear filtering equipment or have adequate ventilation in the shop. Sanding and finishing at the lathe can produce extremely fine dust which is suggested to lead to disease and/or disability.

What woods are unsafe to use in woodturning?

There are many woods which can be used in woodturning with proper ventilation. There are other woods which have toxic compounds within the wood and others which harbor harmful biological agents. Contact the AAW office for more information if you are unsure. Other toxic wood links can be found at link 1, a list from Stanford.

February Club Events

Events held at Builder Resource West of I-35
on 67th Street in Merriam Kansas
February 9 Regular Monthly Meeting (7 p.m.)
February 13-14-15 Tool Show
Second Saturday **Canceled** Due to Tool Show
February 28 Fourth Saturday Open Lathe (8:30 a.m.)

February 13 - 14 - 15 Annual Tool Show

See Page 2 for Details

Calendar of Events

- February 9** Jim Faherty Demo Turning on the Bias (7 p.m.)
February 13, 14, 15—"Woodworkers Tool Show" Overland Park Trade Ct Overland Park, Kansas
February 28 Fourth Saturday open lathe (8:30 a.m.)
March 8 Bill Coomer Demo Earring Holder (7 p.m.)
March 13 Second Saturday learn to make light bulbs Judy Chesnut (8:30 a.m.)
March 27 Fourth Saturday open lathe (8:30 a.m.)

SHOW AND TELL

A highlight of the KC Woodturners monthly meeting is the Show and Tell session. Members and guests bring turned projects, tools, or items of interest and describe the item to the group. At great peril of missing some participant, the following are some of the items presented at the last meeting.

- Anthony Harris - Homemade thread chasers and multiple turned boxes.
Bud Schenke - Segmented bowl (Bloodwood, Birdseye Maple)
Frank Novich - Hollow vessel (Spalted Maple), platter (Birdseye Maple), bud vase (Laminated Aluminum, Paduck)
Jim Faherty - Cherry bowl nut cracker with inlaid brass
Kent Townsend - Large shallow bowl (Spalted Maple), natural edge bowl (Mesquite)
Fred King - Turning purchased from Lon Erwin
Leo Lutz - Pedestal bowl (Walnut)
Boyko Varney - Turning representing mission trip from wood found in central Mexico.
Jerry McMaster - Small plate (Walnut Crotchwood)
Judy Chesnut - Small pots (Maple Burl)
Danny Smith - Small goblet (Mystery Pallet Wood)

February 13 - 14 - 15 Annual Tool Show

The show gives the members of the club a chance to show their work and demonstrate the craft of woodturning.

This year the show will be held at the Overland Park International Trade Center 6800 W. 115th St. Overland Park, Ks 66211 (913) 451-7691

- Friday, February 13, 12 noon - 7 p.m.
Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, February 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission is \$8 per adult, children 12 and under are free (cash only)



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Turn About Wood

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Free Saturday Demonstrations

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Feb 7 Scroll Saw
Feb 14 Sharpening Carving Tools
Feb 21 Turning Workshop
Feb 28 Pen Turning

Woodcraft Supply

8645 Bluejacket Rd.
Lenexa, Ks. 66214
(913) 599-2800

Store Hours

Monday through Friday 9am - 9pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 9am - 5pm

Craft Supplies

1287 E 1120 South
Provo, Utah 84606
1-800-551-8876

Overland Tool Inc.

7905 Neiman
Lenexa, Ks. 66214
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1106 Valley Ridge Drive
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(816) 229-3055
Tormek Sharpening System

Tops Needed For Deanna Rose Farmstead

The club will be demonstrating turning tops at the Deanna Rose Farmstead May 15 - 16. Tops turned by members of the Woodturners club will be donated as a fundraiser for the Farmstead. Please see one of the club officers if you are willing to turn tops for that event. Blanks will be provided.