

Turn North



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Chapter Meetings:

First Thursday of every month, 7-9 pm.

Our ADDRESS: 7305 NW Prairie View Road in Platte Woods. We are across the street from the Platte Woods Methodist Church who has allowed us to park there when our regular parking is taken up (only about 7 cars/trucks can park in back.

Coming Attractions

Newsletters on the Chapter Website:
<http://northlandwoodturners-kc.com>

Event Information:

NEEDED: Fund raising Ideas.

Remember—2023 dues are \$10 for the year.

Due beginning January 5 2023

**Next Meeting:
Thursday, August 3, 2023**

July's meeting was a cookout with Ice Cream and cake. As one can tell from the pictures at the right, lots of good stories were shared and everyone had a full belly when leaving.

The Program included a challenge turning based on an Ice Cream Cone (empty, of course) but most of the turnings included one or two "scoops" in the finished product.

This was a great place to meet and share. Thanks to Mel Bryan and his phone for the pictures included in this month's newsletter. The editor left his camera/phone at home.



So... Why belong to AAW (American Association of Woodturners)?

Member Benefits

With the largest portfolio of woodturning-related material in the world, AAW is the go-to source for woodturners of all skill levels. A membership with the AAW can help you learn and thrive in your woodturning experience, as well as connect with others who share your passion.



Northland Woodturners is one of **360 AAW** affiliated chapters and offers opportunities for participating in a host of activities outside club meetings. One of these is **The AAW's Annual International Symposium** featuring three and a half days of woodturning demonstrations, panel discussions, and special events, led by internationally known woodturners, veteran woodturning instructors, and expert local talent. Check with our officers for membership details.

Show and Tell



Mel Bryan brought this little Utensil caddy. Made with Boxelder it has a satin lacquer finish. The diameter is about 4" and about 5-1/2" tall.



Mel also had Friction fit lidded boxes made with Boxelder and cherry. Friction polish was used for a finish to provide the sheen shown in these pictures.



Mel also had this Boxelder lidded box, also finished with a friction polish finish. The grain of the lid aligns with the grain of the container as can be seen in the right picture.



Mel was also busy duplicating what Mother Nature does naturally by making flowers. The Wood type is insignificant (alder & poplar flowers. Mulberry was used for the holder of the flowers which have stems of bamboo. No finish was used on the stems. Mel indicated he might do a demo sometime in the future showing how the flowers are made.



Mel also brought two turnings that were done and decorated initially using a small chainsaw. This gave the radial lines from the center out. The one on the left was finished clear in the center and the one on the right used a dye similar to one used by one of the previous demonstrators in a previous month. Lacquer and dyes were used to color the surfaces giving an iridescent sheen to the surface. Mel's comment was that the process was a bit nerve-wracking using the chainsaw.

Program Highlights—Turning challenge



Dale Andrews and Mel Bryan are shown turning their versions of the Turning Challenge Pattern, an ordinary ice cream cone. Since the pattern was an empty cone, contestants were encouraged to add a “scoop or two” to their finished turning.

The second set of contestants were Turn North Editor Leland Finley and Steve Dougherty. Two minutes doesn't seem very long when turning wood under pressure in a turning challenge. Parting off was not included in either of these two examples but a recognizable shape did emerge for both.



The final contestant was Club Treasurer Chip Siskey. His cone has a “cherry” on top of the two scoops of “ice cream and met the requirements but barely!



Declared the winner of the Turning Challenge was Mel Bryan. With a REALLY stubby cone (*wonder who his baker is?*) he came up with the most complete turning of the five contestants.

Chip's was almost as good but the "cherry" on top did add a slight distraction to the original order.

Look for more turning challenges in months to come and be ready to offer your expertise in turning as you compete in the next turning challenge. It really IS fun to compete even if you don't "win".

Thanks to everyone who has helped with our plug orders in the past. We continue to need plugs turned so pick up some and turn them. The dimensions are posted below. We will be asking for help getting other projects to raise funds. All ideas are welcome along with samples.

The CLUB NEWSLETTER tab of the club website is at

<http://www.northlandwoodturners-kc.com/>

Plug	Lg. Dia.	Length	Sm. Dia.
#1	1 1/2	7	5/8
#2	2 1/4	4	1 1/4
#3	3 1/4	3 1/2	2 1/8
#4	4 1/4	5 3/4	2 3/4
#5	6 1/2	6	4 3/4

Here's the Plug Size Chart again for those wanting to know the sizes of the Different plugs.

From the Editor: Northland Woodturners are always looking for program ideas. If you know of a program you would like to see or a demonstration you would like to share let **President David Bartlett** or **Vice President Danny Smith** know.


Sharing your expertise by bringing your latest creation in wood turning is always encouraged. Several interesting turnings have been shared this year and more are always anticipated.

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