



TURN NORTH



Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners. Kansas City MO

April 2009

April Showers

Spring is here and many of you will be spending more time in the garden than in the shop. This would be a good time to think about a little spring cleaning in your shop. As they say "A clean shop is a safe shop". Now is the time to do those little things that you normally don't think about when you are in the middle of a turning session, or even after a turning session when you are tired and just want to go in and get a bite to eat and watch some TV and relax after a hard day in the shop. If you turn wet wood, make sure that you've gotten all those nice curly shavings off of your tools and benches. Rust can happen very quickly in this climate. Take the time to clean and lubricate your woodturning equipment to keep it in tiptop shape. This is also a good time to re-tune your other gear like the tablesaw and bandsaw. And don't forget the grinder. Over time, the metal particles from the tools you sharpen tend to build up in the enclosed space that surrounds your wheels. Take the covers off and blow or brush out the collection of stuff in there. Be sure and replace the covers for safety. You should also take time to true up and rebalance the wheels. Take a little time now and when you get back to it after the season is over, you'll be glad you did.

This month, your's truly will be the demonstrator. We've had a couple of requests for a natural edge piece, so I will be demonstrating a thin-walled, natural edge bowl (or two, depending on the time).

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

Jan 8..... David Bartlett, Tippy Top
Feb 4..... David Halter, Eccentric Ornament Stand
Feb 13-15.....The Woodworking Show
Mar 4.....Ed Bergstedt – cabriole leg
Apr 1.....Alex Garcia – Natural Edge Bowl

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We still need to attend to the following items:

- We still need ideas for demonstrations that you would like to see in the coming months. It is difficult year after year to do the same thing over and over again. We got some great ideas at last months meeting and we would like to hear more.
- Bill Wheeler has been handling the business side of our club for some time now and he is ready to retire and leave the heavy lifting to others. If anyone would like to volunteer to help Bill out and maybe take over the process of creating the gasplugs that we use to fund our clubs activities, please let Bill or one of the board members know so that we can make arrangements.
- **Any NWT videos & books hanging out at your place? Please, oh please, bring them back in so others can enjoy them!**
- **Freedom Pens.** This is a continuous process. If you are interested in helping out with this, contact Dean Thomas and he can get you set up.

Treasurer's Report

No report for April.

Other Happenings

- I cannot stress enough the value of joining the AAW. The benefits of membership are numerous. The quarterly magazine is chock full of great articles and ideas to help you enhance your own turnings and maybe learn a thing or two. Check out the AAW website by going to www.woodtuners.org.
- I have purchased two new videos for our library. As you may remember, I spent a week last summer with Malcolm Tibbetts learning his techniques for his fabulous segmented woodturnings. He has now released two videos that explain these techniques in detail. These videos assume that you have some woodturning experience and know how to use all of the tools that are required to create these types of turnings. They are excellent videos and I highly recommend them.
- I don't know if you have had a chance to look over the new NKCWT website, but there is a button on the homepage that links to a "Member's Gallery". I have set this up so that you can display photos of your work on the website for everyone to see. If you would like to take advantage of this feature, please let me know and we can work out the details.

March Demo:

Thanks to Ed Bergstedt for showing us the techniques for turning a cabriole leg on the lathe. Here are some pictures from the demo and I am hoping to get his worksheet soon to pass out to the group. Thanks, Ed!



Here are some photos from our Show and Tell



Don't Forget.....

The 2009 officers need your input! You've never heard that before, eh? Be thinking of the sorts of things that you want to see in demonstration. Think about who you might like to see as a guest turner from the area or from afar for our anniversary/symposium event.

BRING BACK NWT BOOKS & VIDEO!! You have to bring things back so we know what we need to buy in order to fill out our library!! Please, please, PLEASE!

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