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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:
October 2, 2025



Just to add a little humor to the October turn North Edition.

Information for Members:

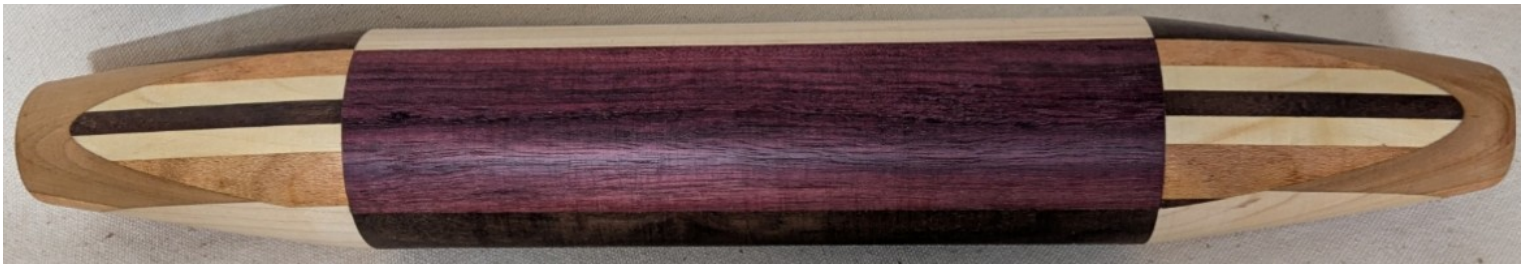
There is a need to secure additional funding to meet obligations of the club. Discussion regarding dues increase was had but no definitive answer was reached at the September meeting. The club in the past has had projects that raised funds by making plugs for Spire (gas company) and batons for the KCPD retiring officers. These sources have "dried up" at present.

Any and all ideas are welcome from members regarding ways to secure income. Although the club functions as a not for profit, the club is NOT currently a 501-C3 entity; therefore donations as such are taxable as they exceed expenses. Every attempt will be made to explore any and all funding ideas that may be presented by the membership.

SHOW AND TELL FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING.



This is the one **Carl Sievering** brought to the September 2025 meeting. It is now finished and has a food-grade finish to be used as a regular rolling pin.



This is the one **Carl Sievering** brought and was turned at the September 2025 meeting. It is now finished and has a food-grade finish to be used as a regular rolling pin.



This is another view of the one above. Woods contained in both the top and the bottom two pictures include **Maple, Walnut, Beech, Birch, Purple Heart** and **Cherry**.



Mikeal Jones brought a Candle Holder turned from a **Hickory** branch. It is finished with Tung oil; nice grain pattern and bark on as shown at the left.





Kent Townsend brought a **Spalted Ash** bowl. The bowl is about 12” or 13” in diameter and about 6” deep. Kent relayed only one flaw but you have to see the bowl to find it. He did a superb job of hiding the flaw and only upon close inspection can it be found.





Charlie Turner brought an **Eastern Red Cedar** bowl with a Tung Oil finish. It is about 7” in diameter and 5” deep. There is a base that Charlie indicated may be removed later.









Charlie Turner also brought an idea for using up scrap 2×4 pieces. The deer is free-standing and he shared templates that can be used to draw on a block for a guide to cut out with a band saw.

All in all it was a nice assortment of turnings and skills shown by the turners.

Program Highlights from September 2025



Presenter **Chip Siskey** showed an example of a lighted candle holder that allows light to escape from inside. To make it safe, a T-light is placed inside to give the flickering candle look. Below are some shots of another one being turned by Chip for the meeting.



The first step was to take a 3" square blank and turn it round. Chip demonstrated several skills to be used in completing the candle holder after rounding the blank.





Turning first one end then the other, a ball/sphere shape was formed. Note the right end (*tailstock end*) was where Chip demonstrated how to make narrow cuts which will later be formed in the spherical part.

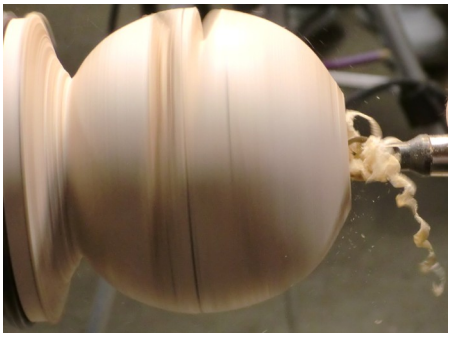


Offsetting the piece so that it "wobbles" as it is turned allows the cut shown by the red circle at the left. This is one of several to be done to the shape.

It is helpful to use a chuck with serrated jaws to better hold the piece while doing this offset turning.



The next step after making the multiple cuts was to hollow the interior and make a place for the T-light to sit. Using a small bowl gouge, Chip cleaned off the end of the sphere and began to force the gouge into the interior.





The hollowing tool can be shaped like the one at the far right or can be a tool with a shape like that shown at the far right below. Chip used a tool with this shape to hollow the sphere. See the picture at the top of the next page.







The “slices” for light to escape are visible at left and the hollowing continues until only a shell is left of the sphere. Care must be used and if a tool like the one at the bottom of the previous page is used, it must be held firmly against the tool rest so it doesn’t rotate or catch causing disastrous results.



The picture at right shows a better view of the “slices” and the hollow interior.

This was an interesting demonstration of how to add features to an otherwise plain hollow sphere.

Although other processes exist to provide the “slices” this is done entirely on the lathe an demonstrates the skill of the turner in producing the finished turning.

Well done, Chip.

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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