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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:
December 3, 2026





Saturday, November 7, 2026 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CST)

Join us for some FREE online woodturning fun at Vendor Showcase Winter Wonderland! Steve Worcester (https://www.turningwood.com/), Joe Fleming (https://www.airbrushingwood.com/), Mike OB and Lyle Jamieson (https://lylejamieson.com/), Tod Raines https://woodturningtoolstore.com/), and Cindy Drozda (http://www.cindydrozda.com. We will share Tool Showcases, Mini-Demos, Weekend Specials, Q&A time, and a charity auction. Everyone is welcome. Please tell your woodturning friends and club members.

November brings officer elections and at least two offices are OPEN!!
This is your chance to become important for the club!!

Know of an event locally or regionally that would appeal to woodturners?

Share what you know with membership and don't be "bashful"!!

Remember that the December meeting will have contests and challenges along with food, drawings, and ornament designs

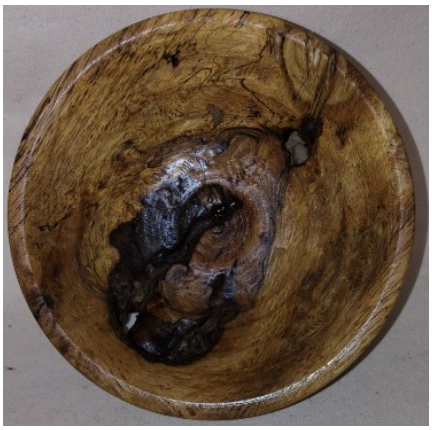
Wonderful New Creations by Members







1. **Maple Bowl** made by **Danny Smith** from a blank showing what appears to be some crotch figuring and missing wood where bark may have been attached.







2. **Oak Bowl** made by **Danny Smith** from a blank that also had missing part. Interior shows where wood is missing and where, when turned, a hole appeared. This bowl would not hold anything liquid but could be used for display and for larger items such as unshelled nuts.

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3. **Spalted Persimmon Bowl** made by **Danny Smith** from a blank. Pen is shown for size reference only; width is a little over 5-1/2" and height is about 2-3/4". Turning is uniform without missing parts or pieces.

Program Notes

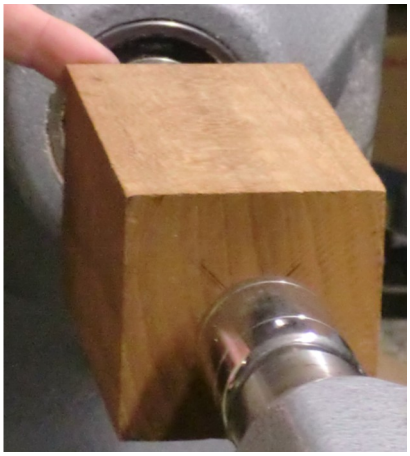


President David Bartlett presented a unique turning idea to the club last month.

Shown at right is the design David duplicated. It consisted of a block about 3" square and about 5" long of Maple wood.



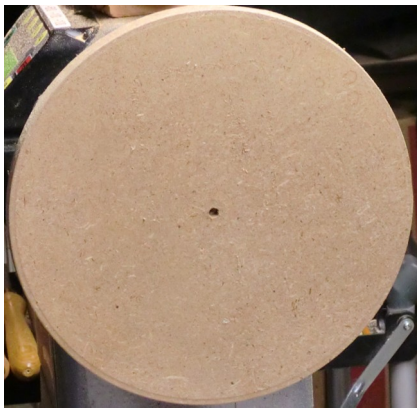
David first turned a half-sphere on one end of the block mounted between centers on the lathe. A tenon was turned on one end to allow mounting in the chuck and to provide more stability while being turned.



After turning the half-sphere shape on one end, David then split the block through the center longitudinally.





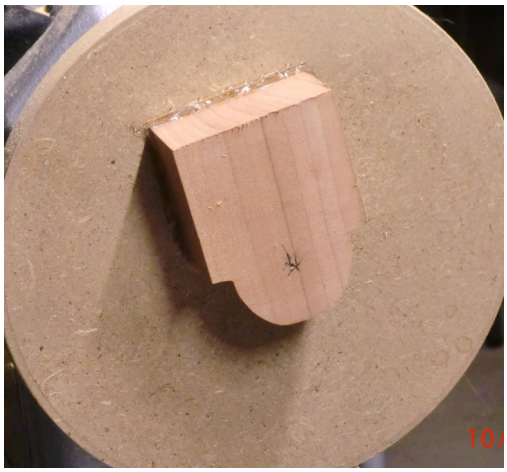


To facilitate turning the inside of the half-sphere an MDF mounting disc was used.. This allows the split piece to be attached using 2-side tape and hot glue to hold the part being turned.

It is very important to find the center of the split half-sphere as accurately as possible since this will affect the rim thickness of the finished piece.

The tailstock center was used to facilitate location of the "blank" to secure it to the MDF disc.

SAFETY NOTE: Since this will be mounted "off-center" with regard to the mass of the "blank" it may be necessary to mount a counter-weight to limit vibration as the turning progresses. The counter-weight cannot be thicker than the "blank" being turned or problems will occur later.



Looking at the turning piece at right, the block part can be seen as a blurred shape to the right of the tool rest.

This can pose a safety hazard if one is not careful while turning is in progress.

The beginning of the interior of the turned half-sphere can be seen at right. A regular bowl gouge was used to turn this.

Once the interior is turned then the block is turned to allow the hollowed half-sphere to appear as though it is merely attached to a block. This thinning process must proceed with caution so that the turning is not dislodged from MDF disc.



Shown at right is the necessity of locating the center of the half-sphere accurately. A "pouring lip" has been formed where the rim should have been.

David's sample piece shown on page 3 is what should have happened in turning the half-sphere on the end of the block.

It should be noted also that a closed-grain wood such as maple or cherry will work much better for making something like this since the fibers will not tear out as easily as they would on soft woods.

Good job David. Thank you for the idea and demo.



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*.