



# Turn North



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## Chapter meetings:

First Thursday of each month, 7-9 pm at the old Stephenson's Apple Orchard restaurant near 56<sup>th</sup> Street and I-29. The address is: **5755 NW Northwood KC Mo. 64151**

## Coming Attractions

June 6 .....BBQ  
June 4 ..... ?

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## May Program

Meeting topic: finishes.

Several members brought examples of their favorite finishes ranging from mineral oil to polyurethane, to water based urethane, wax and lacquer. The discussion broadened to include the Beall buffing system.

David Bartlett discussed several finishes and the advantages to sanding with wax to keep the dust down and have an immediate finish.

Steve Campbell introduced the new General Water Based Turners Finish, he told us how it raises the grain so it needs a little sanding after the first coat, but it dries very quickly, he indicated it needs 5-6 coats to meet its full gloss potential.

Chip discussed how oil based finishes tend to darken the wood where water based finishes leave the color of the wood more natural. He shared his method of using Prevel sprayers to apply Qualilac lacquer. He also shared a different method he observed Stuart Mortimer demonstrate at last year's symposium, Stuart sprays a piece mounted on the lathe but stationary with lacquer and before the lacquer can dry turns on the lathe and applies a high quality wax.

Larry Settle showed his pens and talked about CA glue finishes and then using micro mesh to polish the pieces to a high gloss shine.



### *Business*

V.P. David Bartlett opened the meeting.

We talked and got a showing of hands for people who would come to an all day Saturday demo by a professional instructor and then how many would sign up for a day of (Sunday) hands on class with the instructor. Nearly every hand went up for the Saturday and about 7 hands went up for Sunday. Kent is looking for a professional instructor for hopefully this fall. The reason we asked for a show of hands is due to how expensive getting the professional turner in for a weekend and we wanted to know if the club would be able to cover it by interest & attendance

There was a discussion about next month doing a BBQ kind of like Christmas. Some kind of a turning contest was also discussed.

June Challenge: Turn Small, make something that started as a 2x2 (length doesn't matter).

Kent had the only Road Kill Challenge entry with a pine bowl and his story of the three trips he made to retrieve the road kill, first trip upon finding and realizing too big to move, trip two to cut in half and realize each half were still too heavy to move, and trip three to get help lifting it into the truck.

A while back Alex was contacted by a woodworking instructor out of Washington state. He has a student who will be competing in the Skills USA national contest in Kansas City towards the end of June. She will be doing a turning demonstration and was looking for a mini lathe in the KC area she might be able to borrow so she didn't have to cart one half way across the country. We're planning on loaning her our club's Jet mini lathe. Kent is going to take care of getting the lathe to the contest for her. Let's thank Kent for handling the logistics and wish the student good luck during her demonstration.

### *June Meeting*

We're planning on having a BBQ for the June meeting. We'll have our Show & Tell as usual and don't forget the Turn Small challenge by making something from a 2x2. We may also have some kind of a turning challenge so bring some tools so you can participate.

Damage Control Plugs

Thanks to everyone who's helped with our plug orders. Our inventory is getting low so we will be asking for help getting restocked. There will be boxes of blanks at the next meeting. Please consider taking a box home and turning them by the following meeting.

Here's a table with the plug dimensions for reference. It's also on the Club News tab of the club website at <http://www.northlandwoodturners-kc.com/Plus%20Size%20and%20Cut%20List.mht>

Basically, the plugs are all truncated cones with the large diameter on one end connected to the small diameter on the other end with a straight taper.

Plug	Lg Dia	Length	Sm Dia
#1	1 1/2	7	5/8
#2	2 1/4	4	1 1/4
#3	3 1/4	3 1/2	2 1/8
#4	4 1/4	5 3/4	2 3/4
#5	6 1/2	6	4 3/4

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