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Chapter Meetings:

First Thursday of every month, 7-9 pm. Our ADDRESS: **7305 NW Prairie view Road, Platte Woods**. Across the street from **Platte Woods United Methodist Church**. Look for the Address Post in the front yard. Circle drive in front entrance in back. More info in this newsletter.

Coming Attractions

Newsletters on the Chapter Website:
http://northlandwoodturners-kc.com
Event Information:
NEEDED: Fund raising Ideas.

Remember—2026 dues are $10 for the year.
Due beginning January 1, 2026

Next Meeting:
July 9, 2026



Mr. NWT Librarian sez, "***Pleeze*** bring back the book(s), Mag(s), DVD(s) you borrowed."







PARTY TIME since July 4th was last week.

Several people indicated the 1st Thursday would not be a good day so the Date is **JULY 9**—**same time**. Homemade Ice Cream, Cake and Grilled food is the menu; Non-alcoholic drinks are also suggested. **CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST FIRST**

Also bring your latest creations on the lathe for all to see. Family is invited too, just let us know how many will be there by texting or emailing David Bartlett, Chip Siskey or Andy Brundage. (*emails and phone numbers are in the left-hand column at the top of this page.*)

AAW report:

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Thank you for making our 40th Anniversary AAW International Woodturning Symposium a success!!

To all of the in-person and virtual attendees, demonstrators, vendors, volunteers and North Carolina Woodturning Guild, we hope you had as much fun as we did! We're a strong community with a shared love of craft. We hope you laughed, learned, and connected. Let's do it again next year at the Oklahoma City Convention Center from June 24-27, 2027!

From our member community



Congratulations to Pat Miller for Bam Booty being selected for this week's featured turning.

"Kentucky Bourbon" BARREL FORM

The piece is 3 Inches in Diameter at the widest point, 3 5/8 inches tall. White Oak. And of course, a Kentucky Bourbon barrel is charred on the inside.







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Joined:	Oct 20, 2025
Messages:	44
Likes:	577
Location:	Frankfort, KY

from the AAW Website for June 24, 2026

Comparing Woodturning Tool Steels

The Importance of Quality Steel

We tried to identify what we feel are the 3 most important points to consider when comparing tools steels and rated them on a scale of 1 to 5 based on our experience:

- **Edge Sharpness:** How fine an edge can the steel achieve?
- **Edge Durability:** How long does the edge stay sharp?

- **Price:** How does it fit into your budget?

The Contenders:

Cryogenically Treated M2 (Kryo M2): Enhanced Performance

Cryo M2 steel goes though a cryogenic treatment process (basically freezing the M2 high speed steel) increases the hardness and wear resistance, effectively doubling the edge life.

- Edge Sharpness: 5/5 (Top Marks)
- Edge Durability: 4/5 (Very Good)
- Price: 3/5 (A Bit Expensive)

M4 High Speed Steel: Durable and Sharp

M4 high speed steel offers increased durability, holding an edge about twice as long as M2, with nearly as fine an edge.

- Edge Sharpness: 4/5 (Very Good)
- Edge Durability: 4/5 (Good)
- Price: 3/5 (A Bit More Expensive)

Powdered Metallurgy (PM/CPM) Steel: For Production Turners

Ideal for roughing bowl blanks, PM steel holds an edge 5-6 times longer than M2 HSS.

- Edge Sharpness: 3/5 (Good)
- Edge Durability: 5/5 (Top Marks)
- Price: 2/5 (More Expensive)

M42 High Speed Steel: The Best of Both Worlds

M42 high speed steel is a relative newcomer that combines the edge holding durability of Powdered Metallurgy steel with the fine edge of M2 high speed steel. It has quickly become a favorite of many turners and the range of tools available continues to grow.

- Edge Sharpness: 5/5 (Top Marks)
- Edge Durability: 5/5 (Top Marks)
- Price: 4/5 (Exceptional Value)

For more details on each of the above go to:

https://woodturnerscatalog.com/blogs/blog/comparing-woodturning-tool-steels



Look What I Made









Mikeal Jones brought his version of a Distillery Barrel. Made with White Oak using multiple staves to form the barrel, the mug, bung, stand and top filler are also made with White Oak. It is about 2-1//2" in diameter and about 4" long. The "band" marks were burned into the barrel. This was a really neat job of duplicating. The only thing missing was the char on the inside to give flavor to the contents.

Attention to detail is not lost on this turning piece. Well done, Mikeal!!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Mikeal Jones demonstrated for the members present the making of a Hummingbird house. Several designs were explored by Mikeal before settling on the one being done for the meeting.

Looking at the pen beside the model Mikeal used shows the size of the finished bird house.

In order to save time, Mikeal pre-drilled the entry hole in the blank so that job wouldn't detract from the work being done.







To begin the Hummingbird house Mikeal turned the square blank ro a semi-finished round shape.

Next would come the hollowing for the inside of the house.



This was done with a "*OOOH- Gaaasp*" Forstner bit! That process could also be done in the traditional way but for times' sake the bit was used.

See at left--



Once the correct depth was reached, a line showing the "bottom of the Hummingbird house was marked and the "house base" was shaped to a rounded bottom.







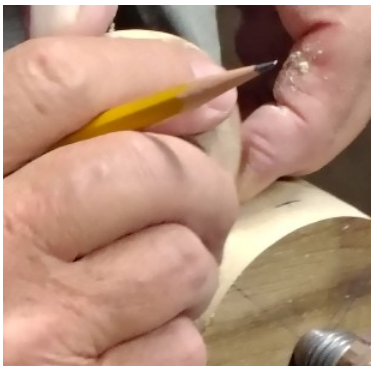
After some light sanding, the "house" was parted off and the stub was removed from the lathe.



A new blank was mounted and turned to a round shape.

The top was then laid out to form the insert and rounded shape of the top as seen in the model.







Using a Vee-shaped tool the "insert" was turned to size and a hole was "drilled" into the piece.





With the final shape formed some light sanding completed the top of the Hummingbird house.

Now all that remained was to assemble the parts and check for fit before removing the top from the blank.







Upon drilling a small hole for the perch and assembling a small dowel into the hole below the entrance, the bird houose is completed. Note the size comparison to a regular ballpoint pen.

Great demo and good job Mikeal!! Thanks!

If you would like to try your hand at making one, be our guest!

Oh yes, any finish should be "animal friendly" and non-poisonous to hummingbirds.

See you **THIS Thursday** evening (**JULY 9**)for a great time! Bring your appetite and some good desserts.

(*Maybe some baked beans too).*

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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