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

Next Meeting:
April 3, 2025



The AAW International Woodturning Symposium is the biggest woodturning event in the world and has something for everyone, no matter your experience level.

Internationally Renowned Demonstrators – Top woodturners from around the world will be demonstrating for woodturners of all skill levels.

- **Woodturning & Woodworking Trade Show** – Many of your favorite woodturning and woodworking vendors in one place with exclusive deals and a hands-on look at the latest and greatest products.
- **A Sense of Community** – Connect with a welcoming community of woodturning hobbyists, professionals, artists, collectors, and vendors.
- **Gallery, Exhibitions and Auctions** – The largest and most unique display of awe-inspiring wood art from around the world
- **Two Ways to Attend** – Register for full access to all the demonstrations, presentations, gallery, auctions and tradeshow, or attend just the tradeshow and gallery for free.
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June 12-15, 2025 at the Saint Paul RiverCentre in Saint Paul, Minnesota

Register by April 11 to save up to \$120!



Show and Tell



President **David Bartlett** showed his latest safety tool—a Push Stick. Note the support between the thumb and index finger on the tool. Made from **UHMW plastic** he added “art work” to simulate a human hand. If IT loses a finger no blood will be lost and David will still be able to count to ten on HIS fingers!! LOL!!

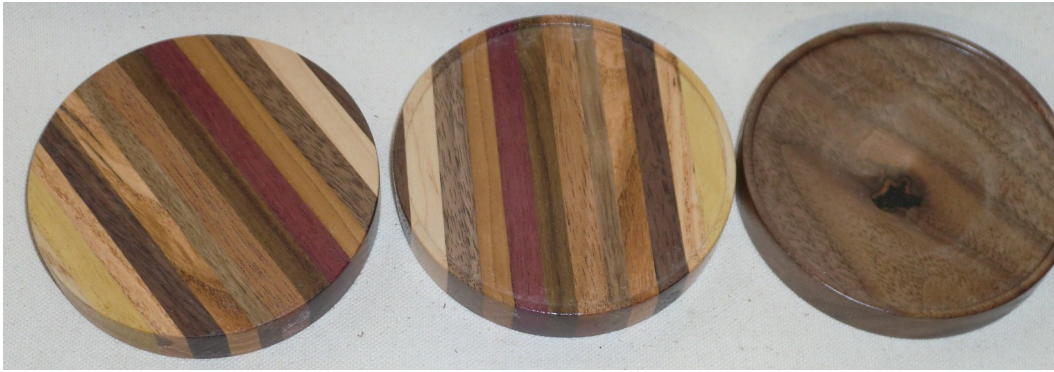


Kent Townsend brought his version of the Challenge from a 1-1/2 square block from February’s meeting. It is a round “box” and has wood burning decorating on the surface. The Blocks were leftovers from the batons the Club made last year.



Mikeal Jones made a box with a round dome top. Same type of material as Kent’s from the February Turning Challenge. Note the interior in the near picture at left.

Finished with Lacquer it is a nice turning.

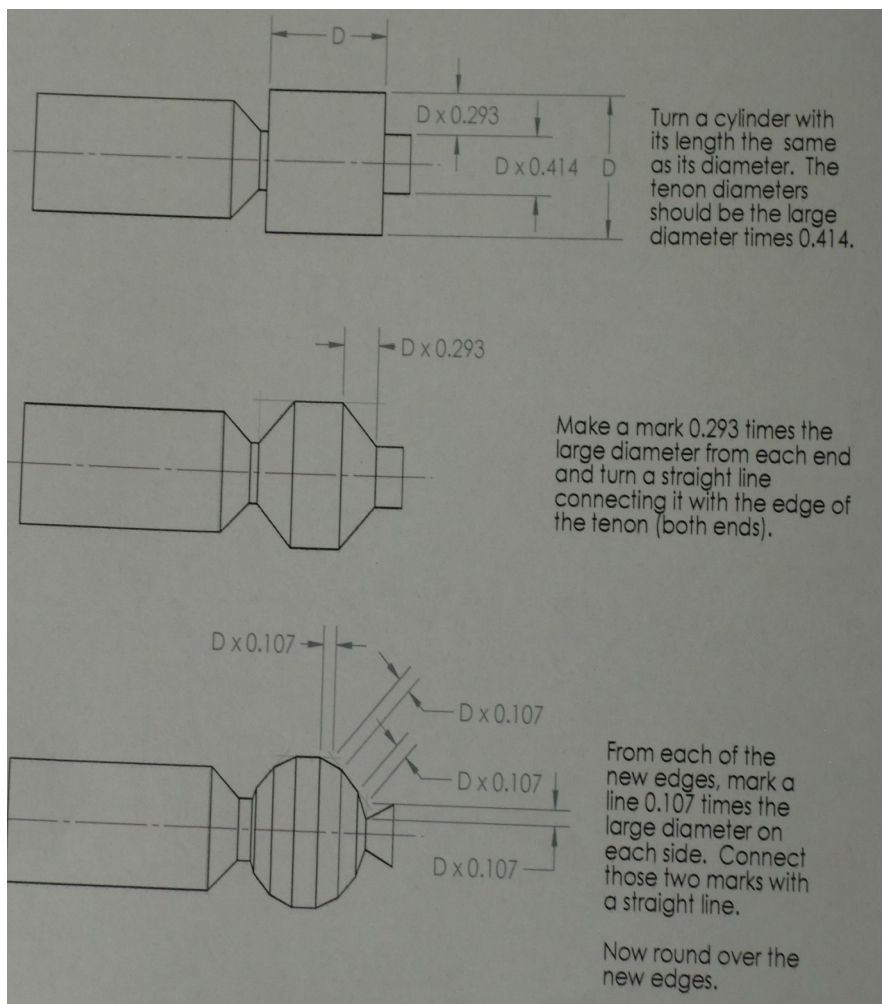


Mikeal also made several coasters, some from scrap wood lying around. The one on the right is made from a **walnut** board Mikeal had left over from another project.



Andy Brundage brought his rendition as an offset turning. It also has a box in the middle which is somewhat disguised. The interior of the box could hold small items such as rings or earrings.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Mikeal Jones was the presenter for March and showed how to turn a sphere.

At left are some design considerations for laying out the sphere on a block.

Taking a 3" piece of Pine for his demo that had already been turned round, Mikeal laid out the dimensions as shown at left.

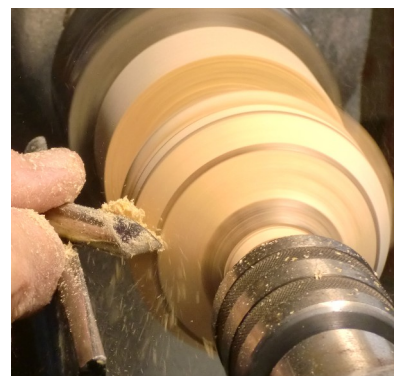
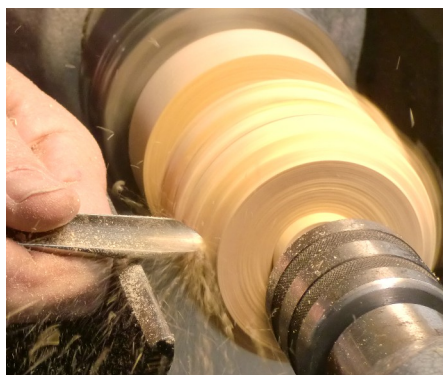
Then he proceeded to turn the shapes shown on the drawings at left.

Once a "close spherical shape" was developed, the "ball" was cut off and placed in a "chuck" that had a depression turned into it to support the rounded form.

Pictures will follow the descriptions here.

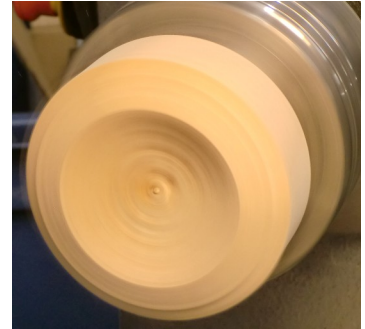
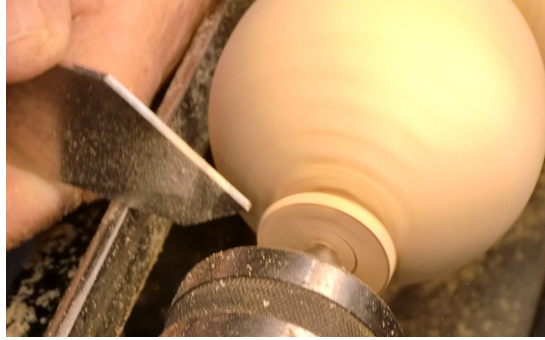
The "chuck" was turned from the remainder of the "ball" when it was separated. This allowed Mikeal to move the ball around to trim the turning and provide a more rounded appearance and remove any irregularities of shape that might have been introduced during turning.

Pictures of the process begin below and continue to the end of the PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS.

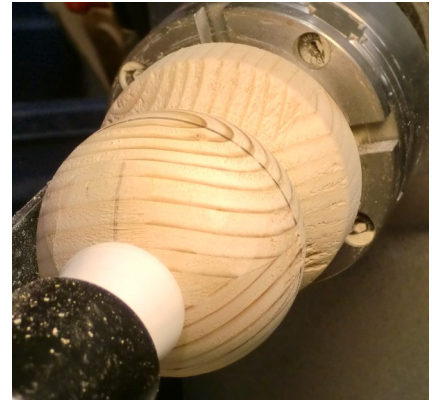


Mikeal laid out the lines where certain diameters and cuts would be made first. Then turning began with the chamfers turned into the piece first.

Once the turning that followed the drawings on page 4 were completed, the end was removed, the “ball” was parted off and a hollow was turned into the remaining piece still fastened in the ONE-Way™ chuck.



With the rough “ball” clamped between two hollowed “chucks”, additional turning to remove high spots and get the roundness developed. With a line indicating where the original center high point was located, careful spot turning began.



After several re-locations of the ball between the hollowed centers, a near-perfect round ball was produced. Overall the process took about 1.5 to 2 hours to complete from beginning to finish.



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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\$10.00. Advanced payments are accepted.

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