

Wood Chips

May your tools be sharp and your chips fly high



LOCAL AAW CHAPTER



Officers

President:

Merle Schneck
(913) 441-2433

Vice President:

Bud Schenke
(913) 438-2020

Treasurer:

Kevin Neelley
(913) 492-6522
kneelley@earthlink.net

Secretary/Editor:

Rick Bywater
(913) 897-0765
kscornboy@yahoo.com

Board of Directors:

Jim Faherty
(816) 229-1250
Don Grimes
(913) 962-2060
Jim Lambie
(913) 681-1058

Support Staff:

Librarians:

Dick Smith
(913) 341-4613
Pete Stiglich
(913) 342-9133

Audio/Video Crew:

Don Grimes
(913) 962-2060
Jay Nicholes
(913) 441-5771

Archivist:

Larry McClintock

Membership:

Bill Kuhlman

Refreshments:

Donna & Merle

Newsletter Asst:

Denise Wituszynski



Some Chips

From time to time every organization has its ups and downs. The first one for KCWT's came in 1996 when the club was about to become homeless, it was not Jim Dandy who came to the rescue, but Jim Lambie, the guy who knew a guy. A new home was found at Consolidated Lumber in their file storage room. The second major crisis (we now had lathes, TV's and loads of other stuff) came in late 2004 when McCray Lumber became the new occupant of the building. We were about to be put out on the street again, but along came Jim Lambie again to the rescue, the guy who new a guy by the name of Jim Hatfield. The rest is history. I do not think we could have a better situation than our current arrangement, we hope it stays that way for along time. We all need to thank Jim Lambie for being able to get Jim Hatfield to let us use our current home.

I also want to thank Jim Lambie for being President this past year, I know it was not easy for him.

We weren't the only folks that had their meeting location pulled out from under them. The Northland club was on the street for several months before finding a new home at North Overland Tool, 1404 Gentry, North Kansas City, Missouri.

Thanks to all the folks who came to the Christmas party. Your presence and presents made for a very enjoyable evening and O what great eating we had.

I want to commend the nominating committee for their fast work in nominating Jim Lambie, Jim Faherty and Don Grimes for the three new positions on the Board. We invited them to participate in the 12-19 Board meeting.

March Learn to Turn

March's learn to turn (second Saturday) will feature Dale Nish considered by many to be "the grandfather of woodturning". More info to follow.

Featured Turner

Our featured turner for January is Alex Garcia. Alex has been a featured turner several times over the years. Alex will be demonstrating the use of a duplicator that is used in production turning. Alex is married with 6 children, 4 grandchildren and lives in Lone Jack, Missouri. He has been a member of KCTW since 1999 and is a past Secretary, Vice President and President of the club.

Annual Dues

\$20—make check out to KC Woodturners and give to the Treasurer (Kevin Neelley).

Members: Please provide Kevin with an e-mail address if possible. This eliminates additional printing and mailing costs (which are going up). Have you notice the color photographs?

You still have time to renew or join the AAW before January 15 to receive the Fundamentals of Sharpening video/DVD and a chance to win a Delta lathe valued at \$2,250.

Tool Show—February 3—5, 2006

The club will again be featured this year with a 20' x 30' booth for demonstrating wood turning. Chairman Jerry Darter will be passing out a sign up sheet at our January meeting to assist in helping move, set up, demonstrate, tear down, clean up, etc.

Club Events

Events held in basement of McCray Lumber off I-35 on 67th Street in Merriam Kansas entrance on west side of building

Jan 9—Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

Jan 14—Learn to turn—8:30—12:00

Jan 28—Learn to turn—8:30—12:00—

Open lathe

Treasurer's 2005 Financial Report

1/1/2005 thru 12/18/2005:

1/4/2005 opening balance:	\$5,037.62
Dues received	+\$1,415.00
Raffle income	+\$ 740.10
Expenses & Clubhouse materials	-\$3,152.65
Andi Wolfe & Brian Simmons Demos	-\$ 466.92
Refreshments	-\$ 319.83
Super Glue	-\$ 310.00
Annual Auction proceeds	+\$1,296.00
AWW Symposium share	+\$3,680.00
AWW Symposium collaboration piece	+\$ 100.00
2005 Year End Balance	\$8,019.32

Katrina Relief Fund

Recently 39 world class turners donated an art piece that was auctioned on Ebay to help raise funds for affected AAW members and chapters who sustained severe losses. The 9 day auction raised over \$54,000. The two highest pieces generated over \$6000 each with Frank Sudol's "the Spirit of New Orleans" selling for \$6,601. One of this writer's favorite turners (Ron Kent) piece sold for \$750. The interesting part is that you were bidding on a piece of art that was in a cardboard box that you couldn't see. The mystery piece was turned in 1988. Basically, you were bidding on the reputation of the turner, curiosity and assisting in the help by generating funds of which 100% went to the relief.

December's learn to turn (2nd Saturday) featured Don Grimes turning an off-set miniature birdhouse Christmas ornament.



Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors meets at the club on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Any member with suggestions and/or feedback is welcome to attend.

Lathe for Sale: General model 160-1 with 1 hp motor, reversing switch, 3-jaw chuck, precision chuck, pin chuck, drill chuck, extra face plates, turning tools, books and more. All is in excellent condition. Can likely deliver to the KC are. Call Gerald Jones at 417-306-2353 in Joplin

Woodcraft Supply
8645 Bluejacket Rd.
Lenexa, KS 66214
(913) 599-2800

Store Hours
Monday through Friday 9 am—9pm
Saturday 9 am—6 pm
Sunday 9 am—5 pm

Calendar of Events

Feb 3—5—Tool Show
Feb 11—Learn to Turn
Feb 13—Regular Meeting
Feb 25—Learn to Turn open lathe

Craft Supplies

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

Christmas Party

The Christmas party was a success and very enjoyable by all who attended.



Nice Spread



Members, Friends, Spouses



Jerry Darter received a reverse turned vase by Don Guis at the gift Exchange.



Jerry McMaster received a bottle of homemade wine by Enologist Merle.



Fig 1

Woodturning is about having fun. Once you've learned how to have fun, the journey begins.....

I will start this new article, which I call "the journey". Hopefully, others will share their stories or paths....

In October, I flew my family to Oregon to attend my parent's 50th wedding anniversary celebration. This three day short trip included my brother, Mark, and I filling a trailer load of firewood. Mark's friend, Dan, had just cut down a 4' diameter Cottonwood in his backyard, which included grinding the stump for \$3500. Right away I noticed two pieces that stood out. Back in Mark's garage and at the last minute, I reduced the weight in order to take it on the airplane. The airline has a policy of allowing free checked baggage of 50 lbs. or under. At 70 lbs., we were using a power miter box, chisels, handsaws, etc needed to cut through the corners. Boy, I could have used a chain saw. The weight dropped to 58 lbs....55 lbs....52 lbs....and finally 50 lbs. I forgot to mention my wife was standing there fuming because we should have left 10 minutes ago for the airport. You always leave 2 hours in advance to get to the airport on time. It was a good thing the tree was cut down, because it was rotting at the base. Having spent an hour cutting away, we wrapped it with Saran wrap



Fig 2

and packaging tape with a duck tape handle (see Fig 1).

Upon arriving at the airport, the wood weighed in at 50.0 lbs. On the flight home, my wife would not sit with me. I had no time to clean up and that rotting Cottonwood had a permeating aroma.

Back at the shop, the wood was rough turned, dunked in dish soap and weighed 9.8 lbs. (see Fig 2). It has been placed in a brown sack and now weighs 6.4 lbs at the time of this article. The piece has a major crack due to a bark inclusion, which I have been filling with epoxy or CA glue.

I figure the wood will be ready to finish turning by late summer—then the real fun begins.

P.S. The larger piece that was left in my brother's garage weighed in at 120 lbs.

Rick Bywater