



# TURN NORTH



Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners, Kansas City MO

May 2008

## Making Your Own Hollowing Tools *Silver Soldering and Metal Choices*

We're going to have a dandy, but different sort of technical session on May 7. There will be metal on sale and some good info on the "how-to" aspect of silver soldering so that we can successfully make our own scraping and cutting tools. Ron Ford has some info collected that will shed light on the mysteries of metal-working for us mostly woodworking sorts of folks.

Pen making demos are scheduled at Smithville High School for May 1 and May 10. See details inside. And new Audio Video equipment is in our future!

**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.**

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

### March/April Highlights

Sharpening was our April demo. As always, Chip brought more insight into the why and how of sharpening. Thanks to all who brought equipment to help us learn.

The Merit Industries demo had a lot about flatwork finishing, but most everyone took away some tidbits that will help their turned work turn out better.

Pens & Pencils are on our minds with Nurses Day in May and Freedom Pen's big push in November.

### Coming Attractions

- May 7, '08 ..... Self-made Tools
- Jun 4, '08 ..... Spiral Work, Chip Siskey
- Jul 2, '08 ..... Possible Sawmill Demo & Picnic
- Aug 6, '08 ..... ??
- Sep 3, '08 ..... ??

**Website is almost ready for prime time again!**

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## Pen & Pencil Making Tutorial Sessions

*Chapter member Johnny Viebrock has graciously made it possible for us to use his Smithville High School Wood Shop for our demos!! Whattaguy!*

Dean's going to lead a time for those who've never turned a pen or pencil to learn the basics and some of the finer points of making better quality writing instruments. It's not rocket science, as they say, but knowing what the details are makes for much nicer results.

What does a person need to turn a pen? What kind of finish works well? What are the *best* finishes and why? Are there differences in quality in the mechanisms and the plated parts? We're going to talk about those things and more. Dean has handouts and drawings, and even more for willing volunteers.

One reason for doing these sessions is that many members confessed that they'd never turned pens but would surely like to learn. They make great, reasonably priced gifts that keep on giving for as long as the new owners hang onto them. The rest of the reason for these sessions is to enlist turners to make pens for Nurses Day in May, something that could become a tradition with NWT. We've committed to making about 55 pencils to distribute to a Cardiac Unit at KU Med Center where member Dan Cargile volunteers monthly. Pencils are "click-style" and will be turned from either curly maple or figured walnut provided by chapter members Bill Wheeler, Dwight Herrick, and Danny Smith. They're going to be gorgeous pencils.

And Dean's thoughts are still working toward involvement in the Freedom Pen Project, sending pens to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The responses from those servicemen and women are heartfelt and humbling. They are grateful for gifts and remembrances from home. Our pens in 2007 were almost entirely made from native, familiar woods that would stir memories for those men and women, and bring their memories back home with every stroke of their new pens.

Hope to see you there!

## NORTHLAND WOODTURNERS LIBRARY

We're still working on this project. We've had a few new volumes in the library, and hope to have lots more in the next couple of months. We are still hoping that YOU will recommend videos that you've come across that really popped your cork and opened up new vistas of woodturning and/or wood artistry.

Again, it is one of the President Alex's 2008 aims 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.

## Woodworker Humor

More from *American Woodworker* who shared these gems some time ago.

### Ten Signs You May Be Spending Too Much Time in Your Workshop:

- Your garage is absolutely off limits to cars.
- Family members must wear name tags.
- Your dog growls when you enter the house.
- Your friends stop using your real name; instead they've started calling you "Norm".
- Sawdust deposits have turned your entire backyard into a compost pile
- Instead of removing splinters, you simply let them wear away with the callouses.
- Your finishing room is about to become a Superfund site.
- The pile of pizza boxes outside your shop is taller than you are.
- You've filled every room in the house with furniture [and turnings!!] and are actually considering yard ornaments as future projects.
- You have no idea who Seinfeld is.

*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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