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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—2025 dues are $10 for the year.
Due beginning January 2 2025

Next Meeting:
August 7, 2025



Woodturning in August

When the weather is hot and the shop isn't air conditioned, it's hard to find a good time to turn wood. However, good things seem to happen to Northland Woodturners as evidenced by the sharing of recent turning projects.

So, if your shop ISN'T cooled by AC but you persevere anyway, bring it along to the August meeting on August 7th and share with the members. We won't tell if you didn't have AC and sweat drips on the turning before done. HA! HA!

AAW news and events

SWAT Registration for 2025

August 22-24, 2025

Waco Convention Center

100 Washington Avenue, Waco, TX

The large regional woodturning symposium known as SWAT has quite a heritage. It got its start in October 1992, when a modest group of Texas turners decided to get together under some large live oak trees near the Colorado River in Columbus, Texas. They couldn't have imagined what they were starting. That was the beginning of what has turned into the second largest woodturning symposium in the world.

Several things make SWAT symposiums attractive. SWAT features world-class demonstrators and an outstanding gallery of art. The registration fee, including lunches, is one of the lowest in the nation. Lunches are included in the registration fee and receive rave reviews from attendees. There is also a Saturday evening banquet. There are classes and activities for the spouses and a large number of quality vendors.

https://www.swaturners.org/swat-registration-2025.html

Show N' Tell or Bring and Brag





Steve Dougherty brought a Cherry wood bowl with natural edge. Finish is lacquer sprayed in multiple coats.

One check trying to turn into a crack on one end seems to have been brought into compliance and hasn't continued to spread.





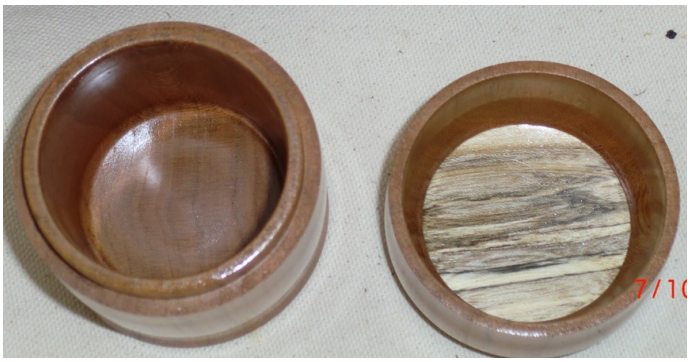
Carl Severing brought a couple different turnings. The **ball** above is made with **Coffee Bean**, **Walnut, Cherry** and **Maple** using his signature checkered design in the center part. Shown below is another rolling pin made with some of the same materials.



The rolling pin below is the original one Carl made and exhibited at an earlier meeting. It is shown for comparison regarding design and materials used in construction.







Mikeal Jones brought a couple of Picture Boxes. The one above is **Cherry** and **Spalted Sycamore**.

The one below is **Cherry** and **Maple**. Both boxes are finished with Lacquer and fit nicely between body and lid.







Chip Siskey brought the finished box made at a previous meeting. This is the one he could not disassemble for final turning and finishing. Usinsg a special strap at home it separated nicely. Just a little more work and it was done.

Program Highlights

Turning a bowl has some unique problems and needs that were addressed in part for the demonstration part of the meeting. Carl Sievering brought a bowl blank that he needed some assistance using gouges on and Chip helped demo along with letting some other club members help.



Initially, the blank was mounted using a screw-in which was fastened to the headstock to hold the blank while a tenon could be formed on what would become the base of the bowl. Once rough-turned to shape on the exterior, the blank was removed and mounted in a 4-jaw chuck (*See below*)



When mounting a bowl blank using a tenon, be sure to have a deep enough tenon that it firmly seats against the back of the chuck jaws and make sure that it is tightened securely by checking and tightening the jaws repeatedly.

Also, if the bowl blank needs to be removed the #1 jaw should be marked for position on the blank so it can be remounted in the same location and relative alignment as before.



Using a small bowl gouge and the screw-in hole, the interior of the bowl was begun. To start hold the gouge so across the sides is vertical and as the hole is begun begin rolling the gouge to expose the cutting portion and in position as shown at the right.

Once the hole is begun, mark the gouge so the depth of the interior does not exceed the depth of the finished bowl.

Continue to enlarge the interior using the same process



Note the angle of the gouge at the beginning of the cut as indicated by the vertical line in the circled area.



By no means finished, the process produced the bowlll blank at the left. The wood was a piece of fire-hardened maple and as seen on the right side in this picture the stain from the fire still shows.

Carl now has a blank to be completed at home at a later time.

Thanks to Chip Siskey, Lee Noble and to Carl Sievering for the work done on this blank.

Bring your creations to the August 7 meeting and be a part of the action. No skill level is required, only a desire to share your creation.

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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