



Shavings

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President's Message



Dear Members,

As president of the MMAW I would like to share with you what has taken place as of late in regards to the upcoming Central Minnesota Wood Expo. In years past the Wood Expo has relied heavily on vendors to fill the facility with various wood related displays. This year this is not the case for several reasons, some within the control of the Wood Expo committee and many outside the reach of the committee. As a result booth space is not being filled as we would have hoped.

So when you have too many oranges, make orange juice; or in this case, with not enough vendors to fill the booths, fill them yourself.

This is where as a member you come in to play. All three clubs are going to take on the opportunity given to them in the form of two extra booths per club. With these extra booths it will give us a chance to showcase the talent of our members. By taking two booths per club the emphasis of the Expo changes from vendor orientated to demonstration orientated. As it sets right now we are demoing the treadle lathe and one of the small lathes throughout the day. The time slots are covered for both of these booths. Now with an opportunity for two extra booths we can showcase several other aspects of wood turning throughout the day.

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Saturday, March 8 Chapter Meeting

The March 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.

Bring in your bowls for Empty Bowls.

March 8th challenge project theme is "something green". This could be from green wood or green as in "environmentally friendly". It could be something with an Irish theme (shamrock, pipe or a "pot of gold") or simply something that has been dyed green.

Check out John Huseth's sandpaper organizer- pg.3.



The time slots are covered for both of these booths. Now with an opportunity for two extra booths we can showcase several other aspects of wood turning throughout the day. What we do with it is up to us, but with the talented members of the club, I am sure that we can showcase to the general public what can be accomplished with a lathe.

At our next meeting we will have to nail down what exactly we will do for each of the two time slots; some can be repeat demonstrations, or we can change them as ideas are brought forward. This next meeting on March 8th is important so be there and share your ideas with fellow members.

Jerry

Minutes of the MMAW Chapter meeting Feb. 8th, 2014

1. Denny Meyer and Jin Brott discussed the upcoming Wood Expo being held on March 22nd. Flyers are available to hang up/pass out. Volunteers are needed to help set up, do some turning, answer questions during the show, and help tear down. There will be a place to display items. It was stressed that as many members as possible need to be there to support the vendors and the show. The show has a website WWW.woodexpo-mn.org and there is a link at the MMAW site.

1. Ken Peterson explained how he makes his wooden beads. It is amazing what a plastic bucket, some sandpaper, a motor, and some wood scraps can become. Ken finished the beads with a 50/50 mix of boiled linseed oil and shellac. Information can be found at WWW.lumberjocks.com
2. Show and tell.
 1. John Huesth had a lamp.
 2. Lenny Merden had 2 inside out guitar stands, a plate, a bunch of tops, a segmented off center base for a sculpture he is working on and a wooden mallet.
 3. Albert Keppers had a toothpick holder, a segmented bowl, and a square wooden mallet.
 4. Adam Wilson had two mallets (and I think he had the old antique burl mallet from his grandfather).
 5. Bill Larson had a mallet.
 6. Gail Schlicht had a mallet made of santos wood.
 7. Bill Langen had a mallet of persimmon wood.
 8. Jerry Wervey had a cherry mallet and a candle holder.
 9. Brad Knowles had a cedar vase made using a boring bar. He will tell us more about it at another meeting.
 10. Guy Schafer had an elm mallet.
3. There were more cane blanks for members to turn.
4. 50/50 drawing was won by Larry Sampson. He won \$16.00. Remember to sell those tickets at the March meeting Larry!
5. Finished bowls are needed for the Empty Bowls event. Many blanks were cut and turned and now need to be returned by the next meeting, March 8th or bring them to the WoodExpo on March 22nd. Feel free to bring any of your own bowls you'd like to donate. As of Feb. 21st we have 49 finished bowls turned into Guy.
6. Guests at the meeting were Gary Killmen, Micky Klasen, and Roger Swenson

Executive Board minutes from Feb. 10, 2014

Old Business.

1. The treadle lathe will be worked on Feb. 11 at 8:15am. It will be ready to go at the WoodExpo.
2. Discussed the WoodExpo. We will have lathes for demos, literature and handouts, membership signups will be available. John will recruit people for the demos. We will not have bowls for sale because of the Empty Bowls table with bowls for sale there. We need to keep encouraging our members to help with set up and tear down the day of the Expo.

New Business.

1. It was discussed(decided?) to have the treadle lathe at the July 30th Music by George. Set up will be at 3-4, demos from 5-9 and tear down at 9:00.
2. The issue of member surveys was discussed. We discussed having a policy about surveys. The policy will be shared and discussed at the next meeting.
3. The issue of requesting donations from members by members was also discussed and it was decided to develop a policy concerning this topic. The policy will be shared and discussed at the next meeting.

John Huseh's Shop

Having your sanding supplies close at hand makes the sanding chore easier. I have a cabinet with shallow drawers that allows me to quickly find the grit I want. When a drawer is nearly empty it is time to resupply. The clear tube used for dowel storage allows me to keep track of the short pieces. The tube hangs on the wall.



SHOW AND TELL



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