



Wood Chips

June 2004

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Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

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The Kansas City Woodturners Club Celebrates Tenth Year

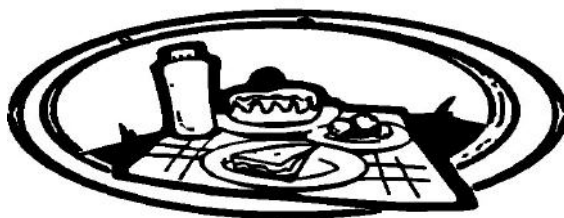
Annual KC Woodturners Picnic

Celebrate the clubs 10th year

Pot luck picnic - Meat and soda provided

Join us and bring a side dish or desert

Saturday June 12, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



The Next two issues of Wood Chips are dedicated to a brief history of the club thru the bios of our past presidents.

John Larson 1994 - 1995

VP Earl Reed 1994

VP Roger Shepherd 1995

Treasurer Russ Blaser 1994 - 1995

On June 19th, 1994, a group of people that shared a common interest in woodturning gathered to talk about creating a club that catered to that interest and to share ideas, tips, and techniques. The organizational meeting was lead by John Larson (an employee of Woodcraft Supply). The dues were set a #10 per year. Membership in the American Association of Woodturners, while not a requirement for membership, was requested so that the local club could obtain an AAW charter.

The first meeting of the Kansas City Woodturners Club was held on July 11, 1994 at Woodcraft Supply Store in Lenexa. The meeting was lead by John Larson and had 14 members in attendance. The meeting included two demonstrations on sharpening lathe tools. John Larson demonstrated sharpening tools using a belt sander and Roger Shepherd sharpened tools using a grinder.

John Larson lead the club for the remainder of 1994 and again in 1995 together with Earl Reed as Vice-President. In March of 1995, Russ Blaser volunteered his services as Treasurer.

President Roster

John Larson	1994 - 1995
Dean Harper.	1996
Roger Shepherd	1996 - 1997
Jim Lambie	1998
Boyko Verney	1999
John Shackelford	2000
Dick Woodhouse	2001
Don Gruis	2002
Alex Garcia	2003
Frank Novich	2004

Club Events

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

June 12, Club Picnic, Shawnee Park **NO SECOND
SATURDAY WORKSHOP**

June 14, Regular Meeting - Jerry Darter demo

June 26, Fourth Saturday open workshop

Calendar of Events

June 12, Club Picnic, Shawnee Park
June 14, Regular Meeting - Jerry Darter will demo segmented baby rattle
June 26, Fourth Saturday open workshop
July 10, Second Saturday Workshop - Bob Davis - Turn a flower

Presidents - continued from first page

John Larson, mentions in the newsletter of October 1994, the club challenge was a top. John goes on to tell of the fun in making the tops and refers to Anthony Harris as the man to ask for help in getting them to spin. Is there a little story in that little tale? The news letter goes on to ask for assistance from membership to help in building a video/print library by asking its members to donate copies of their videos. Today, John, we are still enjoying the fruits of those efforts.

In May of 1995 Russ Blaser reported the club had \$362.14 in the bank account.

Roger Shepherd 1996 - 1997

VP Chuck Carnahan 1997
Treasurer Russ Blaser 1996 - 1997
Secretary Kevin Neelley 1996 - 1997

Early in 1996 club president Dean Harper resigned due to health problems. Vice President Roger Shepherd took over the leadership role as President with John Larson as Adviser.

Roger has related a story of the time when he saw a turning demonstration by Dale Nish at a seminar sponsored by the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild. Having wet his whistle on the concept of turning, he decided to pursue the hobby. So, Roger went out and purchased his first lathe, which was an AMT brand. He took the lathe home and was eager to turn his first piece. The first log placed on the new lathe broke the lathe in half. Roger learned his first lesson and that was cheap is not better.

In October of 1997 Jim Lambie arranged for the club to use Consolidated Lumber for the meeting location. This is the same location that we are using now.

Our first annual Auction took Place in November of 1997 enough money was raised to pay off a lathe that had been purchased by the club.

Jim Lambie 1998

VP Boyko Varney 1998
Treasurer Russ Blaser 1998
Secretary Kevin Neelley 1998

Jim Lambie started out 1998 with \$600 in the treasury, and a new lathe. He added our librarians, Richard McCartney and Dick Smith (Dick Smith still handles the library today). We also participated in a new show called, "The Greater Kansas City Treasures in Wood". This event was held at Crown Center Events Center.

Purhaps after the addition of our librarians, the biggest contribution to the club was Jim's efforts to obtain permission to move the club to the Consolidated Limber Building, which is today called Builder Resource (our current free home).

More to come next month



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