



TURN NORTH



Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners, Kansas City MO

November 2008

Kent Townsend: Holiday Baubles ***Trent Bosch Demo & Hands On, Too***

Kent is ready with another nifty demo. We've talked about all the "stuff" we can provide in round and semi-round spinny things, but Kent is going to show us something special—earrings! Kent will share snowmen & Christmas tree ear ornaments. It'll be a great demo

Trent Bosch is coming and the details are inside. At the writing of this newsletter there are only a couple of slots left for the hands-on event. If you can do it, this is a great opportunity to learn from a great turner who will be able to give you individual attention. It is something that doesn't happen very often, friends. Contact Alex to reserve your spot.

It's November, and time for all sorts of things to happen. Time for our anniversary celebration with Trent Bosch this year. It's that time when the transition between this year's and next year's boards begins. More on both of these elsewhere in the newsletter. We get another nifty holiday project (some of my personal favorite demos over the years). And it's the quadrennial pursuit for national and local offices where the USA will select a new president and vice president along with all that brings. Congress and the Senate are about to take a new shape. Make your voice heard by voting on Tuesday 11/4. Less time and pain than a flu shot!

Chapter meetings: First Wednesday of each month, 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. Maps are available on the internet at Google, Yahoo, and Mapquest.com.

Coming Attractions

Nov 5 '08 Kent Townsend Secret Project!
Nov 15-16 Trent Bosch Demo & Hands On
Dec 3, '08 Christmas Party
Jan 7, '09 ??? New Officers!!

Website is underway! Newsletters can be found there.
<http://northlandwoodturners-kc.com>

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The Trent Bosch Event at NWT

Trent Bosch is coming in November! Are you ready? Make your plans and get your reservations in ASAP!

There are a very limited number of slots available for the hands-on session on Sunday, November 16. We will have a variety of lathes that will be assigned by lottery; some of you may want to volunteers for one of the mini-lathes, if that's what you'd normally work with. Only eight (8) will be in the class. NWT members have the first crack at those seats, but your reservation has to be accompanied by your fee. The hands-on sessions will be \$100 per seat, which includes a catered barbecue lunch. We began to advertise these seats to other clubs after our September meeting. There will be a flyer available shortly.

VERY IMPORTANT: First eight checks in will close the class.

There will be about 50 seats for the Saturday 11/15 demo. Registration is \$20 and includes snacks, but lunch will be on your own. There will be some standing room for late comers to the session. We'd suggest that you get there early and grab a comfy seat! Sign up can be done at the next couple of meetings or by contacting our illustrious president, Alex Garcia by phone (816-679-5002).

Those signing up for the hands-on will be turning green wood. Alex has been in touch with Trent about this and the word was that he wanted the wood to be as green/wet as possible, and "easy to turn". Chip & Kent found a nice, big ole maple log up at Bill's and have procured enough wood for the November event. Thanks, gentlemen. You're super! Great advisors to this club, always looking out for us, always generous with time and talent. All of us are grateful!

Make plans to be at this coming, great event.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Mostly a good report. We have people who have agreed to serve if elected for most slots. We are still looking for the 2009 NWT Vice President. "What does a VP do?" you ask. The NWT VP's three primary and usual responsibilities are to:

- Ensure that the chapter has programs each month, usually in the form of demonstrations;
- Preside in the absence of the chapter president; and
- Take over as president should the president no longer be able to serve [a rare occurrence]

It is important that this person be willing and able to work on chapter issues more often than just at the monthly meeting, although in a good year, most of the work is actually done then. Granted, sometimes scouting out demonstrations or vendors to do a demo takes more than one phone call or conversation. If you're willing to serve as VP, contact Alex Garcia ASAP, preferably before the meeting on 11/5. Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Other Northland News

- Any NWT videos & books hanging out at your place? Please, oh please, bring them back in so others can enjoy them!
- Dave Bartlett's triangular box demo was really interesting. Nice project, nicely done.
- Freedom Pens. If you want to donate money to be used to purchase pen kits or if you want to turn some of these same pens, contact Dean Thomas by email or phone before 9pm. We hope to produce another 100 or 200 pens to send to the US Military men and women who are stationed in Iraq & Afghanistan.
- Not a commercial, but a good tip. Harbor Freight has ceramic knives at a reasonable price. If you're like the editor, "someone" is always wanting the kitchen knives sharpened. The ceramic blades are VERY sharp and stay that way a long time, much better than most steel blades.

UPDATE ON TRENT BOSCH'S SESSIONS

Trent's Saturday demo will include: one of his Vessels of Illusion with all of the processes that go into that including hollowing, carving, and wood bending. He will also be doing a bowl, talking about drying green wood, how to deal with that, as well as how to cut wood for best figure. And according to Trent, "a whole lot more".

Projects for the Sunday hands-on session will include a a bowl, hollow forms, and some carving on some of them. Trent says, "Whatever each individual wants to pursue. It is really helpful if the people in the hands on class attend the demo - that way we can hit the ground running and they can get more hands on time."

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