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AAW Newsletter

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Greetings!

As summer heats up, we have an article on tips for staying cool in your shop. I hope this reminds you to be aware of shop safety. The AAW has released a new series of books, *Getting Started in Woodturning*. The first title is *Safety for Woodturners*. It is our hope that with the publication of [Safety for Woodturners](#), a basic understanding and awareness of the need to turn safely will become second nature to every woodturner who reads it, and that all safety-aware turners will fully experience the enjoyment and thrill of woodturning, accompanied by increased confidence in their abilities, and the comfort of knowing that they are doing everything possible to maximize their safety.

Is it 100 degrees in your shop? Here are some summer tips

Has it been a while since you have been in your shop? I know that workshops can get unbearably hot in the summer.

You may not be up to all the sawdust sticking to you. Don't you wish you could use sweat as a finish? Here are some tips for dealing with the heat.

Read the cooling [tips from Tony Williams](#)

"Live Stream"

Kansas City Woodturners participate in Kansas City Maker Faire

The Kansas City Woodturners for the second year participated in the Kansas City Maker Faire. It is an event held in the historic Union Station, held to celebrate creativity and innovation in many mediums. There were about 300 Makers demonstrating their skills in areas of 3D printing, model-making, jewelry, hot cars, numerous Makers dealing with technology and, of course, woodturning.

During the weekend over 12,000 people visited the Maker Faire, learning about the various things that can be made and enjoying the demonstrations. The Kansas City Woodturners turned tops which, in an age of high tech, were incredibly popular, as were the mushroom toothpick holders, goblets, bowls, and boxes.

The editor of Make Magazine recognized the KC Woodturners' efforts by awarding a blue ribbon for the quality of the booth and presentation of the skill and art of woodturning.

Shaun Q McMahon
Kansas City Woodturners,
Secretary

Send in your local chapter news

We love to hear how local chapters are reaching out to their community to spread the art, craft, and love of woodturning. If you have a story from your chapter that you want to share in the e-newsletter, please email linda@woodturner.org.

The Grand River Woodturners in Grand Rapids, Michigan, does a live stream of its meetings and demos.

The Grand River Woodturners is a club that is four years old and was started with 12 guys from another club who believed Grand Rapids should have its own club. The club has continued to grow and now is almost 80 strong. With this growth came pains regarding venue. In our search for a venue we came across the Geek Group. Yes, a group of geeks with more degrees than I can count. The Geek Group is in the top 10 on You Tube and they record everything.

They started to record all our demos, then they edit, subtitle, and animate them prior to going to You Tube. They are all in HD quality and with every video made, we as turners have gotten better in front of the camera. Yes, you can also communicate with us via the connection the Geek Group puts up.

Read the rest of the article by [Ron Campbell](#)
President, Grand River Woodturners

Turnings, A Mobile App for Wood Turners

*Turnings Mobile Woodturning Database
for
iPad/iPad Mini, iPhone, iPod Touch*

Turnings is a FREE mobile app for woodturners, instructors, students, and symposium attendees. *Turnings* will run on iPhone, iPad/iPad Mini, and iPod Touch and is available from High Street Software, LLC (highstreetsoftware.com).

Turnings is used to document turning projects. Projects can be your own, those of your students, or of other turners. A project can also be used to keep notes on sessions attended at symposiums or demonstrations at club meetings.

[Learn more](#)

Passion for Woodturning



I was a career U.S. Army NCO who deployed in 2003-2004 for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I was the Section Chief of the Combat Service Support Automation Management Office (CSSAMO), and supervised a great, hard-working highly-motivated group of young soldiers.

Four months after my return, my situation took a turn and gave me some new challenges. I lost all the sight in my right eye and, some 18 months later, I lost most of the sight in my left eye. The sight I have in my left is 20/600 with no central or peripheral vision as compared to a normal field of vision. During my Blind Rehabilitation Training at two VA Centers, they use woodworking to improve one's manual skills. I discovered the joy of woodworking.

Read the rest of [Jerry W. Abney's story](#)

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