



Turn North



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As the new year has arrived the Northland Woodturners will be looking for new and creative ways to turn raw wood into all kinds of wood turnings, some simple and some “over the top”!

Give serious consideration to how you will accomplish what you have in raw materials, tools and skills to produce your creative results.

There are some changes, all for the good, that will be incorporated into **Turn North**; Stay tuned.

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:

January 8, 2026

(Because 1/1/2026—NO!)



Raleigh, NC, at the Raleigh Convention and Performing Arts Center

Starts: Jun 4, 2026 08:00 AM (CT)

Ends: Jun 7, 2026 02:00 PM (CT)



Two Ways to

Attend – Register for *full access* to all the demonstrations, presentations, gallery, auctions and trade show, or *attend just the trade show and gallery for free.*

2026 Symposium Sponsored By:

Registration:



<https://americanassociationofwoodturners-regfox.com/aaw-woodturn-symposium>

The December 2025 meeting of Northland Woodturners saw a great food court and lots of fellowship for those who attended. A full menu that included Ribs, Brisket, salads, veggies, breads and desserts along with fresh, hot coffee, sodas and water.

After eating all one could hold (*and then some*), the Ornament Contest was shared; (*Pictures to follow*).

A lively turning challenge included several participants with some creative results. The judging was done by Danny Smith's wife who had not seen the performances. The original was brought by Club President David Bartlett.

So, without further adieu, see the results.

Meal Time



The Brisket was actually corned Beef Brisket with Sauerkraut and Thousand Island Dressing along with Pumpernickel bread and a Panini grill to make Reubens with.

Ornament Contest



At the top were the entries along with the one at the lower left. At the lower right are the winners from left to right.

First Place went to **Andy Brundage** with a 5 tier Christmas tree turned from five cubes held diagonally. They were then stained and finished with Lacquer.

Second Place, the middle one, was done by **Mikeal Jones**. It is hollow inside and made in the same way of his other segmented turnings only smaller. It also is finished with Lacquer.

Third Place, the one on the right in the picture, was done by **Steve Dougherty**. It too is hollow and segmented but in a different way. All three bases for display were made by the respective makers listed. The supports on second and third place entries were made from clothes hangers bent around a paint can to make the large curve shape.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Always a season favorite, the Turning Challenge was accepted by multiple members. Shown below are some of the pictures of the participants and the results of their effort.



This was the pattern, brought by President David Bartlett, to be duplicated in the Turning Challenge by those who took part. The base was about 2" in diameter with a decorative cove base. The candle body was about 4" tall with a simulated "flame".



The first two challengers were Steve Dougherty on the left above and Mikeal Jones on the right. Three minutes were allowed to duplicate the pattern shown at the end of Mikeal's lathe bed.



Mikeal's result at left



Steve's result at left.



The next two competitors were Chip Siskey on the left above and Danny Smith on the right above.



This is Chip's result after 3 minutes.



This is Danny's result after 3 minutes.



The next two competitors were Dale Andrews and President David Bartlett. Each also started with a 2" square blank that was about 7" long, mounted in a "One-Way" chuck and using a live tailstock.



This was Dale's challenge



This was David's challenge.



The final results of the challenges with the pattern in the foreground.

(Winning turnings shown on next page.)



First place went to Chip Siskey.

Second place went to Mikeal Jones.

Third place went to Danny Smith.

Each was awarded a nice prize from the club. *(Sorry, no pics of the prizes.)*

Now, for some really great results bring your ideas turned in wood, acrylic, etc., and show off what you have accomplished this year; Sky's the limit!!



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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