

# Turn North



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The year 2025 ushers in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the **American Association of Woodturners**. In recognition of this event the Turn North feature this month will highlight the history and formation of the organization known as **AAW** or the **American Association of Woodturners**.

Background for this feature comes from a book entitled *Woodturning Today a Dramatic Evolution*. This book was published in 2011 as part of the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AAW 1986-2011. But I digress. The actual formation came about in October 1985 after numerous symposiums and gatherings over the previous 10 years or so actually gelled during the Woodturning And Concept conference held at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft's in Tennessee.

“On the second day of the weekend conference 13 people gathered on the porch of the student dormitory, discussed the idea, and agreed to form the **American Association of Woodturners**.”<sup>1</sup> By April of 1986 the final, formal designation and legal work was done and **AAW** became official.

The rest is history and this year the **AAW** celebrates 40 years of providing woodturners world-wide with Symposiums, conferences, publications and other great resources.

Throughout the year 2025 you will get other snippets of detail regarding **AAW** and its history, so stay tuned.

## Coming Attractions

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

**NEEDED: Fund raising Ideas.**

**Remember—2025 dues are \$10 for the year.**  
**Due beginning**  
**January 2 2025**

**Next Meeting:**  
**February 6, 2025**

The **Northland Woodturners** is an affiliated club with the **American Association of Woodturners** and as such, provides “official” dues-paying members with several benefits. This is especially true when Northland Woodturners provides a program and invites outside people to experience woodturning. This might be at a special turning session on a weekend or at shows like the old **The Wood Show™**.

<sup>1</sup> *Woodturning Today a Dramatic Evolution*, Ed. John Kelsey, 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. 2011; p.55

## *Look What I did!*



**Kent Townsend** did the ultimate considering that the Kansas City Chiefs are now in the Super Bowl. Little did Kent know when he turned this how valuable this could become!!

Kent, put a high enough price on it to make people WANT it!

Great job Kent!!



Steve Dougherty brought a nice Kentucky Coffee Bean wood bowl with some unique characteristics. Notice the knot on one edge. Steve did a great job of keeping the knot and not ruining the bowl. On closer examination of the picture no "filling" of the knot seems to be there. Finish was Lacquer and Poly wipe-on.



We'll have to check with Steve to be sure about the knot. It looks like a walnut ring was added. That too will need to be verified by Steve. At any rate it's still a great job and one's still curious about the straight sides...

# Program Highlights

Danny Smith was the featured presenter of the main program after “*Look What I Did!*” was done. P.S. A new can will be available at the February meeting for ticket deposit.. “*Nuff Said!*”

Kudos go to Mikeal Jones for Program pictures to go into this edition of the newsletter. Thank You! Mikeal!! (*Some photos may not be as sharp but the idea is still there.*)



Danny began his demo with a flat board to make the “umbrella” of his turning assembly. Here you see the initial turning to form what becomes the upper large part of his assembly.

At the right is the turned piece which can form a bowl, the upper part of his assembly or whatever you desire it to become.

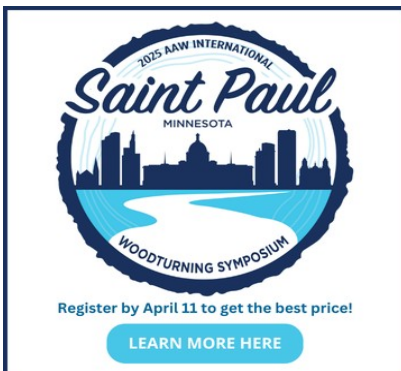


As one can see, the light wood part was turned much the same as what is shown in the upper two photos. This formed the basis for what became Danny’s version of a Christmas ornament. At the right in that photo is shown the lower finial which was then assembled to form the final piece as shown at the left. Judging from its size and Danny’s hand one can tell that the turning from Walnut was somewhat fragile and one slip and it’s start-over time.



Great job Danny, showing how to make what looks very complicated become a simple set of operations combined together into an impressive piece. Size can be determined by the maker and one’s skill in turning delicate pieces.

Let’s see what can be done for the February “*Look What I Did!*” section and the ensuing display.



This one is not too far away and is not that far off. Time to get your registration done and sent along with Hotel Reservation. Car pooling will help spread the expenses too.

Digital membership is only \$60.00 (*regular membership is up to \$74.00*)



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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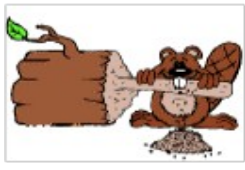
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