



Shavings

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Chris Kockler with examples of his work at the Pyrography Demo during the July Meeting



Tuesday, August 12 Chapter Meeting

The August 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. Social period from 6:00 to 6:30; meeting starts at 6:30.

Annual Election of MMAW Officers will be conducted at this meeting.

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President's Message



Well, summer is officially more than half over, the temp has finally broken into the ninety's and for the first time this summer I have turned on the air. All of the things listed in the previous sentence have dealt with some sort of change and August will no doubt bring others changes, one of them being the election of new officers and the addition of new member at large positions. I look forward to these changes as they bring fresh ideas to the club and maintain the values of the club YOU have built over the last several years. Take the time to welcome them as they take on the roll officers within the MMAW.

At our last meeting we had a young man by the name of Christopher Kochler demonstrate the art of pyrography. Chris's work was demonstrated with a inexpensive wood burner from one of the local craft stores, the kit included all that one needs to get started for a cost of under \$35.00,

bringing home the fact that you don't have to spend a lot of money to do great work. Thank you Chris for sharing your talent.

The last year has been fun, challenging, rewarding, but most of all it was great to see you as members of the MMAW try new methods in your turning expanding your skills and in general grow as a club. I thank you for the support that you gave me over the last year and look forward to the next year as past president and member of a club that I am proud to be a part of.

President,
Jerry Wervey

Jerry's Tips

Here is a quick list of things that you might try in your shop to make it more efficient and safer at the same time.

>Got a left over Six pack that held glass bottles, well it can do the same for the plastic mustard and ketchup bottles that hold your stain dyes for finishes.

>The hook side of Velcro with the sticky back works well on the back side of a yard stick cut to the size that you want. putting a hole in one end allows you to hang it. with the inch scale on the back side it allows you to know how wide and deep your turning is. Put your sanding disks on the hook side of the Velcro.

>Hang a small fan at the headstock end of the lathe to help in dust control.

MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from July 8, 2014

1. Show and Tell. Bird houses.
Jerry Wervey had a house started.
Doug Nettle had a natural edge elm bird house. He also had a bottle stopper made with polyester resin and colored pencils, another with glued acrylic pieces and a shifter knob made from resin with a rose in it.
Guy Schafer had a cedar bird house.
2. There are lots of bowl blanks in the work room for Empty Bowls. Eddie Och left some boxelder blanks and Guy Schafer left elm, boxelder, and cherry blanks. Take some home and bring them back next spring the the Empty Bowkls Event.
3. Nominations so far are below. Anyone interested in being on the ballot is free to let Jerry Wervey or John Caye know to get on the list. Voting will take place at the August meeting.

John Caye	president
Jim Brodd	vice president
Jerry Wervey	past president
Guy Schafer	secretary
Bryon John	treasurer
Albert Keppers	1yr. at-large
Bill Baker	1 yr. at-large
Denny Meyer	2 yr. at-large
4. John Caye talked about the August Art Crawl. It is August 22nd, 12:00 to 9:00. We will have a spot on the sidewalk in front of the Paramount. We'll have a sign-up at the August meeting for volunteer turners. If you have a bowl, box or something you would like to donate to be sold as a fund raiser for our Lathe fund feel free to do so.
5. To help fill up the newsletter we will be interviewing three club members to get to know them and find out why how they became turners. If you have an interesting item to add to the newsletter please send it to Bill langen at william.bizhiw@gmail.com
1. A question was asked about changing our summer meeting start time. See that there is only one more summer meeting it was decided to keep it as is, social time from 6 to 6:30 with the meeting from 6:30 to ?
2. Albert Keppers offered to help beginning turners at his house to cut some blanks and do some rough turning as a way to gain experience and learn how to turn or improve how you turn. Contact Albert if interested at [302-252-6118](tel:302-252-6118). Thanks Albert!
3. Jim Brodd discussed next year's Wood Expo. He wanted input on having professional seminars and demos at next year's event. There seemed to be interest in it with several people talking about short seminars/demos and others liking the idea of longer activities. He will report back.
4. Chris Kockler shared his Pyrography (wood burning)
He has been doing scroll saw work and wood burning for several years. Aspen is a good inexpensive wood to use but any kind of wood will work from scrap plywood to oak boards.

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He uses a plain wood burning tool (about \$30.00) with a flat pointed tip for most of his work. He does use other tips too. He always pulls the tool towards him and moves the wood so he can do that for the whole project. If a line gets too wide or in the wrong place mistakes can be sanded out with 320 sandpaper. He demonstrated different techniques to burn the wood (side to side, circles). He sometimes uses a propane pencil torch (appx. \$5.00) to burn edges or add shading to patterns.

Thanks Chris.

5. Bill Baker won the 50/50 (\$23.00) and donated his winning to the club.

Executive Board minutes from July 8, 2014

Old Business.

1. What is the status of the treadle lathe? It will be fixed and ready to be used at the July 30th Lake George event.
2. Fundraiser for new lathe so far \$2300.00 spent. \$66.00 has been raised so far. We will continue to raise funds to fund the other needs for it. Wheels and a jack have been purchased to make it mobile.

New Business.

1. The nominating list for August's election was discussed. Names can be added to the list.
2. August Art Crawl, August 22nd. We will have a spot on the sidewalk. Members can donate bowls to be sold as a fundraiser for the new lathe.
3. Demo topics were discussed for the coming year. Topics so far are; safety, travel mug, boxes, hollowing, inside-out turning, Freedom (power carving). More topics are needed and can be added. No dates firmed yet except the first will be on safety.

**DEMO: Chris Kockler
Pyrography**



SHOW AND TELL



At our meeting we will conduct the election of officers. Here is a sample ballot like the one you will receive at the meeting.

Write-in Candidates

Vice president	Jim Brodd	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Secretary	Guy Schafer	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Treasurer	Bryon John	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
1yr. at-large Director	Albert Keppers	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
1yr. at-large Director	Bill Baker	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2 yr. at-large Director	Denny Meyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Write-in candidates may be added for any post.

To vote for a candidate listed by name, place a check in the box after the candidate's name.

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.
