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This is the OFFICIAL newsletter for the **Northland Woodturners Group** located at 7305 NW Prairie View Road in Platte Woods, MO 64152.

In this newsletter you will find a compilation of the Best of 2023, whether it is **Show and Tell, Turning Challenges** or **Program Highlights**. Get your coffee cup (*or favorite beverage*) sit back and enjoy the past year. {Ed. Note—*Sorry but the December 2023 challenges and results will be missing this year.*}

There might be one other interesting addition here too!! Just look for it!

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—2024 dues are \$10 for the year.

Due beginning January 4 2024

**Next Meeting:
January 4, 2024**

Best of Show 2023



Mikeal Jones' Sycamore bowl from *January* 2023.

Turned with the help of an Administer jig in chuck, the finish is a rubbed wax.



Tony Mansheim turned a three-piece box of **Walnut** for the *February* 2023 meeting.

What started as one piece of wood became three separate entities each with

some kind of cavity.



Steve Dougherty brought a multi-segment Urn for **March 2023 Show** and tell.

Made from **Walnut, Hickory** and **Purple Heart**, the finish is **Spar Poly** and **Tung Oil** mix and applied in multiple coats.

The total piece was made in two parts with the Walnut bottom part turned and smoothed inside before attaching the Hickory top.



Mikeal Jones brought two examples of corner turning of a cube for **April 2023 Show and Tell**. This one was glued up from scrap boards into a cube shape.

Mikeal oriented the cube shape so that two diagonal corners were used for center locations. Initial Turning requires some finesse, particularly if the cube is very large as in the far left example.



Dwight Herrick brought a couple of examples of his Duck Calls for the **May 2023 S & T**. The light-colored call is made of **Cedar** and the dark one is **Walnut**. His business is **Salem Ridge Woodworks™** and that is the brand applied to his calls.

The Walnut call also has Dwight's rendition of ducks in flight for decoration on the side of the call body.

Dwight is also quite accomplished "blowing" on a call he has made.



Mikeal Jones brought a platter/bowl that he made of **Poplar** for the **June 2023 S&T**. The exterior rim decoration was done with a ball tool in a Dremel. What appears to be “domino” design is really just a random pattern in the center three rings. Finishes include dewaxed Shellac on the bowl first to seal the wood after a stain of orange, yellow and walnut alcohol base dyes were applied. Lines were angled through the center of the rings to divide the “domino” patterns around the rim. The decorated rings were colored with black, bronze and silver colors and sealed with Mod Podge.



The most interesting turnings at the **July 2023 S&T** show were **Mel Bryan's** “flowers”. They are made using “scraps” that are about 1” in cross section and about 3-4” long.



In addition to being an accomplished wood turner, **Kent Townsend** is also an accomplished spoon carver. Seemingly no wood is too difficult for Kent to carve.



At left is **Buckhorn** on top and **Birch** below which **Kent** brought for the **August 2023 S & T**. No finish is used or at best a food-grade oil finish is applied.



Kent was warned that the spoon shape in the top picture was difficult to produce, however, Kent seemed to have little problem doing it in a class that he took.



Mikeal Jones brought some examples of offset turning to display for the **September 2023 S&T** before being the presenter for the September meeting.



Jim Tate brought an interesting turning he labeled (?) for the October 2023 S&T. More accurately it should be called an art piece since it contains several unique design pieces.

First of all, the base started out as a round turning. Sliced into two narrower pieces it was reglued aligning the turned lines on the base. The same goes for the large part of the upper form.

However, the upper piece is hollow and is covered with a flat, thin piece of **Walnut**. The top shape is a turning that contains both **Hard Maple** and **Walnut**. It is centered on the upper shape and gives a unique design to the whole piece. The major parts of the object are made from **Oak**. The support between the upper and the base is a random shape that is fitted into both parts to add to the design.



Club President **David Bartlett** brought a new “twist” on a nut cracker for the **November 2023 S&T**. Made from **Walnut** including sapwood **Walnut** for the screw, it works very well. David used a wood tap and die to make the threads on the screw and in the body.

Want to see YOUR work highlighted next Year? Bring something unique, well-done or just interesting to a meeting.

Turning Challenges 2023



For the July meeting the **Turning Challenge** was to turn an **Ice Cream Cone** with scoops on top.

Declared the winner of the **July 2023 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.

Featured Guest Speakers in 2023



Just three of the items shown by **April Special Guest Ben Simmons** from the **Independence Woodturner's** club.

Ben's specialty being demonstrated was dyeing and coloring of wood to enhance the natural grain and characteristics of the wood having been turned. Judging from the items on display by Ben, this was accomplished "*in spades!*"





Special Guest Anthony Harris of Overland Park, KS, a 54 y.o. woodturner was the feature program for the **May 2023** meeting.

Anthony specializes in turning nuts of all types. Shown in front of Anthony at left are some of his finished products along with the raw nuts from which the turnings came.



If you have someone who has special wood turning skills or talents and would like to see them make a presentation at a future Northland Woodturners meeting, let David Bartlett know or Danny Smith know so they can schedule them on the calendar. If there is a charge involved this also would be good to know.



The Northland Woodturners is an affiliated club with the American Association of Woodturners.

Membership information is available on the AAW website at <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Woodturner/Join-Pages/Ways-to-Join-Woodturners.aspx?hkey=790d4193-ebf6-454c-ab72-17196271ac61>

Have a great New Year turning one of the natural components of this earth into interesting, unique and creative items for your use, sale, and giving.

Happy New Year!

Thanks to everyone who has helped with our plug orders in the past. We will be asking for help getting other projects to raise funds. All ideas are welcome along with samples.


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