



TURN NORTH



Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners, Kansas City MO

November 2006

Dec. 7 Meeting is the Annual Ornament Contest

Bring your bestest turned ornaments for display and consideration in the Northland Woodturners' Ornament Contest. The winner this year will receive a Jet mini-lathe! No kidding! Give this your best shot, it's surely worth the effort to get to the meeting and bring some of the works of your hands. We'll also have refreshments and whatever snacks or cookies y'all bring, plus what Prez Marci calls a "yankee swap". If you bring a gift, you'll be receiving a gift!

The chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month from 7-9 pm at Overland Tool North, 1404 Gentry, North Kansas City MO 64116.

Their phone number is (816) 268-4304. Off Missouri Hwy 9, turn east & go 4 blocks on 14th St.—Off I-35, take the 16th St. exit, go west to Gentry & south to the intersection of 14th St.

For a map, visit: <http://maps.google.com/maps?q=1404+Gentry,+North+Kansas+City,+MO&iwloc=A&hl=en>

November Highlights

We talked about the need for volunteers for secretary and treasurer. It was also announced that we'd be sending new waivers out for folks to re-declare their membership in this chapter. You'll find that info in this newsletter.

Kent Townsend provided a nifty demo and discussion of pepper mill technology. Nice job, Kent.

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Coming Attractions

Dec 7, '06 Holiday Fest

Dec 7, '06 Ornament Challenge Due

Jan 4, '07 Hands-On Night

Feb 1, '07 ???

Mar 1, '07 ???

Website: <http://www.NorthlandWoodturners-KC.org>

Member of the Month

The December Member of the Month is Terry Lamberth. Terry's been turning for about three years. He's been a NWT member for about three years and is in his third year of membership in this chapter. Terry says that he had always wanted to turn wood since his first experience in wood shop during his junior high school years. He'd not had the opportunity, however, until he attended a pastor's retreat where they had a wood shop. While at that retreat, he learned how to turn a pen. That experience and his long time ambition to turn became reality when his wife bought him a mini lathe three years ago. His favorite turning media are walnut and plastic. He really enjoys turning pens. Terry also shared, "I come from a long line of wood workers. I enjoy the fine detail of work in turning. I look forward to working with bowls in the future. I like the creativity of turning and I wish I had more time to spend on my lathe. I appreciate the demonstrations by club members. It has been inspiring and helpful to attend the club meetings."

Congratulations, Terry!



The President's Corner

Ramblings from chapter president, Marci Eigenschenk

Hard to believe that it's December already and that we're at the end of the year. It's been a whirlwind for sure. Another great symposium, lots of good demos, good meeting times.

And with the end of one year comes the beginning of another, with no time to breathe in between. We have a desperate need for volunteers to serve as treasurer, as secretary, as photographer, and as newsletter editor. Please, please step up and make a difference in our chapter for 2007. Contact me ASAP so that we can make the transition as seamless as possible.

Other notes of importance:

Please notice the Membership Info & Release from Liability form in this newsletter. Fill it out and bring it or mail it to me please. We want to start out 2007 with a totally clean slate and roster of membership.

At the party on the 7th, we'll have a "yankee swap" for holiday gifts. You have to bring a gift get to get a gift, please no white

elephants.

The Ornament Contest is on the 7th also. Bring your best ornament. Judging happens on the spot, winners will be announced at the end of the meeting, and first place gets a big prize!

There will be no raffle this month. Instead, it will be all door prizes, one of which should be a hook tool made by and demonstrated by Andy Hilton at the October symposium.

We'll still have our Instant Gallery, so bring your show and tell items as well.

For the Holiday Party, please bring a finger food tray or dessert tray for the meeting. Yes I will probably be bringing my peanut butter mousse cups for those that remember them from last year. Soda will be supplied by the club.

There will be a sign up sheet for demonstrations that people want to see or want to give this coming year as well.

See you at the party!

On November 4, 2006 members of the Northland Woodturners and the Kansas City Woodturners met at the Kansas City Woodturners' meeting location to turn pens for my neighbor, Brian Barry, and the other members of the 376 Air Expeditionary Wing, Fire Fighting Unit of the United States Air Force. Twelve woodturners and friends showed up to help prepare and turn the blanks into pens for them. Jerry Purinton, Richard Davis*, Bill Coomer* Lester Gillett, Anthony Harris, Stuart Shanker, Jeff Sher, Kevin and Brennan Flanagan, Dean Thomas, Richard DeWitt, Bud Schenke*, and David Bartlett worked the various stages of pen making and turned out 33 pens in 3 hours (*not pictured). Lester Gillett, Kent Townsend, Jerry Purinton, and Steve Trauthwein donated the blanks and I donated the pen kits.



Since I organized the event, I was named shop foreman by Richard Davis and those of us who had turned pens before started at the various stations while a few took the novice pen turners under their wings.

Several members commented that giving back to the community

that includes our soldiers is such a good reason to get together and enjoy turning. Lester Gillett who had never turned a pen exclaimed, "I had seen pens tuned but never made one myself. I learned a lot and every one there showed me some small thing to help me turn my first pen. Thanks to the group of great guys and your help."



We were all honored to make pens for our service people serving our country. The reason that I wanted to organize this was because I had never experienced a close friend leaving to put

himself in harm's way to serve our country. His presence overseas is a sad time for his devoted wife and daughter who live across the street from me. We all know that there are so many others who face the same situation. This is just a small way of showing appreciation to the people who are away from home in inhospitable lands. We thank our troops who are serving here at home and so far away from home.

Submitted by David Bartlett

IMPORTANT NORTHLAND WOODTURNERS LIBRARY NEWS

Dr. Frank Hoog, our illustrious librarian, asks that if you have any NWT Library books or videos, please bring them back to the meeting, or to call him and let him know what you have, please. Your cooperation is very much needed in his effort to inventory our collection. We don't want to have to replace or duplicate things. Check your shelves, please, for any strays. Thanks in advance!!

The November Gallery

Sorry. No pictures available
this month from the
November meeting.

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New to the Library

We have some new entries in the NWT Lending Library, the home school of woodturning. The videos should be available to you at the December meeting if our librarian is able to attend and get them properly logged in. We will also have a few books that will be available at the January meeting. Reviews of the books will appear in the January newsletter.

First new videos are not new at all, and really not even new to us. We've had a couple of variations on them in our library since the beginning. The one tape remaining in this series needs to be retired as it is old and tired and now remastered to DVD.

The name Bonnie Klein is not a new one to our members. Her first three videos are seen by some as classics. Again, these are not new videos. They are, however, still some good, basic instruction on turning of wood and other materials. We continue to expand and renew our library with materials that will appeal to novice, intermediate and advance turners.

The three videos by Bonnie are:

- Volume 1, Techniques & Projects
- Volume 2, Bowls & Other Projects
- Volume 3, Boxes & Other Projects

In these videos, she gives basic instruction on sharpening, basic tool techniques, and essential lathe skills such as mounting materials and finishing. When I first started turning, I spent a *lot* of time watching and studying these three videos. They provided some simple projects that were extremely accomplishable, even by novice turners. Bonnie's whole teaching ethic is to make turning available and fun for anyone. She does just that in these videos. I've recommended these for years to folks asking, "Where do I start?" Watch Volume 1! Then watch it again and take notes. Then watch the first part about basic skills and go to the shop and *do* it. Bring in your project and rewind a bit; compare it to what she showed you. If it's a pretty good match, go to the next exercise. If not, rewind and go back to the lathe! She is not "playing to the audience" in these videos and at times comes across as being a little uncomfortable in front of the camera, very different than she is in person, but again, the materials are great for

beginners. She teaches her ever-present tops, lidded boxes, earrings, spheres, thimbles, a mini-goblet, tool handles, and various chatter-work. Video 1 is 2 hours, #2 & 3 are 105 minutes each. Worth watching and reviewing in this reviewer's opinion.

The second new entry to the NWT library is a dandy series of three tapes by a relative newcomer to the US turning scene, Jimmy Clewes. Jimmy seems so very comfortable in front of the camera. Watching these, you'll want to raise your hand and ask questions. He is that present in these excellent quality videos. If I could nominate the videographers on this series for awards, I'd do it in a Kansas City minute! In my opinion, the technical quality on these videos will become the standard by which you'll judge all other videos, that's how good they are. Quoting Jimmy's own site, "he explains everything he does and the camera work captures every detail in stunning close-ups and crane shots from Jimmy's point of view." They're right.

Each of the three videos in this set are two hours in length, chock full of great footage. Disc 1 projects include a footless bowl made of spalted birch burl and an oriental-style box with 22 carat gold leaf inlay. Also includes valuable information on flutes, bevels, and tool sharpening. Bonus footage gives a behind-the-scenes look at the life of a professional woodturner. Disc 2 projects include a zircote bowl with a brass rim inlay and a long stem goblet (turned unsupported) from Australian myrtle. Jimmy also takes you through the process of breaking down a tree into useable turning stock including instructions on cutting for figure, maximum yield, and proper handling of unseasoned wood. Disc 3 projects include a lidded box made of laminated maple and wenge and a footless bowl with silver highlights made from walnut burl. Jimmy also uses easy-to-follow diagrams to explain tried and tested methods used for fitting a box lid. Bonus footage takes a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the Turn It On DVD series.

Jimmy also has a brand new series of 3 videos that I hope we can also add to the library. Check these out and tell Dr. Frank what you think! Let us know if you'd like to see more of Jimmy.

We're asking all NWT members to renew their declarations of membership and to provide current information for our records. Please complete this form and return it to President Marci Eigenschenk, either at a meeting, or by mail to:

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