



TURN NORTH



Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners, Kansas City MO

February 2008

Dealing With That Pesky Endgrain *KC's Anthony Harris will show us how*

Anthony has a great deal to teach those with ears to hear. This month's will focus on endgrain work and getting the most benefit out of the right tools to get that job done.

In addition, the KC version of The WoodWorking Show is in town on Feb.1-3 and NWT will have a booth. If you're interested in participating, contact Dean or Alex ASAP so we can get you on the roster. It's a time to demo, a time to chat, and maybe a time to pick up some dandy deals on those little shop things you need.

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>

January Highlights

As usual, Chip helped clarify some of the mysteries involved in sharpening. Angles, wheels, philosophies, theories, and more. He helped bust some unreal expectations, too. Several visitors and new members were present. Discussion was held about possible Wood Show participation and a roster was started. Local turning legend Sonny Sharrar passed away in December. His kindness and knowledge will be missed. Freedom Pen Project discussion was tabled for now.

Coming Attractions

Feb 6, '08 Endgrain hollowing with Anthony Harris
Mar 5, '08 Finishes, Merit Industries
Apr 2, '08 ??
May 7, '08 ??
Jun 4, '08 ??

Website is temporarily down

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

A Quick Overview of One of Our Sponsors

Metro Hardwoods is having their grand opening on February 23rd. Go support them!!

Metro Hardwoods is the "new kid" on our block. They are the new, retail outlet of long-time KC area wood purveyor, Liberty Hardwoods. As with *all* of our sponsors, you are urged to visit and patronize them. By spending some of our personal bucks in their shops, we help insure their financial well-being and our access to their goodies. Go visit Jeff at Metro, tell him you're from the Northland club and see the stuff that he's stocking to tempt you to come back. And if you don't see it, ask him, it might just be in the next shipment!

Some of the stuff that Jeff is stocking that's of special interest to turners includes:

- Pen blanks, domestic, exotic and stabilized burls, plus acrylics and more all the time
- Penn State Industries turning goods, including pen kits and ink refills, kit mandrels, pepper mill kits, pen presses, ash baseball blanks, banksia nuts, and more
- 2x2 turning squares (current stock includes maple, ash, cherry, poplar, white oak, red oak, walnut, beech, birch, mahogany, white pine, kingwood, red palm, bocote, chakte coc, marblewood, tulipwood)
- Spalted maple, box elder, elm turning blocks
- curly walnut 4/4 & 8/4 lumber
- indigo fleck (ambrosia maple) 4/4 & 8/4
- Thickwood including 12/4 poplar & 16/4 basswood
- curly maple 4/4 & 8/4
- FastCap glues (CA) thin, medium, thick, gel
- large assortment of sandpaper
- Amana saw blades & router bits
- Two Cherries woodturning tools, gouges, skewers, parting tools.
- Robert Larson woodworking tools.
- General stationary power tools, including their 16"x42" woodturning lathe & MaxiLathe
- Watco finishes
- Varathane stains and polys

We'll do another sponsor review soon!

WHAT WILL 2008 BRING THE NORTHLAND?

I'm leaving this blurb from the January newsletter so that you can be thinking about and actually approach vice prez Ron Ford in person or 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!!

Plans for 2008: Thoughts from the Board

Things that your board of directors are kicking around right now are ways to make the chapter an even bigger benefit to its members.

Tentative plans include investing in the chapter library. We had a pretty good push a couple of years ago and then only a couple of things have been added, many by donation rather than by purchase. In the last 18 months, there have been a lot of new videos put on the market, some of them quite good. We're researching at the moment and should make a purchase soon.

The other major investment is to create a better way for people to see details of the demos. We have a couple of cameras, but we don't have a way to record anything should we want to, and the use of the big television set that we have is clumsy at best. We don't feel that we need the depth of technology that the KC club has, primarily because we do not have the space and population issues that they do, but we think that we owe it to those in attendance to provide a better view of what's being shown.

The rest of a rather ambitious action plan for this calendar year includes revamping our symposium concept and our website. As most of you know, symposium was a major undertaking with most of the work resting on only a few shoulders. Our 2007 "symposium" worked out as more of a feature turner type demo. A symposium style event would normally feature more than one turner with more subject matter choices. We've not been and don't plan to model after the KC chapter. We do need to rethink the model and maybe move it more toward the featured, "name" turner type event. It would probably be similar to what we did in October, but with more notice and better publicity. Still with a stellar \$\$ rate for chapter members and a more "premium" rate for non-chapter folks. We're talking about ways to make the best of our bucks and the time of the featured guest. If you have thoughts, please share them with the board.

The website is down hard. It needs to be completely revamped, and redesigned. Who in the chapter LOVES doing web sites? After brainstorming a bit, we feel we want something that's a little less formal, something a little more fun, more flexible, and a place where people will want to REVISIT. We do not need to reinvent wheels and do something locally that can be better addressed say on the AAW board (e.g., their forums are really good, if you've not been there), but we do want to put up a LOT of pictures from our local Show'n'Tell times (or Instant Gallery to steal a common phrase from the national organization and other chapters).

We're thinking, we're planning; but we are also LISTENING because (you're going to get tired of this phrase this year, I'll bet) this is YOUR ORGANIZATION! We can't be all things to all people, but we hope we can be a few really good things to our membership!

Northland Woodturners Financials

Treasurer Larry McClintock says that the state of the treasury is good! President Alex says that's good, 'cause he plans on buying some stuff! Thanks, Larry. Glad that you're keeping your eye on our bucks!

Report for the last of January follows:

Beginning balance	\$5,423.27
Expenses	459.59
Received	120.00
Ending Balance	\$5,083.68

*Read a good woodturning-related book lately? Watched a good wood video?
Willing to write a short review? Willing to at least TELL us about it???
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
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or email to DeanZF@yahoo.com

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