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Chapter Meetings:

First Thursday of every month, 6:30-9 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.

Due beginning January 2 2025 $30.00

Next Meeting: April 2, 2026



Last month was the 2 x 4 Challenge. WOW!! What a variety of things one can do with the "lowly" 2 x 4!!



The First Place **2 x 4 Challenge** was exhibited by **Mikeal Jones**. He bought a 0% moisture 2 x 4 at ACE Hardware that was priced at over $10.00. When he checked out it was only a little over $7.00. Still, a bit pricey BUT… look at the grain pattern!! WOW!! Great job Mikeal! Oh, the finish is spray lacquer.



Second place in the **2 x 4 Challenge** went to **Carl Sievering**. Made from thin strips of 2 x 4 glued together, the strips were 1" wide and about 1/8" thick. Assembling 6 strips about 8" long and gluing together they were then cut at 60˚ angles to make the individual pieces. When assembled they formed the base of the bowl.



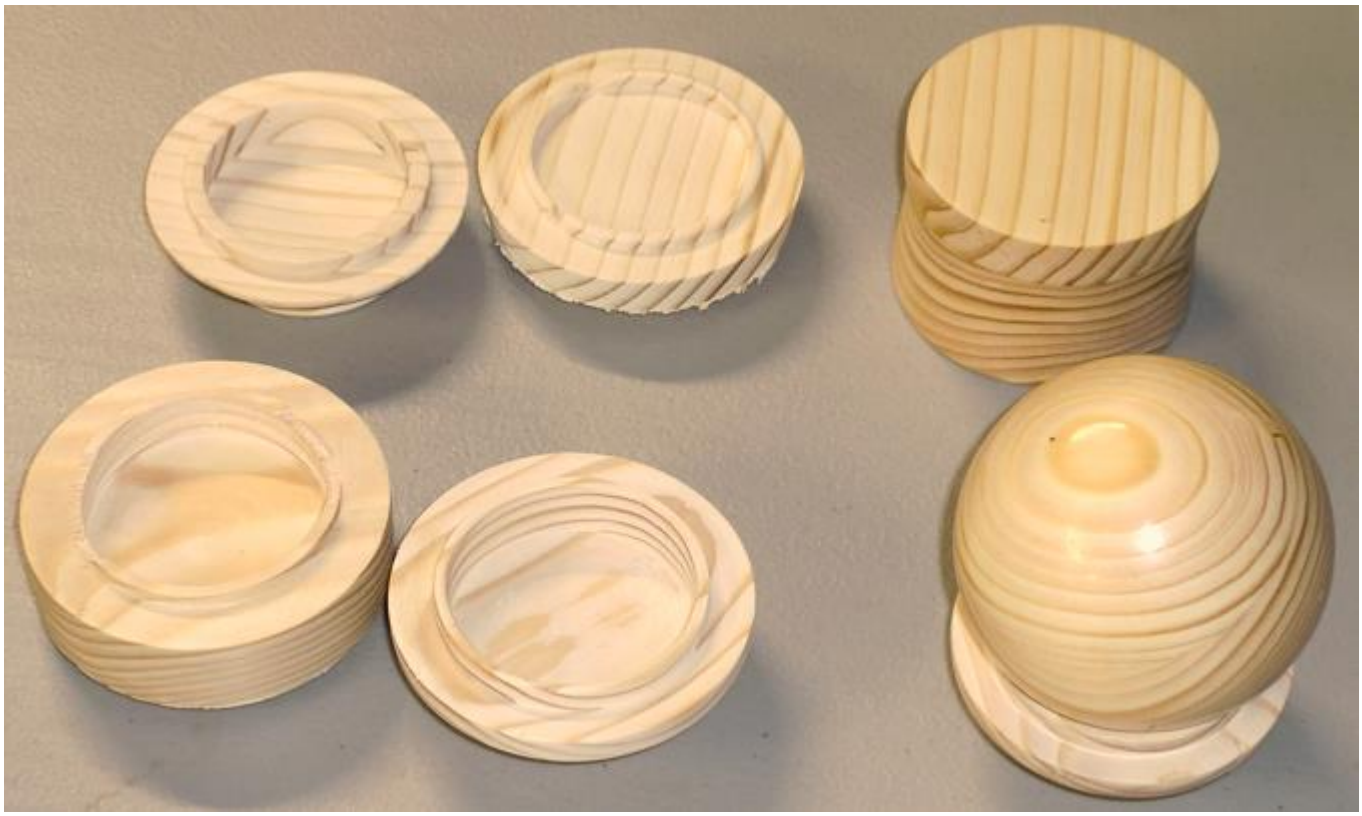
At the left are left-over pieces from Carl's assembly. The center of the bowl had his "traditional" star design only this time made from the laminations

Additional pieces were used for the risers that went to the rim on top. Finished with a clear finish, the bowl ended up about 7" in diameter and about 2-1/2" deep. Good job Carl and lots of tedium went into the assembly.



Third place in the **2 x 4 Challenge** went to **Andy Brundage** with a Coin Depository. Using playful coloring, Andy came up with what appears to be a flying saucer design with a removable top knot. The inside is hollow, turned smooth and sanded. Two little space characters are painted on the removable part. The base has 3 legs supporting it below. Standing about 4" tall and with a diameter of about 8" it looks rather cool! Nice job Andy!

Other entries included what is shown below.



Lee Noble brought a variety of pieces including a box, upper right; Ball, lower right; several turned pieces shown at left above and the base for the ball under the ball. The base has flock inside under the ball to protect it. The Ball and the box were finished with Spray Lacquer. Good use of the small parts from the 2 x 4.



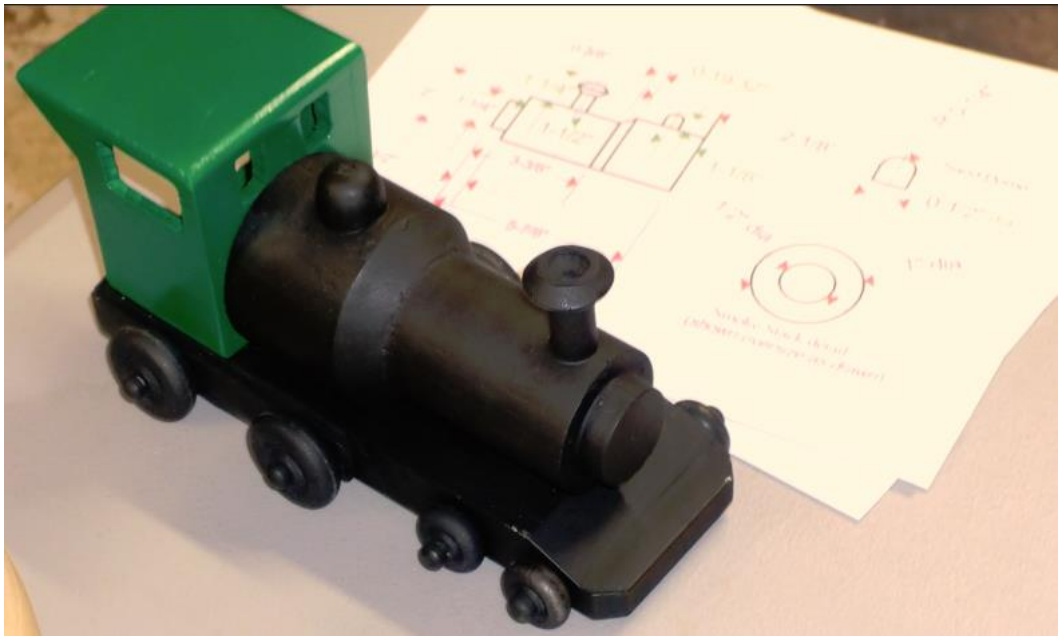
Kent Townsend brought a deep bowl that was supposed to be about 2" taller but ended up about 6" deep. It was about 6" or so in diameter. Finished with a satin finish it had a nice shape to it. Kent said it looked more like a spittoon but it still was attractive, knots and all. Good job Kent!!



Chip Siskey brought a well-polished and finished square plate. He used the remnants of his 2 x 4 to form a nice stand holding up the piece.

Overall size of the large plate was about 16" square and about 1-1/4" thick at the thickest part. The square parts outside the depression were curved down on top and curved out and down on the back.

Finish was spray lacquer but it look really nice. Unfortunately, Chip did not place in 1st, second or third place. Still, a GREAT job. None of the club members indicated they have a lathe large enough to turn that.



The other entry in the "also-ran" department was a train engine pull-toy made by **Leland Finley**, Club Newsletter Editor.

Leland also brought the plans he developed and used to design and turn, build and assemble the toy.

The toy was assembled with only three screws, two underneath and one holding the cab to the Boiler.

When asked if he turned the wheels, his reply was "No, I did have to buy wheels and axles which ended up too small."

Leland said he would share copies of the plans with anyone wanting them.

CLUB NEWS

David Bartlett , Club President, shared that the LLC Taxes are signed and ready to file. An appropriate recognition will be presented to the preparer at the April meeting!! Unfortunately, the Club ended the year with a loss of funds, thereby not owing any tax on the 2025 tax filing.

In other news no symposiums or meetings were scheduled other that the AAW Spring Symposium in June. (*See ad below*).

Register Now! See you at the 2026 AAW International Woodturning Symposium, June 4-7 in Raleigh, N.C.

2026 AAW Woodturning Symposium Registration

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

NWT Club President, David Bartlett, was the program presenter for the March 2026 meeting. David shared that the skill he would demonstrate would NOT include final shaping but would focus on how to set up for offset turning to form a triangular shape in wood.



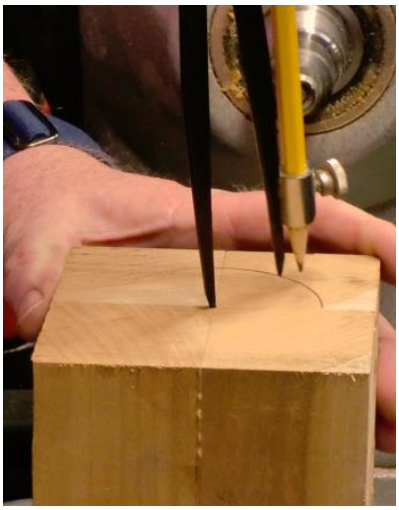


Using the White Board, David drew a circle to illustrate how to develop the points for offset turning.

David did not discount the mathematical method of locating points but instead showed a simple geometric solution to locating the points. He mentioned that the quality of tooling used to develop the points would affect the accuracy of the work.



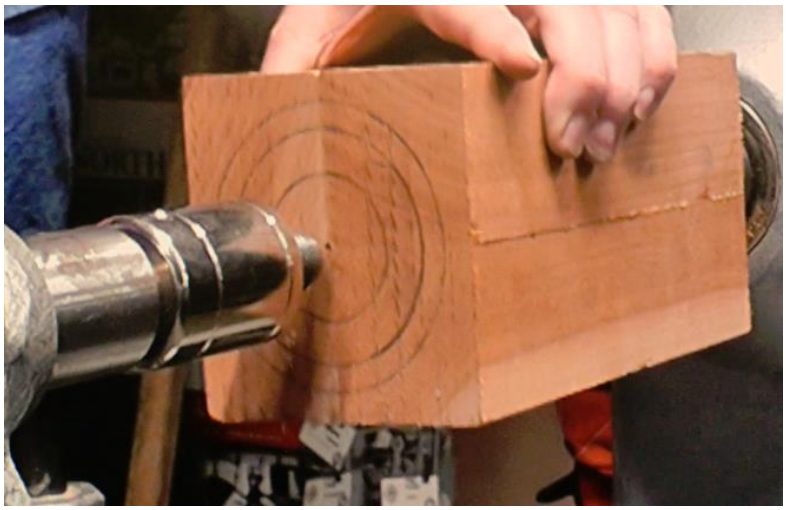
Showing the relative locations on the board, Taking his wood blank, David proceeded to demonstrate for those present the process outlined on the board. Shown at right David drew circles to provide for where the offsets centers would be located.



David encouraged drawing multiple circles to provide a better reference for later.

Mounting the 4” x 4” x 9” blank between centers using a safety turning center in the headstock, David explained that this kind of woodturning center would let the piece slip if a catch was encountered. The center point is spring-loaded, allowing the “teeth” to grip the wood when tightened between centers.







Once David turned the blank round the next step was to locate #1 for the first offset. Shown at right is the spinning wood that has been offset.



Proceeding to #s 2 and 3 David ended up with a rounded surface triangular turning. After sanding and smoothing by hand this could then be transformed into whatever final project desired.



Note that it appears that chips were cut from “thin air”. However, the offset only allowed one-third of the shape to be approached by the chisel while turning.

Shown at right is the blank at various positions while turning. Note that the only time chips can come off is when the turning is close to the tool rest.





Plan to be at the April meeting for more great Wood Turning ideas and demonstrations. Meeting time is 6:45-9:00 pm at 7305 NW Prairie View Road in Platte Woods. Invite your friends that might be interested in woodturning to join you at the next meeting. Till then….

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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