

# Turn North



The Monthly Newsletter of the Northland Woodturners

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## Chapter Meetings:

First Thursday of every month, 7-9 pm.

**Our ADDRESS: 7305 NW Prairie View Road** in Platte Woods. We are across the street from the Platte Woods Methodist Church who has allowed us to park there when our regular parking is taken up (only about 7 cars/trucks can park in back).

## Coming Attractions

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

Event Information:

**NEEDED: Fund raising Ideas.**

**Remember—2024 dues are \$10 for the year.**

**Due beginning January 4 2024**

**Next Meeting:  
February 1, 2024**



**Welcome to the Northland Woodturners Newsletter for February 2024.**

Inside you will find interesting wood turnings made by some of our members along with news from the world of woodturning. Also, a rundown of last month's meeting program will be shared. If you have something to share with us send an email to Leland and we will try to fit it in. If you have something to sell—equipment, supplies or other related to woodturning remember that a 10% rebate to the club applies.

As always this newsletter will be posted to the <http://www.northlandwoodturners-kc.com/> website. If you would like to see any previous month's newsletter this is also the place to find it. Thanks for reading the newsletter and share it with your woodturning friends who may not yet be a member of the **Northland Woodturners**.



Demonstrations, exhibits, trade show, hands-on options all exist at the Annual AAW Expo in Portland, Oregon. Early registration of members saves money to use at the show.

## Interesting creations by the Northland Woodturners



Treasurer Chip Siskey brought an Oak shelf that at first glance would not look like a turning. However, Chip's explanation cleared that up easily. Made initially as a round disc on the lathe, parts were then cut with the upright being slightly past center and a small Oak brace placed under the shelf which was the other part of the original disc. Finished in Lacquer, the hanging process for the shelf was not divulged.



Inspired by Harlan Henke's demo in November 2023, **Mikeal Jones** sought to duplicate the idea. Using **Cherry wood** and a **Shellac** finish, Mikeal created a nice version of a small handbell that could be used as a Christmas tree ornament.

The clapper is also Cherry wood and a small chain attaches to the end of the bell handle. A small wire (*fishhook*?) completes the top of the handle. Overall height is about 4" and diameter of the bell is about 1-3/4". Good job Mikeal.

NTW President David Bartlett got into the "Christmas Spirit" for his son with this bookshelf. Made of Pine and Walnut, it also features a "Hidey Hole" in one end. The "Turning" part is the pointer used as a handle on the end of the slide-out interior part. "*Lost in the translation*" is the meaning of the 9-3/4 on one end of the book stand.



A partially read book can be laid on top to hold one's place for the next time to read. Good idea David and the Walnut stripes laminated into the main body add to the design.



**Leland Finley** shared pictures of two pens he made for Christmas presents for two of his grandkids. That was because the pens had already found their homes I Iowa City, Iowa and Fort Eisenhower, GA before meeting time.

The yellow and black is made from an **acrylic blank** using a slim pen kit drilled with a 7 mm drill bit. The acrylic turned hard and wanted to chip as it was being turned. It polished up nicely and made a good pen. It uses a standard Cross™ refill available at office supply stores.



The second pen below is made with **Honduran Rosewood** and is a bolt-action ballpoint pen. It uses a different refill and is drilled with a 10mm drill bit. It is finished with **Walnut Oil** wax.

## Program Highlights With Alex Garcia



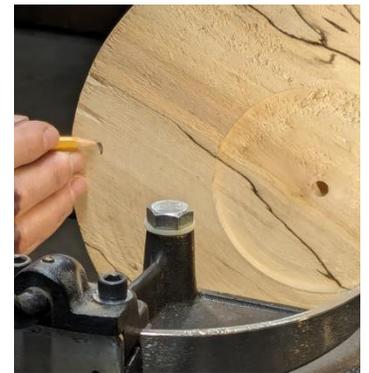
The Northland Woodturners' webmaster, Alex Garcia brought the January program. Rather than producing a "finished product", Alex demonstrated the creating of multiple nested bowls from a single piece of wood.



Beginning with a 12" diameter piece of spalted Maple previously turned to a rough bowl exterior shape, Alex mounted it on the lathe using a One-Way chuck. The fixture being used for the cutting of bowls is a **Woodcut Tools Ltd Bowlsaver Original Complete System with Two Blades for Coring Bowl Blanks 3" to 12"**.

Alex cut the largest "nested bowl" first and located where to begin by leaving enough on the rough cut so that a good finish can be accomplished.

Then the larger of the two cutting tools was mounted so that, when turning began, the outside of the smaller bowl along with the inside of the largest bowl would be formed. Both surfaces would need to be completed before the bowl is done.



Before using the tool, an insert area was made in the face of the large blank for the One-Way jaws to be inserted when turning the smallest bowl and finishing the exterior of the middle bowl.

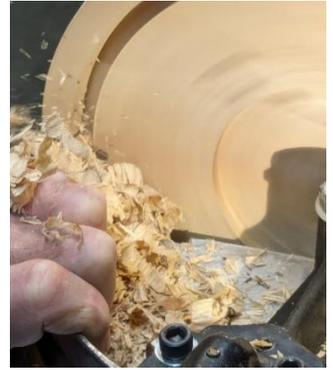


Alex also has a set of “helper” measuring tools to determine where the inside of the largest bowl will be. This insures that a “funnel” isn’t the result of turning the wood

He also has a smaller measuring tool for the next-sized turning.

Once turning began, the tool is forced into the blank and the groove formed will eventually curve around to release the inner bowl blank.

This process is rather noisy as the blade is forced into the bowl blank. Some of this is reduced on the next size to be cut because a support on the tool can be used.

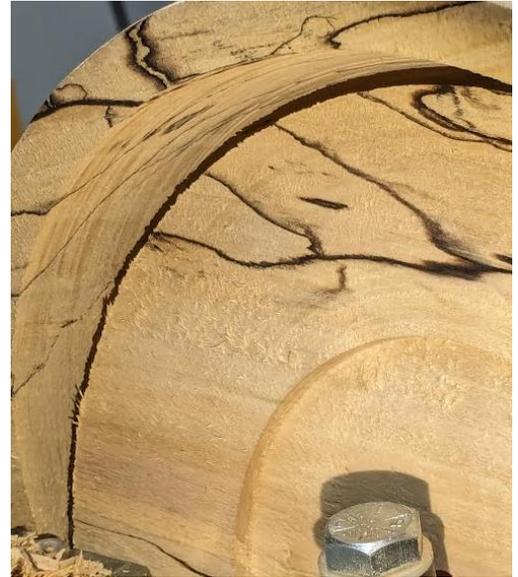


As the groove is cut into the blank, a general idea of how far is left can be determined by the “wedge” of turnings left on the tool, shown at left inside the red circle.



Once the groove is cut far enough around, a push on the inner blank will break it free from the original blank. This can be seen on the picture at the right where the inner piece is no longer aligned with the outer rim of the original blank.

The next step is to remove the nub left where the blank was broken loose.



From left to right above: left picture—nub; middle picture—removing nub using gouge; right picture—ready for final turning.



Turning the inner blank around, a tenon is cut into the base of the exterior to mount the blank back on the lathe using the One-Way chuck. This is to allow use of the *Woodcut Tools Ltd Bowlsaver* to extract the small bowl.



Note the block that is under the tool at left. This block is part of the tool but is not long enough to support the larger tool when making the first cut. Because of this, more noise is present; and more vibration is possible based on the type of wood being used and the speed of entrance into the turning.



Once again the smaller of the two gages is used to determine the bottom of the bowl. These templates were originally on paper and Alex glued them to plywood, cut the plywood to form the gage to be used.

From outward appearances it would seem that a lot of pressure would be needed to push the tool through the wood in separating the bowls. IN the far right picture one can see that a light grip and minimal pressure is needed based on how lightly Alex is holding the tool handle.





Chips fly as the tool proceeds into the bowl blank and as the far end of the cut is almost completed. Safety is imperative when using this tool since, like other turning processes, chips can become dangerous if one's not careful.



Once again, the nub needs to be removed from the inner and outer bowl blanks. Upon removing these, the process of making bowl blanks from a large piece

is finished and the new blanks are ready for final turning and finishing.



Minimal waste wood was generated in creating these three blanks. A finished set of bowls from this process could bring as high a price a \$200 to \$300 depending on the type of wood being turned.

This particular set could command \$150-200 as finished bowls.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with our plug orders in the past. We will be asking for help getting other projects to raise funds. All ideas are welcome along with samples. A chart of sizes can be found in a previous issue of *Turn North*.

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**only \$10.00.** Advanced payments are accepted.  
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