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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:
September 3, 2026

One more time...

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







Remember when?...

New beginnings, new faces, some "old" faces, and lots to learn again!!

WOW! Hadn't thought about all that for a while, too busy with the "mundane" things but here it all comes again!

Let's see what we as a club, group, friends, acquaintances can conjure up for the coming fall season when it comes to wood turning. We just saw a neat idea last month with a unique design that COULD go either way as far as the twist of the design goes; depending on whether you are left or right "turning".

There's also places to go for someone else's ideas. AAW Symposiums, regional presentations, other woodturning organizations locally—you name it. So, let's get started and see what we can do. There's also fund-raisers we could get involved in to help the club too. The sky's the limit so put your thinking caps on and launch out!!

If you want to travel, here's a contact point to see where to go: https://community.woodturner.org/events/calendar .

These are on the AAW calendar and are located out of town. Several are interesting looking but coming soon. No mention of whether one must be an AAW member to register. Of course the other need would be a place to stay while enjoying the activity.

Like AVIS™, we try harder!

Show and Tell



Kent Townsend brought his latest spoon for all to see. Made from Walnut, streaked on both sides of the spoon bowl with sapwood, it was a rather striking example of what can be done with a seeming waste piece of wood.

Congratulations, Kent, on your latest work.



Program Notes



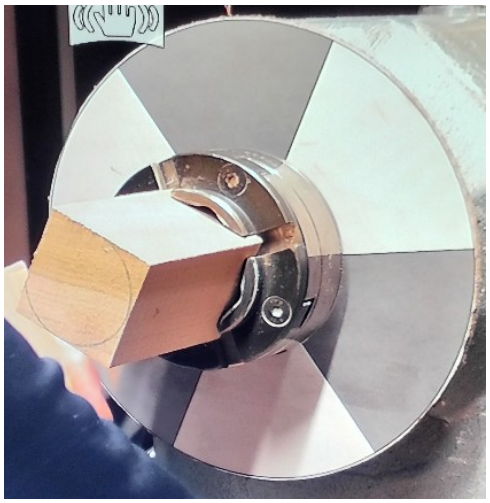
Chip Siskey demonstrated a unique "turning " protocol for producing finials and decorative additions to turnings.



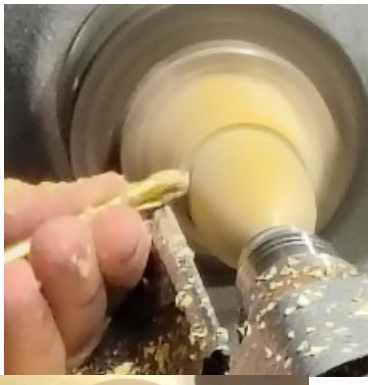
Shown at right is what the finished product would look like before final sanding and/or staining.

Beginning with a 2" blank of Poplar, (*could be any wood but Poplar is easier to work for demo*), a 6-division circular back piece is attached behind the 4-jaw chuck for layout purposes.

(see next page)



With a center mark for use with the tailstock live center the 2” square was securely mounted in the 4-jaw chuck.



Then the outer end was turned to a taper for about 3”.



Next using the 6-division pattern behind the chuck (as seen at left), Lines were drawn on the tapered turning with each line toward the front of the lathe sitting horizontal so that 6 lines end up around the taper.



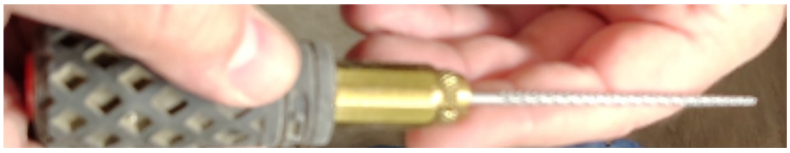
Equal-spaced lines are then drawn around the taper by turning the piece while holding the pencil as shown at left resulting in the equal-spacing from chuck-end to the point shown at right. These lines will be used to outline where the hand work will be done since the majority of turning on this part is done.

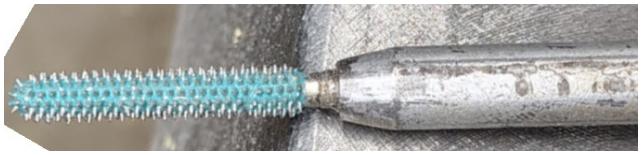
Beginning at the point, curved connecting lines are then drawn from the end to the next intersecting lines. This will produce the pattern shown below. Depending on which way the lines go will determine the direction of the finished twist when done. The pattern produced on this one by Chip is a right-hand twist.





A couple of examples using Walnut shown at right above could be used as spindles on another turning.

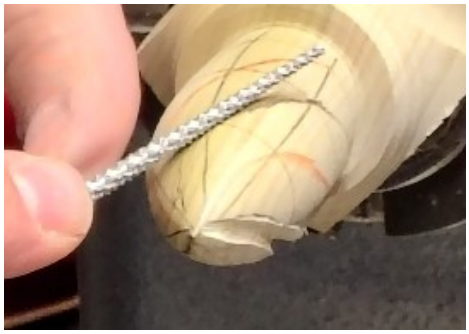


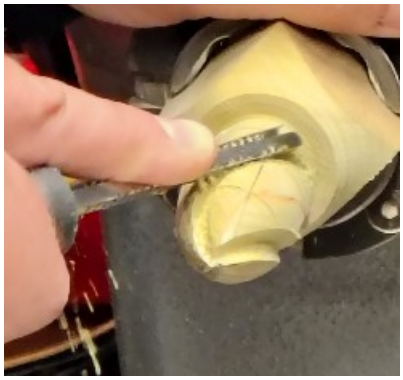


To produce the twist some kind of small rasp must be used. The most controllable is a hand rasp shown at left above. Another kind CAN be used in a Dremel™ tool but control requires a VERY steady hand and SLOW progress. Chip demonstrated the hand process using the one at left.



Following the lines and using the hand rasp a groove is started going around the turning. This is deepened and repeated for every other of the lines. This produces the 3 groove shape when done. To make sure Chip skipped a line, every other line was colored red so that line would not be used.





As the groove deepened, a larger rasp became necessary. Enter the famous "Kitchen Tool"— the **grater** for spices and veggies.

These come in vaarious sizes and will necessitate using larger ones depending on the size of the turning. Not an expensive tool but can be purchased in most grocery stores or at **Walmart™.**

One can see the finished design beginning to appear at left on the point of the turning. Final depth will be determined by how much groove and "land" is left with an equal amount being the most desirable.







Always the bane of every turning, final touches then sanding is required. Multiple grits will be used using narrow strips and a backing rod to smooth the groove interior.

A final "skim" cut on the surface to remove the lines and a quick turning of the base design completes the turning.





Come see what can be done Thursday 9/3 for the next idea. SEE YOU THERE!!

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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Checks can be made payable to *Northland Woodturners*.