



# Wood Chips

March 2004

**Kansas City Woodturners Club**  
Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

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## Bill Coomer

As a child I grew up in the hills of Kentucky on my Grandmother's farm. In front of the house was a wagon road and beside it was a railroad track. People traveled up & down the road by foot & horse drawn wagons in those days. Hobos (catching a ride {to who knows where}, on the big long coal trains coming from the coal mines there) would frequently stop in to ask for a helping hand & a drink of water from Grandmother's well (the best water on earth) (I can still taste the sweetness of it today). We used to keep watermelons in a feed sack tied onto a rope down in that well to keep them cold (which were raised by Grandma, by the way).

Well, my woodworking started with the Hobos & my Uncle Budge. They would sit me upon their knee and whittle out things. I've always had a pocket knife ever since I was a very little boy. The things I would carve were little cars & whistles & sling shots for hunting snakes up in the mountains in front & in back by the creek of Grandma's house.

In one form or another woodworking has always been a love of mine and still today. However when I started turning on a lathe in high school, I

was really hooked. It was in some way, always on my mind; know what I mean? But I got married at the age of 19 and started raising a family, so woodworking took a back seat till I started working for Woodcraft eight years ago. The Assistant Manager at that time ask me, Bill, "what do you teach"? Teach ... no that's my sister & my brother, they are the teachers of the family not me I don't know how to teach. He said, "all our woodworking classes are free to the employees, you just buy the materials, so why don't you take a **Pen Turning Class** I did & look at me today **Hooked Again** - permanently for sure - however all my other woodworking has taken a **Back Seat** still sitting on the back burner till' I get retired **Hopefully Soon**.



## February Demonstration

Special thank to Jim Faherty for a superb demonstration. He turned a bowl on the bias making the process look much easier than it actually is to do.

## Club Events

Events held at Builder Resource West of I-35  
on 67th Street in Merriam Kansas

**March 8** - Bill Coomer Demo Earring Holder (7 p.m.)

**March 13** - Second Saturday - light bulbs  
Judy Chesnut and Ed Maxwell (8:30 a.m.)

**March 27** - Fourth Saturday open lathe (8:30 a.m.)

**Please Pay Club Dues by March 8**  
**Or your name will be removed from the Membership list**

## Calendar of Events

- March 8** Bill Coomer Demo Earring Holder (7 p.m.)  
**March 13** Second Saturday learn to make light bulbs  
Judy Chesnut and Ed Maxwell (8:30 a.m.)  
Bring spindle and roughing gouges, a skew and a thin parting tool.  
**March 27** Fourth Saturday open lathe (8:30 a.m.)  
**April 10** Second Saturday learn to make tops with Frank Novich  
**April 12** Anthony Harris will demo making a Mushroom box.

### For Sale

Metal base for a Powermatic 90.

Refurbished Craftsman lathe with seven drawer cabinet and tools.

Contact Joe Robbins Robbins5@cox.net.

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Commercial wooden ice box in restorable condition. 6' x 6' x 30"

\$250 Contact Frank Novich

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## A Big Thanks to all the Woodworking Show Volunteers!

The Woodworking Show was a lot of fun this year and our booth had a great deal of traffic. It took many volunteers to make things run as smoothly as they did. The booth staffers and demonstrators did an excellent job.

I would also like to give a special thanks to Chris Kunzle for getting the booth fixtures donated to us and to the team of club members who did the set up and tear down with him. That is a very big job. Once again this year our resident electrician, Bud Schenke took on the big task of the electrical hookups for the television monitors, cameras, lathe, lighting, etc. We are very fortunate to have his expertise.

Chris Kunzle's friend, Karen Hawkins, from Compass Exhibits & Design donated the fixtures for our booth. Each year someone from our club turns a nice thank you gift for her. This year a beautiful segmented hollow vessel was turned by Bud Schenke and Frank Novich.

Thank you all for volunteering.

Judy Chesnut

## New group in town!! Northland PenCrafters

Join us. This is a great opportunity to meet with fellow pen crafters, share your experiences, learn new techniques and "show and tell" your new projects. There will be demonstrations, "hands-on" workshops and programs that will pertain to small turning projects.

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - each month 2-4 pm at Turn About Wood - 5226 NE Chouteau Trfwy

Contact: Michael Mariner (816) 587-3195 for additional information.

## Paxton Woodcrafters

6311 St John Street  
Kansas City, Mo. 64123  
(816) 483-0659



## Turn About Wood

5226 NE Chouteau  
Kansas City, Mo. 64119  
(816) 587-3195  
www.turnaboutwood.com

## Woodturning Instruction

Visit web site for current class schedules.

Exotic & domestic hardwoods, Delta, Oneway, Crown, & more

## 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  
(913) 599-4044

## Sharp USA

1106 Valley Ridge Drive  
Grain Valley, Mo. 64029  
(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. Bring completed tops to Frank Novich at one of our scheduled meetings.