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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:
August 6, 2026

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





Only 3 days later but…

Seed spitting contest??

People ask:

Is wood turning an expensive hobby?

Wood turning can range from budget-friendly to highly expensive depending on how you equip your shop. Getting started typically requires an initial investment of $500 to $1,500 for a new or used lathe, essential turning chisels, and safety gear, with recurring costs coming from acquiring specialized chucks and wood blanks.
The overall cost depends entirely on your setup approach:

- **The Budget-Conscious Route:** You can get started for under $500 to $800 by purchasing a basic mini-lathe (such as an Excelsior or WEN), starter HSS (High-Speed Steel) chisel sets, and a budget face shield. You can often lower these costs by finding used equipment on local Facebook Marketplace or from a regional turning club.

- **The Mid-Tier Setup (Recommended for longevity):**

Many beginners eventually invest in electronic variable-speed midi-lathes like the Jet 1221VS or Rikon 70-220VSR. A proper setup with a quality four-jaw chuck, a reliable slow-speed grinder for sharpening chisels, and upgraded gouges brings the initial investment to around $1,500 to $2,500.

- **Professional/Premium Grade:** High-end, heavy-duty cast-iron lathes from premium brands like Powermatic can cost between $2,000 and $5,000 for the machine alone. Specialized coring tools, vacuum chucks, and premium turning tools push the total well beyond $5,000.

- **Wood Sourcing:** This can be practically free if you harvest local storm-downed trees, or it can cost $20 to $100+ per piece if you buy exotic, stabilized, or pre-cut bowl blanks from specialty retailers like Rockler.

Scenes from the Picnic July 9



Chef Andy



Time to load the plate

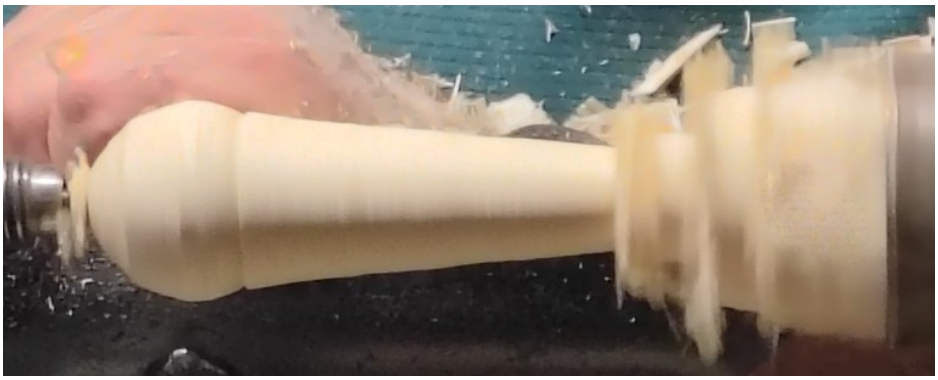




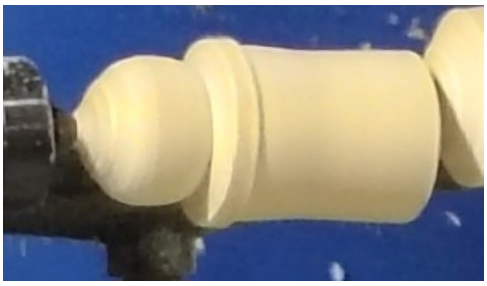
Ahh...Peach Dessert

Look at what I did!

A Real Turning Challenge...



Ice Cream & Cone by Chip Siskey



Ice Cream & Cone by Dave Dinkel



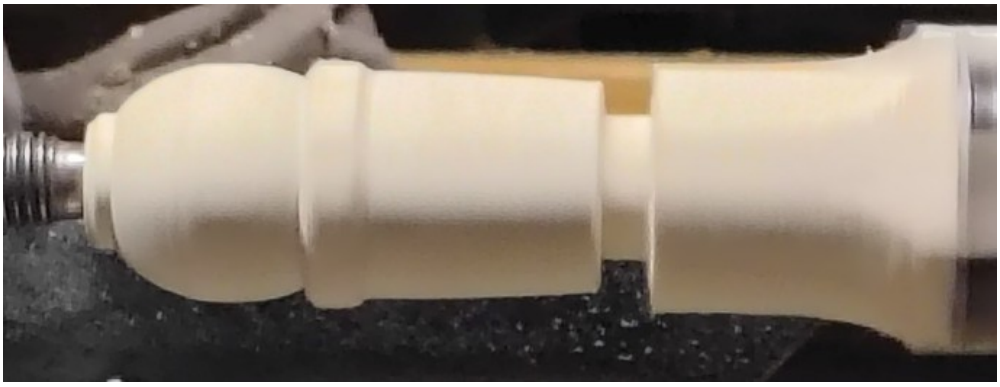
Ice Cream & Cone by Leland Finley



Ice Cream & Cone by Lee Noble



Ice Cream & Cone by Danny Smith



Ice Cream & Cone by Carl Sievering

AND The WINNERS 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Left to right:

Leland Finley—1st

Dave Dinkel—2nd

Chip Siskey—3rd

Thanks to all who dared to participate!!



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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REMINDER:
The annual dues for 2026 **are still only $10.00**. Advanced payments are accepted.
Checks can be made payable to *Northland Woodturners*.