



TURN NORTH



Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners, Kansas City MO

August 2008

Funding A Woodturning Chapter *Using those basic skills*

We're going to have another different sort of technical session on August 6. We're going to have a few extra lathes and do some production turning of the plugs that we make to order for one of the local gas companies. We'll be turning poplar to specific sizes and will have 300 blanks on hand. They go pretty fast; we're not making art pieces, says the boss.

News about our upcoming demo with Trent Bosch will be shared at the meeting and in next month's newsletter. Make plans to be there. It will be a treat, either the Saturday demo or the Sunday "hands on".

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>

Recent Meeting Highlights

New Video system was up in July and received rave reviews. More camera angles coming! The meetings have been attended pretty well for summer time with NWT, and the demos have been well-received.

The Click Pencils were a great success and pleased a bunch of nurses at KU Med Center's cardiac unit. Many thanks to Dan Cargile for heading up the project. We'll be talking about Freedom Pens again real soon.

Coming Attractions

- Aug 6, '08 Bill Wheeler's Patented Plugs
- Sep 6 '08 Saturday Sawmill Demo & Picnic
- Oct 1, '08 ????
- Nov 5, '08 Kent Townsend, Surprise Project
- Nov 15-16 Trent Bosch Demo & HandsOn**
- Dec 3, '08 Christmas Party

Website is underway! Newsletters can be found there.
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Making Chips & Curls

The August meeting is going to be all about fund-raising and putting all those skills you've learned at past meetings to work! We'll have several lathes in operation along with a couple of hundred poplar blanks for making the famous Bill Wheeler plugs for the gas company. We have an order to fill and want to get a stock on hand for future orders. Blanks that are not converted to plug-ness will be sent home with willing volunteers to completely convert the stock that Bill has on hand into plugs for future orders.

If you have a mini-lathe that you're willing to transport to OTNorth for this turning event, please contact VP Ron Ford and ask him if we have enough lathes yet. The hope is to have maybe 8 or more lathes all a whirring at once. Ron's cell # (he's such a traveler now that he's retired; says he's busier now than before) is 816-695-9426. Also, bring smaller spur and live centers that fit your machine, and your choice of tools to make this work. Gouge & skew are pretty typical. It's poplar, so a roughing gouge isn't *really* needed, but you're welcome to bring one if you see fit.

Short business meeting and particulars, then into making chips.

NORTHLAND WOODTURNERS LIBRARY

We're still working on this project.

One thing we **DESPARATELY NEED**: Any of the NWT videos & books that you have hanging out at your place!

We are also still hoping that YOU will recommend some of the videos that you've come across that really popped your cork and opened up new vistas of woodturning and/or wood artistry.

It is one of the President Alex's 2008 aims to increase the size and depth of our video library. We can't take inventory of all the videos that belong to the club until all of them come back! 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.

Other Northland News

- Trent Bosch is coming to town! Trent is an internationally recognized artist in wood. Turned, carved, textured—pretty much whatever you can imagine, Trent has pushed that envelope, too. <http://www.trentbosch.com/> and look at his gallery. A lot of “how'd he do that?” questions pop to mind. Trent's all day demo will be on November 15, probably in Smithville. The hands-on Sunday session is November 16. See Alex or Ron to sign up for the limited spaces on Sunday, or the demo time on Saturday. Special prices to club members for both. More details in early September.
- The Sawmill Demo & Picnic will be on **SATURDAY** September 6, not on Wednesday Sep 3. Mark your calendar now!!! No one standing disappointed at OTNorth's doorstep on the 3rd, please.
- We're gearing up for another round of Freedom Pens. Contact Dean Thomas by email or phone if you're interested in attending a Penmaking 101 class. We'll arrange another one when we have sufficient interested parties. Hoping to produce 100 or 200 more pens to send to the US Military men and women who are stationed in Iraq & Afghanistan.
- VP Ron wants to know, “Who's doing what for the October demonstration?” Do YOU have a project you're willing to share? Or do you have a project that you'd like to see done? Get with Ron Ford and let him know!

*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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