



Shavings

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President's Message



Well, we have entered a new year, a time to look forward but also a time to look back. Did you accomplish what you set out to do last year? Probably not, but don't feel bad; you are among many, but if you are one of the few, I congratulate you. Last year The MMAW accomplished many firsts. Teach the Teacher gave those who were looking for teaching experience a chance to do it amongst their peers. Work has begun with the VA rehab program, and while it's in its infancy, opportunities exist to introduce vets to enjoying the

world of wood turning. Beneath the Bark held in studio C gave members a chance to show turned items in a gallery setting. Liam O'Neill provided us with a program that gave us some insight about the peace bowl he turned as well turning a utility bowl with a unique edge. Teen night now in its third season has added the use of Carbide tools (Easy Wood Tools).

The Wood Expo and the The Art Crawl are tradition for the MMAW. These events continue to draw people giving them a chance to see and learn what we're all about. Some of them even chose to become members. So as we bring in the new year and take a look forward, consider the possibilities that exist for our club. Come and be a part of it.

Saturday, Jan. 11 Chapter Meeting

The January 2014 meeting of the MMAW will be held at the Visual Arts Center (VAC) in the lower level of the Paramount Theatre, Downtown S. Cloud.

January Challenge: a turned bell. As with all Challenge Projects, the theme is up to the interpretation and imagination of the participant.

Check out the classes the Chapter members are teaching and sign up before they fill. Information on topics, instructors, dates and tuition are on page of this newsletter.



MMAW CLASSES FOR WINTER AND SPRING 2014

Woodturning 101: An Introduction to the Lathe

Instructor: Jerry Wervey

Saturdays, February 8-15, 1-3pm

Tuition: \$ 50.00 (includes materials!)

Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience required! (ages 15+)

Discover the exciting world of woodturning in this class designed for the absolute beginner! Jerry will direct you how to safely use the lathe, from machine set-up through tool usage. You will have an opportunity to experiment with a variety of different cuts and finish with the creation of a small bud vase!

Available Spaces: 5

Woodturning 102: Making Pens on the Lathe!

Instructor: Nadine Nelson

Wednesdays, February 19-March 5, 6-8pm

Tuition: \$80.00 (includes materials for one pen)

Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience required! (ages 15+)

A returning favorite! Create your own beautiful and unique pen, as Nadine walks you through the essential basics of safely working on a lathe! From mounting the wood to the lathe, using a chisel, turning pen forms, polishing and adding metal components.

Available Spaces: 5

Woodturning 150: Modifying Pens

Instructor: Nadine Nelson

Wednesdays, March 12-26, 6-8pm

Tuition: \$ 100.00 (includes materials for two pens!)

Experience Level: Some prior pen turning experience required (ages 15+)

Nadine takes pen turning to the next level! Learn how to create modified slim line one-piece pens as well as modified Pensar pens using the lathe. This class is perfect for the pen-turner looking for a challenge, where the extra effort allows you to create these beautiful styles of pens!

Woodturning 201: Natural Edge Bowls

Instructor: John Caye

Mondays, April 7-14, 6-8:30pm

Tuition: \$80.00 (includes materials for one bowl)

Experience Level: Prior turning experience required (ages 15+)

Take your woodturning skills up a notch as John shares his talents on turning natural edge bowls! Learn what to look for when selecting a piece of wood, how to mount the wood to emphasize the grain and natural edge to its best advantage, and how to safely turn a piece that is balanced and pleasing to the eye.

Available Spaces: 4

Woodturning 150: Turning Tops!

Instructor: Jerry Wervey

Saturday, April 26, 10am-2:00 pm

Tuition: \$40.00 (includes materials!)

Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience required! (ages 15+)

Join us for this one-day workshop to learn the tips and tricks of creating tops, the universal toy! Jerry will take you step by step on creating these simple, yet beautiful toys, which make the perfect gift for young and old alike!

Available Spaces: 5

Register for classes online at:

<http://www.paramountarts.org/classes/wood/>

Executive Board Minutes of Dec. 16, 2013

Present Jerry W., Gary M., John C., Roxanne W., Lyle K., Guy S.

1. Discussed problems with the newsletter from last month. Working on solutions.
2. Discussed how to store AV equipment.
3. Discussed process for sending e-mail blasts, surveys etc. It was decided that we need to get approval from the executive board for surveys and decision type of communications. We'll continue to discuss e-mail blasts.

New business

1. At teen night put TV and table with turning examples out in hall to try to draw more participants.
2. Discussed sending communication to HS to try to recruit more participants. Guy will work on a letter and names of teachers to send it to.
3. Three classes are set up for Spring and Fall.
4. A discussion was held about getting more club members to teach to our club members. So far very poor response from the letter Gary sent earlier. A motion was made to resend the e-mail that explained about classes for club members and trying to recruit more club members to volunteer to teach a class. If poor response for teachers from within the club we will send a request to the Minneapolis club to see if any of their members would like to come up and teach. Passed 6 for, 0 against.
5. Talked about upcoming demos. Jan, Feb, March are set with Denny Merden to discuss his creations, Ken Peterson and his beads.
6. Discussed if we need to budget for a bigger lathe to accommodate demos and speakers?
7. Do we need to incorporate? This is related to insurance also. Jerry will investigate.

Minutes of the MMAW Chapter Meeting, December 14, 2013

Show and Tell

Jim Preusser- Black ash bowl

Lenny Merdan- large segmented bowl ~~made of maple, walnut, cherry~~ and holly; box with a birdseye maple lid inlaid with walnut designs

Kathy Schellinger-2 bowls, one in spalted maple and a second in aspen.

Gary Mrozek- a maple bowl with ornamental piercing for his granddaughter's first Christmas

John Caye-2 natural edge bowls, one from black ash burl and the second from big leaf maple burl

Brad Knowles- tall hollow vase with beautiful mahogany stain

Jerry Wervey- brazilian mahogany Christmas ornament, contemporary turning

Jid Brodd- 3 bowls in spalted hackberry, spalted box elder and cedar

Eddie Och- 4 christmas ornaments in cherry and maple

50/50 Drawing

Alan Sias was the grand winner of \$34.50.

Announcements

Brad Knowles discussed the Honor Cane project which presents vets with hand-turned canes. Blanks 36" long are available for the shaft of these canes. The goal is to have 35 canes completed in time for a presentation ceremony in April. Contact Brad Knowles to volunteer.

Raffle

Members' names were drawn for several items including 20 gift certificates for Crafts Supply.

Recognition Award

Bill Baker was given ruby red dye for his help to the chapter.

For the rest of the meeting members and their guests feasted on the delicious selection of buffet items brought to the holiday potluck. This was a festive ending for a very productive year. Now we look forward to another year of creativity.

SHOW AND TELL



The Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners (*MMAW*) is a members based not for profit organization, providing an environment of interest and activities dedicated to the enjoyment of woodturning activities and to promote woodturning to the local community through education and charitable events.