

# Turn North



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# WELCOME SPRING

## Turning Challenge for MARCH 2026

Show us your design using all or part of a **2 x 4 x 8'** long. Surely the unique will be brought in. Here's an additional challenge: at least 15 members should bring their idea to the March 5 meeting.. How about it? Are you in it?

## 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).

## What Is Woodturning?

The term *Woodturning* comes from Old English words meaning '*to give form by turning*'.

Woodturning is a craft where wood is shaped with hand-held tools on the wood lathe. Woodworking is one of the oldest crafts in existence. It's a traditional skill that you can practice as an art form or as a hobby. Woodturning is a specific type of woodworking and is what you'll usually find in craft stores.

Woodturning is an ancient craft that has been passed down from generation to generation. Woodworkers have developed their own set of tools for the trade, including what's called a "wood lathe".

The earliest documented evidence of woodturning comes from what is now Iraq and Syria in 2500 BC. In medieval times, both commoners and noblemen alike were known to take up woodturning, but what's interesting is that it was considered a trade rather than an art.

To start turning wood, what you'll need is some basic hand tools like gouges and chisels. But the most important part is a good wood lathe. You can buy what's called a "benchtop lathe" or a full-size lathe. The benchtop is for people that want to turn small objects like pens or fishing lures. The larger lathe is what you need if you want to turn a table chair or bigger objects. Another important material will be wood blanks, which are what the woodturner will shape into what they want. Woodworkers usually have a few different types of blanks on hand, like hardwoods or softwoods – each type has its own unique properties when it comes to what you carve out with your tools.

## Coming Attractions

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

Event Information:

**NEEDED: Fund raising Ideas.**

## 2 x 4 Challenge for March 2026

**Remember—2026 dues are \$30 for the year.**

**Due beginning January 2 2026**

**Next Meeting:  
March 5, 2026**

You can find these online at places like **Woodcraft** if you don't have a wood-turning supplier nearby.

This really is what turned objects are—they're simply what the turner makes with their lathe, and what's most important is that it can be anything from bowls or pens to candlesticks!

Woodturners work in every country around the world today – as a traditional skill, as a hobby, or as an art form. Woodturning can be an enjoyable weekend hobby, but it also has many practical purposes like making bowls for cooking food, decorative items for home décor, and more!

## Who Were The Most Famous Historical Wood Turners?

- Woodturning has a history spanning thousands of years, evolving into both a craft and art form.
- King Henry VIII of England was a skilled hobbyist in woodturning, creating decorative items on a lathe.
- The Holtzapffel family in the 18th and 19th centuries built advanced ornamental turning lathes for detailed work.

## Conclusion

If you're looking for a hobby, woodturning is an interesting craft. You can start with the basics and gradually work your way up to more difficult projects as you learn new skills.

There are many different types of tools that can be used in this process. And it's always fun to see what people have created before.

We hope our blog post has been helpful. (excerpted from the <https://modernwoodturning.com/what-is-woodturning-history-and-evolution/> website)

### Sample Tools used in woodturning:



Eight Piece set of Woodturning tools made with high-quality triple tempered chromium-vanadium steel and hardened to last long.

Chisel Set.

1/2/3/4 Indexed Carbide tip design always offer sharpest edge for turning and maximum cutting life for Carbide Wood Lathe



# What I saw in February



**Mikeal Jones** picked up this gouge at a sale. It was rust-covered and had no handle. He cleaned off the rust and turned a new handle for it. The handle is made from **Sycamore wood** and is finished with wax. Nice work!



**Steve Ohare** brought this bowl. It is segmented and made using **Maple, Walnut** and **Padauk**. The inside is hollow, having been formed as the segments were assembled. Some smoothing is visible as one looks inside at the top. It appears to be about 10" in diameter.

Note that the Padauk has lost its Orange-Red color and has become a muted reddish brown, particularly at the top and in the middle of the bowl segments.

Finish is Lacquer sprayed on in multiple coats.

Steve is a newcomer to Northland Woods and we welcome his skill and talent into the group. Continue your techniques with segmented turning Steve.

# Program Highlights

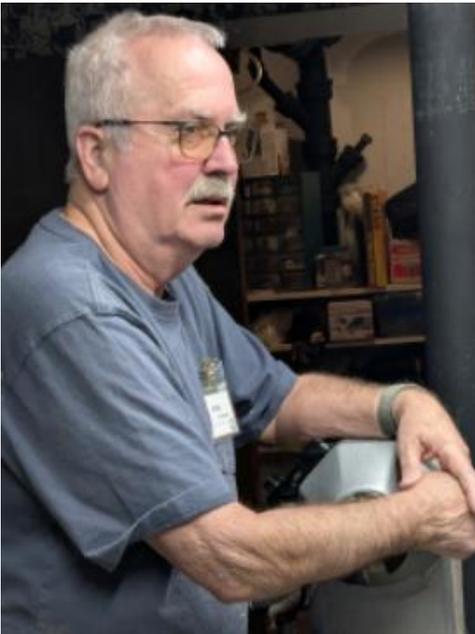
The presenter for the February program was Andy Brundage. Andy showed the club how to put threads on both the inside of the lid and the outside of a box. He also had samples of good and bad threading.

His tooling included two thread tools with 16 threads per inch. Several tips and techniques were also shared by Andy.

The first step was to cut off a piece for the lid. This was done after turning a tenon which would be put into the chuck while work was done on the interior.

Next, the cutoff piece was mounted and the interior was turned. There is a ratio to be used in determining how large to hollow the interior. One video used a digital caliper to measure the inside after chasing threads then add 0.100 for external size to turn to.

More about that later



Tenon turned



Box height determined and cutoff



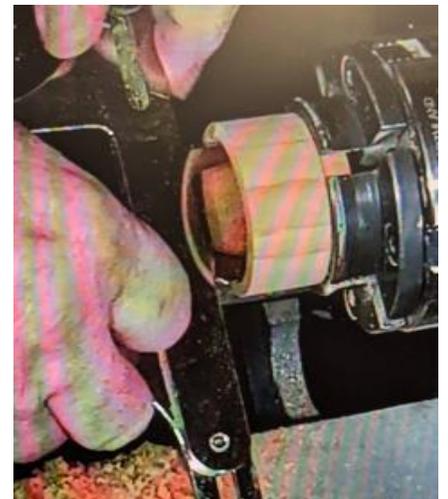
Interior of lid hollowed.



Threaded with internal tool



View of threads



Measurement of diameter



Shown here are two examples which Andy pointed out regarding starting the threads both internal and external.. Starting at an angle give a better beginning and allows only one or two threads to help lead the tool into the work piece.

The tool should approach the work piece with the top of the tool perpendicular to the piece with the top of the tool in line with the center of the piece being threaded.

These pictures are from the above website.



As the tool nears the end of the thread it would be well to have a small relief smaller than the thread size to allow withdrawal of the thread chasing tool.



This was the final result for what would become the box part. Since this was only a demo, the box did not get hollowed out.

Looks like fun and on the next page is some additional info Andy shared with those present regarding woods and speeds.

SPINDLE THREAD WOOD RECOMMENDATIONS:	
Ash	
Bocote	
Box Elder	
Boxwood	
Bradford Pear	
Brazilian Ebony	
Burmese Blackwood	
Chestnut	
Cocobolo - Allergen	
Dogwood	
Ebony	
Hard Maple	
Holly - coarse threads crumble	
Jobillo	
katalox	
Lignum Vitae	
Marblewood	
Mopani	
Mountain Laurel	
Mountain Mahogany	
Oak	
Osage Orange	
Patagonian Rosewood	
Persimmon - Unless stabilized	
Side grain segment	
Silver Maple	
Some plast ts	
Walnut	
Yucatan Rosewood	
Zapote	
* List from video by Mike Peace	

Use this Thread Depth Table to determine the depth of the thread to be cut:				
TPI	Thread Depth Handle	Thread Depth	Value to add to tenon size to be threaded	Sorby tool (Measured)
16	Approx 2/3 Turn	0.035	0.04	0.085
10	Approx 7/8 Turn	0.056	0.07	0.133
8	Approx 1 Turn	0.07	0.08	N/A

Sources: Mike Pense  
Sam Angelo (Wyoming Woodturner)  
Robert Sorby



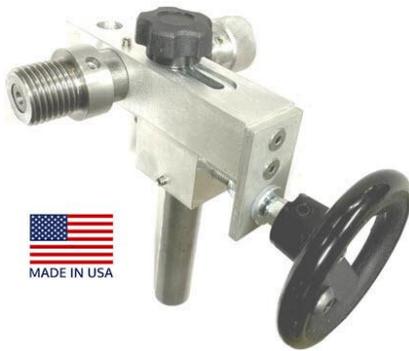
Robert Sorby tooling



Carter & Sons Tool works

Other Threading Jigs and source available

Color Codes:  More difficult-may tear out worse  
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 Easiest to thread-best thread shape



Hope Woodturning Easy Set Threading Jig  
\$424.95 Blackforestwood.com

EZ Threading Kit \$329.00 Chefwarekits.com With Sphere add on \$449.00

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.

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