



Shavings

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President's Message



Well we had a busy month with all that has gone on, the Art Crawl March 21st followed by the Wood Expo March 22nd and one week later March 30th the culmination of the Empty Bowl Project, not to mention the honor cane project that many of you are working on.

Let's start with the Art Crawl; since it was scheduled the day before the Wood Expo, it was almost a second thought in some way but at least three people showed up and turned for the general public. The weather for the Art Crawl was less than desirable and attendance for the

event was down at all locations that participated. That brings us to the Wood Expo Attendance which was at or around the five hundred mark, a good turn out for the wood expo. So my hat is off to all who lent a hand before, during and after the event.

The following Sunday the Empty Bowls Project took place at Calvary Church, where we had a lathe and turners showing how a bowl is made from start to finish. For the general public Empty Bowls seems to be a one day event, but we know it is really a year long project.

And last but not least the Honor Cane canes that have been turned over the last couple of months are starting to find homes as they are given out to veterans who have served our country.

One was awarded during the Wood Expo. As you may have noticed I didn't list anyone's name for I might have missed someones. You know who you are and what you did and if you watched from the sidelines you will have plenty of opportunity in the future.

Saturday, April 12 Chapter Meeting

The April 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. The agenda is on page 2.

April Challenge: a Spring related item. As with all Challenge Projects, the theme is up to the interpretation and imagination of the participant.

Check out John Huseth's idea for covers, upcoming classes and other announcements on page 2.



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° John C. Lucas is scheduled to demonstrate to our members on Thursday, May 1st, 2014 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. John has been working with wood for about 35 years and started turning about 25 years ago. He teaches a woodturning workshop each year at the Appalachian Center for Craft. He is also interested in metal working and makes or modifies many of his lathe tools.

The cost of the 3 hour demo is \$20 to members of the MMAW. You'll have an opportunity to sign-up at our April 12th Chapter meeting. If you're unable to attend the April Chapter Meeting and/or wish to secure your seat for this demo, you can mail a check made out to the [Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners](#), 1858 County Road 134, St. Cloud, MN 56303.

° There are still seats available for Spring Woodturning Classes at the Paramount. [Click here](#) for more details.

° The board approved the purchase of a larger lathe. We are planning to start a fund raising campaign soon. The goal is to have this completed ASAP but for sure by Sept. 1.

Agenda for Meeting April 12th

Old Business

Purchased an electric drill and small pull saw
Approved donation request procedure
Approved survey Procedure
John Lucas to demo May 1st

New Business

Repair of treadle lathe or other options
Purchase of full size lathe time table and donations
Time and day of meeting considerations
Library expanding CD portion of it
Upcoming Demo / Demo's

MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from March 8th, 2014

We had four visitors. Pam Lillehei, Jack Zwilling from Kimball, Duane Tadych from Sauk Rapids, Mike Bregenzer from Monticello.

1. **Show and Tell.**

Eddie Och had several boxelder bowls and a tiny cup and saucer and goblet.

Guy Schafer had a covered box.

Robert Sikes had a spalted hickory(?) bowl.

Jim Brodd had a sumac vase.

Doug Keller had a pen and holder and two segmented bowls.

Lenny Merden had a GIANT TOP and an-inside out turning on a guitar stand.

Jack Zwilling had a captive ring turning.

Michael Gamades had an apple wood vase.

Tom Lillehei had a segmented bowl made from an oak door, his first bowl made from some glued walnut boards, a bowl made from glued cedar boards and two other bowls.

Bill Larson had a segmented vase made with walnut, maple, red heart, and yellow heart.

Jerry Wervey had two bowls that he used green dye on.

1. **Business part of the meeting**

Jim Brodd and Denny Meyer discussed the upcoming Wood Expo. There will be fewer vendors than in the past. Set up and take down was discussed with the idea that lots of help was needed to do this.

2. **Demo:** Jerry Wervey had a demo on turning jewelry.

He started with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick piece of wood. The thinner the better. Walnut and maple work well. He used carpet tape to stick wood to face plate. A piece of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch HSS ground to 60 degree angle. He turned circles half way through the wood then did the other side offsetting the wood. Attach to a cord or pin and it is done.

3. Empty Bowls was discussed. We had appx. 100 bowls as of then. More were needed, some will be delivered at the Wood Expo and some will be delivered to Calvary Baptist Church. On the Day of the Expo we had 118 total bowls donated. A few people were still working on bowls so we will go over 120 total bowls. 14 bowls were sold at the Wood Expo.

4. Jim Preusser won the 50/50 drawing and received \$19.00. Jim, be sure to really push the ticket sales for the drawing at the next meeting!



John Huseth's Lathe Bed Cover

Magnetic heating vent covers are great covers for your lathe bed when you are finishing turnings on the lathe.

Honor Canes

Those of you who are turning cane shafts for the Veterans Honor Canes project should bring them to the April meeting (final call). They will be turned over to the carvers who will add the carved eagle head and then personalize it to a specific veteran by adding his awards, campaign ribbons, etc. If you were unable to complete the cane, bring the cane blanks uncompleted, and we will pass them on to Dale Lesser "as is". Dale is the regional coordinator for the canes and is always looking for cane shaft blanks to complete.

Thanks to all who participated in the project. A very special thanks to Albert Keppers who turned 24 cane shafts!

Brad Knowles

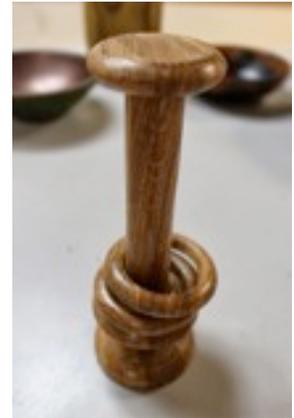
DEMO: Multi-centered Jewelry

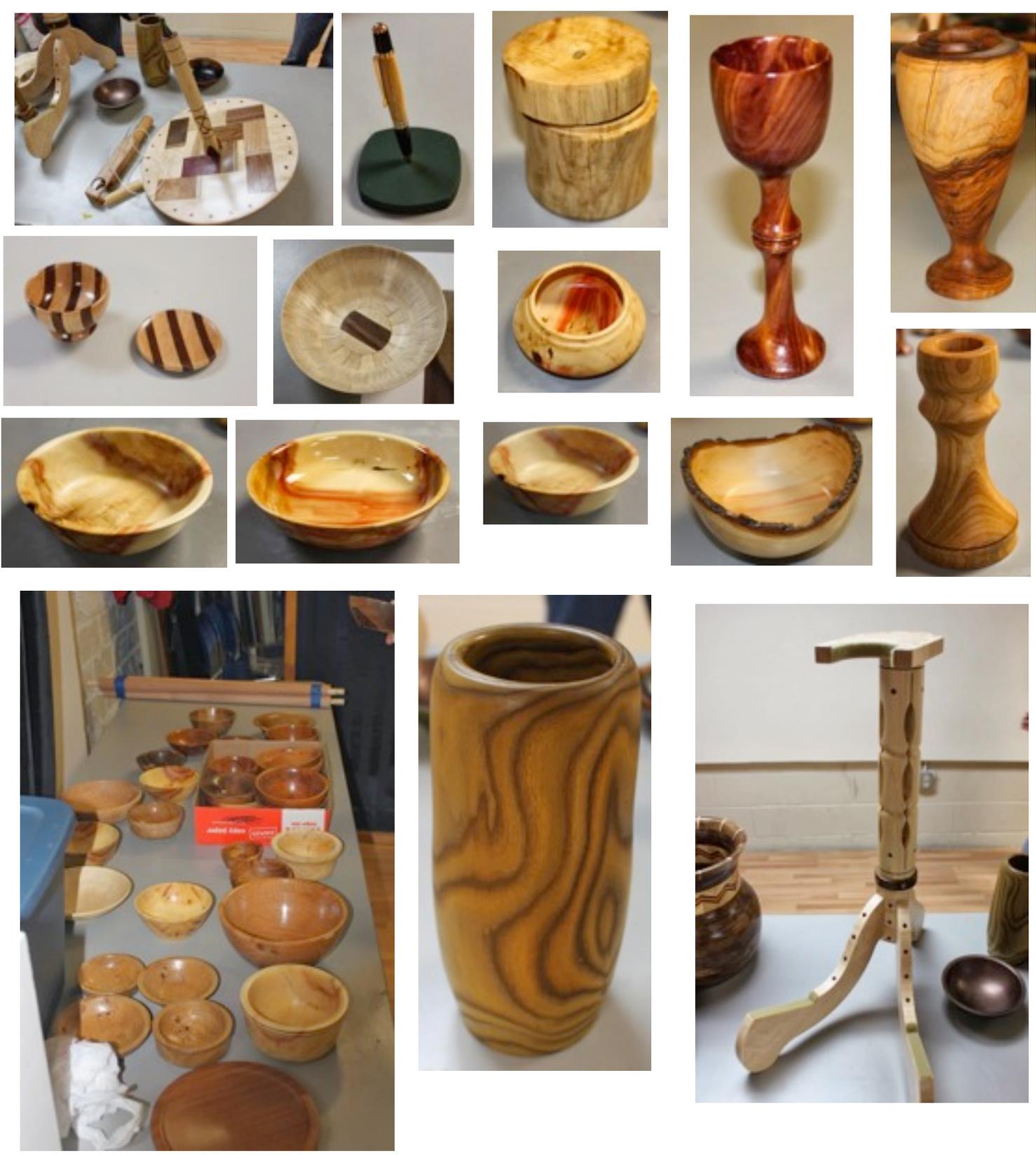


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SHOW AND TELL





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