



TURN NORTH



Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners, Kansas City MO

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Sharpening our Sharpening Skills *Chip Siskey Demystifies those angles on Jan. 2!*

It was a great Holiday Bash, and many of us made spinny things for Christmas. The tools are dull and everything needs attention. Chip's your man! Do you have a troubled tool that needs a better bevel? Do you have wings that are wanting? Are your flutes foundering? Do you have chatter where you don't want it? It may all be sharpening related. If you've got tools that you just can't seem to get sharp, bring them in. If Chip has time, he'll show us as many tricks on as many tools as he can.

The chapter meets on the first Wednesday 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>

December Highlights

It was a great party! Judy Chestnut won "Best of Show" for her sea urchin globe ornaments and received a nice gift certificate to Overland Tool. Steve Trauthwein won the had-to-be-present-to-win "Loyalty Raffle" and received a brand new Jet mini (1014) plus stand and extension bed. Some of the ideas and plans for the coming year were discussed including upgrade of our audio-video system and ways to give back to the community.

Coming Attractions

Jan 2, '08 Sharpening, w/Chip Siskey
Feb 6, '08 Endgrain hollowing with Anthony Harris
Mar 5, '08 Finishes, Merit Industries
Apr 2, '08 ??
May 7, '08 ??

Website is temporarily down

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TurnNorthKC/>

Some Notes From AAW National Headquarters

AAW is running an on-line survey seeking comments and suggestions regarding their publication, *American Woodturner*. Please take the 10 minutes to complete the survey and express your preferences for material that has been published and suggestions for what we can do better. This is a chance to make yourself heard on all the things you have wanted to say. What do you love about the journal? What do you hate? Do you have a terrific idea for an article? Tell them about it! Send your ideas or written pieces to Carl Voss, the editor, at carlvoss@mac.com, or any board member.

They also want to remind everyone of the **membership drive** that is running until the end of the year, allowing an individual or a chapter to win a free registration to the 2008 Symposium in Richmond. Sign up 5 new members by the end of the year and win one free registration. The new members names can be submitted by an individual or by a chapter. A chapter can use the registration as they wish; to raffle it off as a fund raiser, to give it to a deserving member, to have a drawing, or whatever works for the chapter. Details can be found on the AAW website. There would be no local chapters without the AAW!

They are expecting the **2008 Symposium in Richmond** to be the best to date with expanded SIN (Special Interest Night) activities, more rotations than ever, and increased participation by POP (Professional Outreach Program) members. The Resident Artists Program will also be a fascinating addition to the mix of activities. Attendees will be able to watch the creation of a complex piece from start-to-finish over several days. Due to size limitations of the banquet facilities, attendance will be limited. Banquet tickets must be purchased separately from the registration, so if you wish to attend the banquet, sign up early.

WHAT WILL 2008 BRING THE NORTHLAND?

I'm leaving this blurb in the January newsletter so that you can be thinking about it and actually approach Ron by email with some ideas about what YOU want to see at YOUR chapter meetings. What will make you really want to come and see?

Plans are being formulated for the demo schedule for 2008. Do you have a special project that you have really enjoyed and would be willing to demonstrate? Do you have a special skill that you'd like to see demonstrated or discussed? Do you have a favorite from the last couple of years that you'd like to see repeated? Have we got a place for you! Contact Vice President Ron Ford with your thoughts, hopes, or your offer to volunteer to do a demo. Doesn't have to be new, original, trend-setting, or revelational. It's *your* club. What do *you* want to see??

IMPORTANT NORTHLAND WOODTURNERS LIBRARY NEWS

Dr. Frank Hoog, chapter 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. Thanks in advance!!

Membership in the Northland Woodturners Chapter of the AAW

Membership in this chapter is the best deal in woodworking in the area! The perks are pretty good, and the 2008 officers expect that will only improve. We need your help to ensure that happens.

Membership is free! Hard to beat that. The only provision that has been asked is that you have to attend meetings once every 4 months. I feel a little like Santa Claus writing this because we've been making a list for the last couple of years but for all of 2007, no one checked it twice! So, naughty or nice, the list has not been maintained since November of 2006. We're going to fix that. The last page of this newsletter is actually a new commitment letter and liability release form so that we can get our records up to date. Please, please, please fill it out and see to it that it gets to Dean Thomas by mail, email, hand delivery at the January or February meetings, or fax (by appointment only).

Right now, we working on creating three categories of folks. We have a list with everyone that has ever signed the sheets that is badly out of date. We want to create an active members list, a non-active members list, and a contact list for events. Only active members will receive notice of meetings. Active members with email addresses will receive either notice that the newsletter has been posted to the website (once it is back up and running) or a copy of the newsletter. Active members without email will receive a snailmail copy of the newsletter. That is a very small group of folks and is pretty manageable—under 10 at this writing. We're currently sending emails to about 100 people with only 20-30 showing up regularly. We'd surely like to see our numbers go back up to where they were a year ago and are working at that. Servicing people who've not been active for months or years takes time and costs money. We don't want to start collecting dues for a variety of reasons. We have been very fortunate in that we've had a few fundraisers that keep us in the black and trust that we'll be able to keep it that way.

For you to do:

- Fill out the membership form, printing clearly, with all your current information.
- Get that form to Dean by the February meeting for compiling of the new and updated membership list.
- Attend a meeting at least every 3 months. Fourth month and you're moved to the inactive list!
- Be involved in the activities of the chapter. All of us know the principle of organizations that states 80% of the stuff is done by 20% of the people. Your board wants to see NWT improve on those stats. That's for clubs where people are not enthused about what the club represents. We have several activities coming up this year where we're hoping to see improved activity. We're talking about going back to Children's Hospital and turning some more tops and stuff. Turning of plugs for our fund raisers would be much easier if we had some folks who would provide a bit of time and muscle for prep as well as for turning. We've had a number of folks who promised but never showed up! The Woodworkers Show is coming in February. Will we have a presence?? Will *you help* us have a presence??

Your fearless leaders do this stuff because we really like giving or we would not do it. We like to see folks "get it" when it comes to woodturning, and we really enjoy being with y'all. The chapter will be what it's going to be and that's great, but part of each board member suspects that we could be and do so much more.

*Read a good woodturning-related book lately? Watched a good wood video?
Willing to write a short review?*

Got an idea for an article or a need for some information that you think would interest everyone in the chapter? Contact Dean Thomas and let's see what we can do!

Remember, we want to publicize your favorite tips. Talk to your friendly newsletter editor for details, or to our illustrious VPrez to demo it at one of the monthly meetings.

Please return any NWT Library materials that you have at home. Thanks!!!!

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Dean Thomas
2601 Charlotte St
Kansas City, MO 64108

or email to DeanZF@yahoo.com

2008 Membership Information
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of the
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