



TURN NORTH



Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners, Kansas City MO

March 2008

The Annual Egg Challenge

Plus Merit Industries Talks About Finishing

What will the 2008 NWT Egg Challenge bring this year? Elegant? Amusing? Super-artistic? What sorts of imagination will be shown and voted on by members attending the March 5 meeting. Don't miss it!

Merit Industries of KC will be presenting our technical demonstration this month and will share with us about the various finishes they offer. This should include the characteristics and desirable traits as those finishes affect us as woodturners, and our projects.

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>

February Highlights

Anthony Harris gave a great technical on endgrain issues and turned a great project, keeping us on the edge of our chairs until the very end. The captive ring was a nice touch and had many scratching their heads until that ring became a “stand” for the nifty little scoop that Anthony finished out of sycamore. We talked about group projects (Freedom Pens, plugs, demo opportunities), mentoring (formal and informal), an upcoming operation for one of the members, and membership in general.

Coming Attractions

Mar 5, '08	Finishes, Merit Industries
Apr 2, '08	??
May 7, '08	??
Jun 4, '08	??
Jul 2, '08	??

Website is temporarily down

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A Quick Overview of Overland Tool North

Overland Tool in the Northland has been our chapter home for a couple of years now. You may not know all that they've done to support woodturners and hobby-level craftsmen and women.

Overland Tool North is not just a mini-version of the Overland Park store. They service a lot of big machines for the industrial customers throughout the metro area, as well as the contractor level businesses. When they opened, that was the niche. We've been watching them grow and talking with them about what would be good to help the woodturners and other semi-pro and high hobby-level woodworkers in the area. We've watched the selection of power tools change, as well as some woodturning specific tools. It started out with the new turner in mind and is growing all the time.

Manager Mark Swigart sat down and shared some of the "what's new" since the last time this newsletter talked about OTN and their desire to be a significant part of our chapter life. As store manager of Overland Tool NKC, Mark has recently added several line items from the Rockler catalog to the NKC inventory, including several Robert Sorby tools, the pen screwdriver & peppermill kits, turning wax, metal & plastic center finders, several sizes & styles of calipers, #1 & #2 Morse taper live centers, 6" & 8" white aluminum oxide grinding wheels in assorted grits, plus many books on turning & sharpening.

In the near future, Mark expects to get some benchtop tools such as a 9" bandsaw, a drill press, and a belt sander.

As Mark always reminds us, if there is something you need but don't see, ask and he will try to get it!

Thanks to Mark and the OT management who make it possible for us to meet in their facility. It is greatly appreciated.

February 2008 Woodworking Show in Overland Park

So, did you have fun at "the" Show of the year for many of us? We got to see some new toys, er tools, at the show, plus some great accessories and some great demos. We also got to *do* some great demos at our NWT booth. There was almost constant activity at the booth with a crowd of people watching every move that was made on that little lathe. About 200 flyers about our club were handed out to interested parties, plus another bunch were give out at the Craft Supply booth where Dean was helping folks learn to turn pens. All three metro area clubs should see a boost in membership from our participation and exposure there.

The management team from the new ownership of "TheWoodworkingShow.com" is looking forward to next year's show. They loved the depth of participation from the local clubs; plus the draw from five states is no slouch when it comes to having a great show, either. People drove from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma to attend that event. Management also said that the giving and sharing attitudes of the woodworkers in the KC area is better than any other show they do. High and unsolicited praise. Thought you'd like to know.

Because I got to attend both the KC and the St. Louis shows, I can also tell you that the vendors love the folks in the Kansas City show, and find them to be some of the best in the land. Several of them recognized me and went out of their way to share that with me. It's nice to hear that as a group, we are respected and that we are liked by the commercial folks who see thousands of woodworkers every year.

NORTHLAND WOODTURNERS LIBRARY

One of the President Alex's 2008 agenda items is to increase the size and depth of our video library. We're in the process of taking inventory of all the videos that belong to the club. If you **HAVE** any of the videos or books, please get them back to us ASAP so that we can get an accurate inventory. If you **KNOW** of any videos that would benefit the club, let Frank, Dean, or Alex know so that we can consider purchasing them this year.

The President's Corner

Right off the bat, thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who volunteered and went out of their way to make our presence at the Woodworking Show a smashing success. People brought personal equipment when we found that ours was locked up and unavailable; they turned; they talked to people in the crowd; cleaned up; distributed flyers; and saw to it that the Northland Woodturners booth was as good or better than in previous years. We're already talking about what we can do to kick it up a notch for next year!

Without that kind of member participation, the Woodworking Show would be impossible. Your participation and the sweat equity that all of you invest in that and other projects is what makes leading this club possible.

We have news! We have talked about replacing our fall, symposium style event with something that was more "hands on". We have scheduled Trent Bosch from Fort Collins, Colorado to be our 2008 special event. He is tentatively scheduled for November 15 and 16. The 15th will be a day-long demo for members and non-members (at a slightly higher price). The 16th will be another day long session, but this one will be a hands-on session for about 10 to 12 people to receive instruction and experience under Trent's tutelage. The number of seats for the hands-on session will depend on the number of lathe stations available to us. There will be more information soon on this event. Check out <http://www.trentbosch.com/> to get a taste of who Trent is and some of the sorts of things he does.

We think we are close to having a solution to getting the website back up and revised. Stay tuned.

You've heard the board say it over and over again: we want to know what YOU want to see at the monthly demos; we want to know what YOU might be willing to share in the way of projects that can be at least outlined and broadly turned in the span of one hour. If you turn part and bring part already turned, that's fine. Talk to Ron, Alex or Dean and let's get something other than "???" on the front page calendar!

What are we going to do about the annual picnic this year? Dean's suggestion of Bermuda has been ruled out. Where and when shall we do the picnic? Be thinking about that so we can talk on Wednesday.

It is still YOUR club. Yes, *our* club, but the board really wants to serve your needs and your desires when it comes to woodturning. Help us out by letting us know what you want to see and hear.

Alex

Woodworker Humor

American Woodworker shared these gems some time ago. They're still valid and funny. More next month.

Ten Innovations We'd Like to See in the Future:

- Genetically engineered figured wood.
- A standard tablesaw blade guard that's worth keeping on your saw.
- Affordable, renewable, plantation-grown exotic woods—available at Home Depot.
- A bandsaw that tracks automatically when you put on a new blade
- X-ray safety glasses that let you see embedded nails before you cut a board.
- A self-vacuuming workshop stereo system.
- A cough-activated dust collector.
- Flannel shirts that repel sawdust.
- A way for professional woodworkers to make money like lawyers and stock brokers.

*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.*

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Dean Thomas
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