



Wood Chips

September 2004

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Feature Turner Merle Schneck

An event occurred in January 1935, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital (Kansas). Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Schneck announced the birth of their second son, Merle Roy. The Schnecks moved to a farm west of Lawrence after the War. A few years on the farm convinced Merle he wanted to be a Voc. Ag. Teacher. While in high school (in 1950) he started dating his future wife, Donna Carlson, whose father was the State Farm Ins. Agent in Lawrence. After graduating from LMHS he enrolled at Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, up the river in Manhattan. As time went by they got married in 1955. Merle enrolled at KU (where Donna was a student), in the school of engineering. KU suggested he attend K State if he wanted to be an architect. One small problem arose in the School of Architecture. He found out he couldn't watercolor, actually came close to flunking the class. Back to School of Agriculture. Along comes son Marlon. Money was scarce so going to work was his bet option. He became a Lab Tech for

Callery Chemical in Lawrence. (Son Stanley is born). Plant closes, so off to Kentucky for 5 years working for Airco Chemical. Sons Glenn and Monty are born. Back to Kansas to become a State Farm Agent in Bonner Springs. Merle began woodturning in 1993 on a mall Sears lathe. First turning project was producing 16 canoe paddles. (Had to make the bed longer). He retired in 1997 after 32 years as an insurance agent. Merle and wife, Donna, joined "Kansas City Woodturners" in 2000 and started to learn how to really turn wood. Willard Baxter, the resident woodturner at John C. Campbell Folk School started them off on going to school to learn even more. JCCFS 01-02-04, Arromount 03. For September's program Merle will be making a bedan and a handle for it.

Club Events

Events held at Builder Resource West of I-35
on 67th Street in Merriam Kansas
Sept 11, Second Saturday Workshop - scratch awls.
Sept 13, Meeting Merle Schneck - bedan and handle
Sept 18 & 19 Deanna Rose- Club will demo spin tops
Sept 25, Fourth Saturday open turning

Club Logo

The Kansas City Woodturners club will vote on the submitted logos during the September meeting. See last months newsletter for details.

Club Challenge

The best turning from a supplied block of walnut will be chosen as winner of the club turning challenge. Bring your tuning to the September meeting. The winner will be chosen by club vote. See August newsletter for challenge details.

Calendar of Events

Sept 11, Second Saturday Workshop - We will be making scratch awls. (We did mallets in Aug.) You know how women like to change their minds!

Sept 13, Meeting Demo Merle Schneck will be making a bedan and a handle for it.

Sept 18 & 19 Deanna Rose- Club will demo spin tops

Sept 18 & 19 Turn About Wood - Tom Crabb - Multi Axis

Sept 25, Fourth Saturday open turning

Oct 9 & 10 Turn About Wood Curt Theobald - Segmenting

Oct 11 Meeting will be our big AUCTION!

Oct 16 Northland Woodturners Symposium

Win A Lathe

During the Orlando AAW Symposium, Delta International Machinery donated two new Delta X5 full size Model 46-756 lathes valued at \$2250 each. They were used as demo lathes during the Symposium. They turn 16" over the Steel Bed, and include the basic machine with 2 HP, variable speed 230V motor, drive center, live center, 4" face plate, 12" tool rest and base, knockout bar, wrenches and instruction manual. They turn 42" between centers, have a 1 1/4" x8tpi spindle and weigh 386 lbs.

Your chapter can win one of these lathes. The AAW Board of Directors has decided that as an added bonus for our members, that one lathe will be awarded to an individual who either renews his/her AAW membership or joins the AAW between September 1, 2004 and January 15, 2005 (this includes members who renewed for multiple years). The winner will be selected by a random drawing from a pool of members joining or renewing during this period. The winner will be called and asked the name of his/her chapter. That chapter will win the other lathe. That could be your chapter. Winners will be responsible for shipping from Orlando.

Northland Woodturners 2004 Turn North Symposium

Saturday, October 16th 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Platte Woods United Methodist Church

7310 NW Prairie View Road

Kansas City, MO

\$10.00 per person

(Children under 14 free-Must be accompanied by an adult)

For info: Call Kent Townsend 816-734-0561

Turn About Wood Workshops

SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Tom Crabb—Turning "Hands-on" Workshop

Multi-axis and turning on the bias is the focus of this workshop.

\$150 fee for both days (includes materials). Bring your own tools.

OCTOBER 9 & 10, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Curt Theobald—Segmenting Internationally acclaimed segmenter will share his techniques at this "hands-on workshop"

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