

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—2024 dues are \$10 for the year.

Due beginning January 4 2024

**Next Meeting:
August 01, 2024**

We begin a NEW month—AUGUST! Number 8 on the calendar and with it brings what is known as the “*Dog Days of Summer!*”.

Wood turners know that it’s time to get busy if gifts at Christmas time are to be done on time. Some of them take longer than others and some take as little as 30 minutes, well... maybe a little longer!!

So, let’s define a few terms related to woodturning.

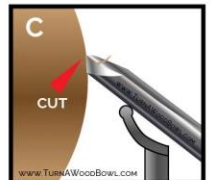
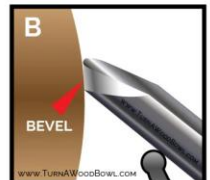
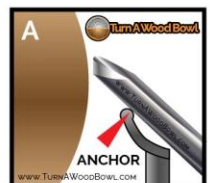
There is a woodturning term called the “ABCs” of woodturning. It’s a nice little phrase to remember what to do when you approach your turning wood at the lathe. **Anchor, Bevel, then Cut.**

The **Anchor** is what the cutting tool rests on to steady it during the cutting process.

The **Bevel** is the angle of the cutting edge and varies depending on the kind of tool that is sharpened. Most seasoned woodturners already know this and can sharpen their own tools without someone else helping them. Several accessories are sold and available to assist in this sharpening process.

The **Cut** is described as the contact of the tool with the wood and is determined by the **Bevel**, kind of wood, speed of cutting and angle of the tool contacting the wood. For very small turnings sometimes a support is needed. Some woodturners use a finger behind the work while others have a special-purpose support that fastens onto the lathe to hold the work steady. This is called a **Steady Rest**. These can be shop-made or purchased depending on the need.

In this newsletter later we will see at least one of these methods being used to make the part. See if you can find it.



One of the monthly features of Northland Woodturners is what some call **Show and Tell**. Club members bring something they have made during the previous month and share what and how it was done. Sometimes the work is very ornate and sometimes it is showing a basic turning operation used to good advantage based on the article and/or use to which it is put.

Without further ado...

Show And Tell



Woodturner **Mel Bryan** brought this little box. Made with a removable lid called a “manhole cover in design. By pushing on one edge of the lid it will pop up so the box can be accessed. The body is made of **Maple** and the lid is an open-grain wood with a stripe across design.

The design on the side of the box was made by burning while the box was still on the lathe. Finish was friction polish.



Mel also brought three green-wood turnings made from **Sycamore**. Two have bark on and one does not. Mel did not say if the bark came off of the third bowl. They range from 4—5-1/2” in. in diameter. They all are unfinished since they were turned green and had to cure.





Tony Mansheim made a vase and flower with **Walnut** for the flower and the base of the vase from a knotty limb. The whole project is finished with clear shellac.

Good job turning all those knots Tony.



Steve Dougherty brought a natural-edge **Cherry Platter**. It is about 2-3" deep and is oval in shape. Finished with Tung Oil it has a high shine and shows off the grain of the log from which it was taken.

The bark seems to be firmly attached also. Although a couple of cracks are visible on the inside at one side, they seem to be stable and don't seem to go anywhere toward the bark or center of the platter. Nice work, Steve.



Mikeal Jones turned a lidded segmented box with **Mahogany** wood. The overall diameter is 4" and is 6-7" tall. All 5 segments—not counting top and bottom—are Mahogany. Finish is Lacquer. Segments are pieced together to form the ring.

Good placement of individual parts within each ring, Mikeal.

Rick Tucker, one of our newest members, brought a raw wood Goblet made from **Sycamore**.

The stem is about $\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter and about 5" long. Odds are the two ends were turned first and then the stem was finish turned.

Smooth base, bowl of the goblet and stem. Either very sharp tools or lots of sandpaper.

This is a very nice job Rick! Thanks for sharing it.



Rick also brought a square bowl which he says is a prototype. It is made from Silver Maple, quite figured too.



The Month of July was a turning challenge; A little different in design since time was not taken for turning the object. The challenge came in the operation of the finished piece. Made from a turned body, spring attached to a spool that slides down a 1/8" brass rod, and decorations as desired, Chip Siskey, Club Treasurer dreamed up this challenge. The time needed for the "woodpecker to work his way down the wire was where the timing came in. Speeds from 3.3 seconds to 113 seconds were obtained by those participating.



Shown below are some of the turnings in process before attempting to work their way down the wire. Why the spring? This is to give motion so that the vibration of going up and down by the "woodpecker" would cause the spool to move; Newton's laws of motion in action.



Mel Bryan had the fastest time and took one of the prizes. Made from one of the Walnut cutoffs from the latest set of Baton blanks, he duplicated pretty close Chip's design.

Dale Andrews was another contestant. Shown here on one of the smaller Club lathes, Dale is also using Walnut as a blank to make his bird.



Steve Dougherty was another challenger. He also used Walnut for his bird.

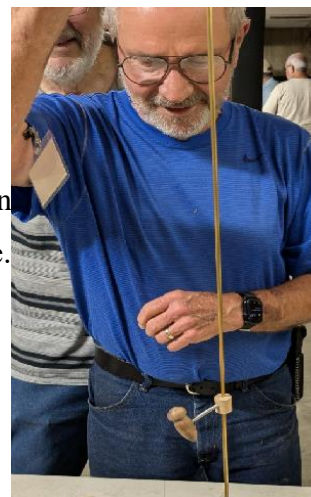


Chip Siskey turns another bird while Dale Andrews looks on. In the background Carl Sievering is working on assembling his turning to see if it can compete.



Mikeal Jones is intent on finishing his turning for the challenge.

Steve Dougherty checks his operation as his “bird” goes down the wire.



Carl Sievering took the time prize with his bird... Apparently there were lots of “worms” on the wire and his bird was slow getting to the bottom.

Congratulations to all the participants in the Turning Challenge for July!

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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