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TURN NORTH for April



Danny Smith opened the March meeting asking for ideas for programs in coming months. Show and Tell participants shared their creations after announcements.

Chapter Meetings:

First Thursday of every month, 7-9 pm.

Our ADDRESS: We're south of Zona Rosa just off NW Prairie View Rd., just east of the N-S drive beside the barber shop; **(Northeast Corner)** in the strip mall across from the BP station on Prairie View RD.

Coming Attractions

Newsletters on the Chapter Website:
<http://northlandwoodturners-kc.com>

Event Information:

See the AAW Member forum for turning of the month. AAW members should consider entering your turning and get recognized.

Show and Tell



Taking what "appeared to be a weird use of a socket, Dick Day made a small mallet. Attached to a turned wood handle of exotic wood is the socket. Plan idea for this project originated in a previous edition of the official journal of the American Association of Woodturners. The socket is fastened on with a bolt

mounted in the end of the socket handle. Extra weight is provided by washers inside the socket. Thanks Dick for a cool project.

Dick's second Show and Tell project was a "winged" bowl made of spalted maple; about 6" in dia.





Danny Smith brought a a 6" maple bowl made from scrap wood from the workplace scrap pile. Nice clean grain and finished with a wipe-on finish.



A second, smaller, bowl turned by Harlan Henke had a little different design on the bottom side. This bowl was about 4-1/2" in diameter and finished with a glossier finish. The bottom was indented to allow holding by the chuck while turning the inside of the bowl.



The next turning was a pair of pepper mills made by Steve Dougherty.

The mill on the left is walnut over maple, The mill is enclosed inside the turnings.

The mill on the right is made of Caribbean Rosewood. The two parts came from the same original blank.

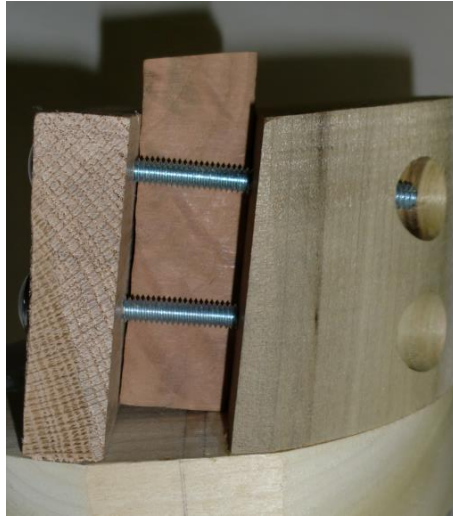
Operation of both mills is effortless and smooth.

Nice job Steve!





Chip Siskey brought his chuck used to make the angled base on the clock mount on the left. The picture below shows the bolt heads recessed to prevent catching when turning. Rather ingenious.



Mikeal Jones' latest segment bowl has 5 different kinds of wood. Maple, mahogany, walnut, cherry and oak were used in assembling the turning blank. The bowl stands about 7" tall and is about 9" in diameter.



Wood of The Month



Mulberry – *Morus spp.*

Here we go around the mulberry bush. Although we do not have any silkworms in this country, we do have the mulberry leaves that is the silkworms' primary food source. Actually, it is the white mulberry (*Morus alba*) that is their favorite and not the red mulberry (*Morus rubra*) that is predominate here in Missouri. The red mulberry was cultivated in Europe in the 1800's for silkworm food, but it was discovered they preferred the smoother leaves of the white mulberry. Red mulberry is native to all of Missouri which is included in their growing range extending from northeastern Massachusetts to southeastern South Dakota, through all the eastern states, including all of Florida, westward to southwestern Oklahoma and central Texas. The white mulberry was imported and planted as an ornamental. It has escaped cultivation and is actually considered invasive. Mulberry is easily dispersed by the birds and wildlife that relish their fruit. The fruit is known to be eaten by at least 21 species of birds, including wild turkey and ruffed grouse; squirrels, mice, and raccoons. The sweet juicy fruit which is much like blackberries, and is used in jams, jellies, wines, pies and cobblers or just plain. The berries are red, green, or yellow when green and dark blue turning deep purple when ripe. The down side to the berries is that they can stain badly as I learned, as a youth growing up on the farm; you do not park your car under a mulberry tree.

The sapwood of red mulberry is yellowish or creamy colored. The heartwood is orange-yellow to golden brown, turning russet-brown after exposure to air and sunlight. The wood is hard, usually straight-grained, has no outstanding figure, and is very durable. Little commercial use is made of this wood since merchantable-sized logs are scarce. It works well and is fairly stable after drying, but it has a fairly coarse texture. Both visually and anatomically, the wood itself is very similar to osage orange, though mulberry tends to be significantly lighter. Black locust also bears a close resemblance to mulberry, and it's weight is only slightly heavier than mulberry. While difficult to obtain, mulberry is an attractive wood that can be made into many craft items. It takes a high polish and makes attractive turnings or other items. Many of the traditional uses for mulberry include; fence posts, furniture, interior finish, caskets, cooperage, boat building, turnings and novelties.

If you are looking for a different wood to try, take a round from the mulberry bush and see what "pops" out.

You can read more about Mulberry at; [Mulberry on Wikipedia](#) and on [The Wood Database](#) .

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


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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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