



# Shavings

A Publication of the Mid-Minnesota Association of Woodturners



## President's Message

It is August and time for our annual meeting where we elect board members. As we get ready to do this, I am forced to look back at the year that I have been president of the Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners, and think about where we are, were, and will be.

In the year that I have worked on this board, we have added members, and lost some. We could use all the members we can find. As you talk to your friends consider inviting them to the meetings, maybe, just maybe, they will be interested in becoming members. As you talk to those we have lost, consider inviting them to come back.

A couple of months ago, a vote was held and we, as a club, decided to buy a band saw. As we were getting set to make that happen, Rollie Johnson had one that he had used for one of his articles. He spoke with Rikon, and they decided to donate it to the club! Thank you Rollie, and THANK YOU RIKON! This donation allows us to do something else with that money. The board elected to purchase a big screen (50") TV that we can plug the video camera into. We have found that it is a better picture than using the projector to be able to see demonstrations, etc.

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## August 10th, 2013 Chapter Meeting

The next **Chapter meeting** of the  
**Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners**

is:

### Saturday, August 10th

at the Paramount Theater and Visual Arts Center  
in downtown St. Cloud MN.

Bring your challenge project: Something for the  
Cabin (an "Up North" theme)

As always, bring other Show & Tell items to  
share with the group.

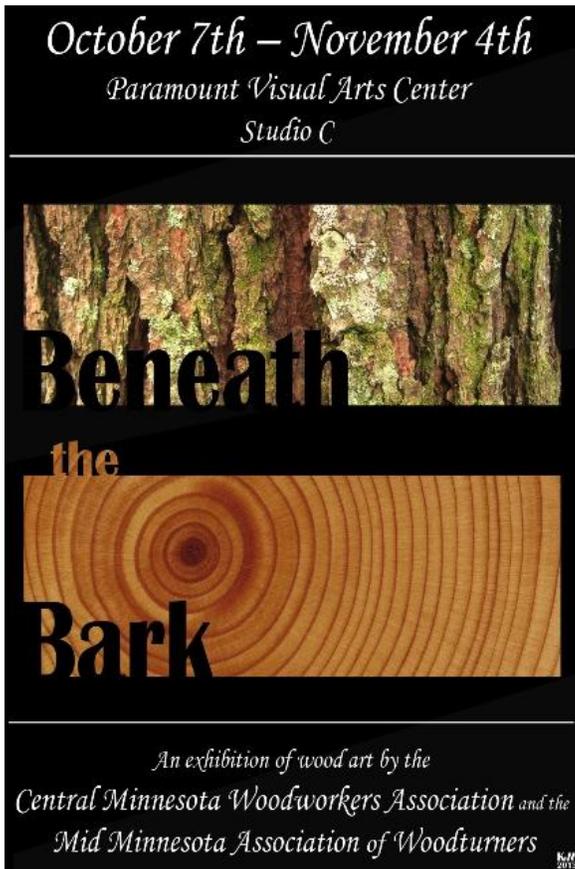
The doors to the studio will open at  
9:00AM with set-up from 9-9:30 followed by  
Social time with coffee and treats.

The meeting starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Please feel free to bring friends,  
new members, and guests, as well  
as your latest turning to show.

See you all on August 10th!





The Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners (MMAW) and the Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association (CMWA) are sponsoring a public exhibition of wood at the Paramount Visual Arts Center October 7th through November 4th, 2013. "Beneath the Bark" will be displayed in Studio "C". Members of both clubs are invited to show three pieces of their finest work. This is not a juried show. All skill levels are welcome. Once we know how many members are interested in displaying, we may make adjustments to the number of pieces you may display. Please respond to Gary Mrozek [gary@treesremembered.com](mailto:gary@treesremembered.com) to express your interest. Each piece entered will require a description of the piece and pictures if available. The description along with your name will be used to make the cards that will be displayed with your items.

Watch for more information.

### **OPEN HOUSE/DEMO – follow-up report**

On Tuesday, July 16 a small group session was held at Albert Keppers shop, 23755 48<sup>th</sup> Ave., St. Augusta. Beginning about 9 A.M. with a short discussion of chainsaw safety first and then going on to explain how to cut a log lengthwise through the pith or heart of the tree. Special attention should be given to the possibility that the pith will be off-center. For example leaning trees and branches on evergreens will have the pith toward the top side whereas hardwood leaning trees and branches will have the pith on the lower side. In these cases the wood must be cut crosswise through the pith because of the difference in stress above and below the pith.

Half logs were cut into bowl blank rounds on the bandsaw. Participants mounted the blanks on faceplates. Albert then put the faceplate on the lathe and demonstrated the correct presentation of the gouge first to rough out the blank and then to make a smoother cut to shape the outside of the bowl. With the outside shape established, Albert showed how to make a tenon so that the bowl could be reverse mounted in a chuck and the faceplate removed.

The first step in turning the interior is to smooth off the face. Then a hole was drilled in the center with a spindle gouge leaving about 7/8" for the bottom of the bowl. Albert demonstrated the presentation of the gouge to the bowl blank to shape the interior.

Participants were also shown how to mount a dry rough turned blank on the faceplate. The whole session lasted until 12:00 noon.

## Minutes of the MMAW Chapter Meeting July 13, 2013

### I. Visitors: Ron and Jordan Singer

Don Duel

### II. Show and Tell

>Victor Gervais made two maple urns, one large and one small.

>Robert Sikes showed a cherry bowl he made and in the course of which he learned a number of lessons.

>John Caye displayed his box elder bowl re-turned from an earlier bowl.

### III. Announcements:

>The Chapter needs a new Coffee and Cookies Host. Thanks are due to Albert Keppers, who has filled the job until now.

>August 23 the Paramount will be holding an daylong Art Crawl. They request that we set up the treadle lathe and provide two tents. Members may sell their turnings.

>Two new items have been added to the library. One of these is a program to facilitate the planning of segmented turnings.

>Bill Langen will take over editing the Newsletter.

>The Chapter has list of volunteer mentors who are willing to offer their advice to members looking for help on the lathe.

### IV. Challenge: favorite jigs

>Larry Simpson described his thickness guide and a circle cutting guide for the bandsaw.

>John Caye brought several jigs: a Carter Log Mill available through Rockler; a board laid out in concentric circles and which allow for easy calculation of blank size for a log; two 90° stands used to find the center of an irregular blank.

>Bill Langen brought in a dust collection attachment made from PVC pipe.

>Albert Keppers showed us a friction chuck for rough bowls, a center finder and a jig used to make Christmas ornaments.

>Bill Larson has discovered that 50 facemasks can be bought for \$5.00 from dentist or doctor suppliers.

>Gerry Wervev explained the use of a long pipe to assist in removing an arbor.

### V. Elections

The position of Vice-President has come open; volunteers are needed to run for this office.

Larry Simpson stepped up.

### VI. Bowl Turning Open House July 16

Albert Keppers is hosting a morning of woodturning at his workshop. Participants will start with a log and follow the process through preparing a blank and turning a bowl.

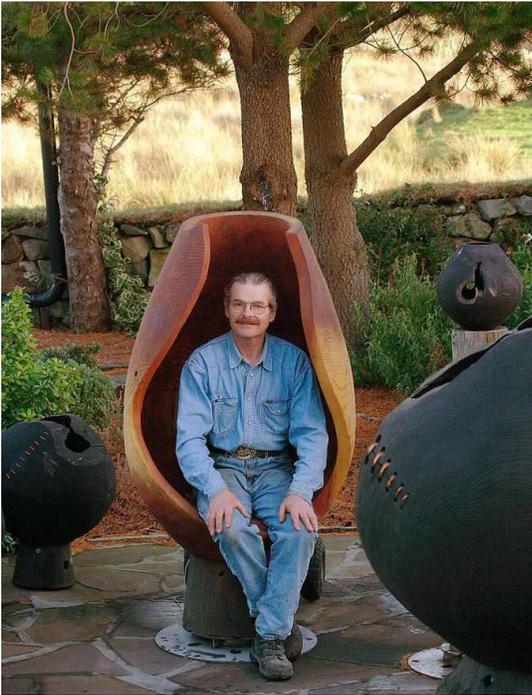
### VII. 50/50 Drawing

Alan Sias was the grand winner.

### VIII. Liam O'Neill Demo

The noted Irish turner will hold a demo at the Paramount on Oct. 10. Maximum attendance is set at 30. In the event a registered participant cannot attend, please find a replacement.

## Board Meeting Minutes July 29, 2013



### LIAM O'NEILL DEMO

Thank you to the 29 members who have expressed an interest in the Liam O'Neill demonstration on October 10th in Studio "C" of the Paramount Visual Arts Center in St. Cloud. The MMAW Board of Directors has recommended limiting the attendance to 30 members. This is to insure that everyone will be able to have clear visibility of Liam, the lathe and the monitor. To cover all the associated costs, a \$25 per member admission fee is required for all attendees. We're requiring the \$25 be paid in advance. You can mail a check made out to Gary Mrozek to 1314 West Oakes Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56303. Your check must be received by August 31<sup>st</sup> to secure your seat.

There is one remaining seat available. It will be sold on a first come basis. Please contact me by email at [gary@treesremembered.com](mailto:gary@treesremembered.com) or leave a message at [\(320\) 252-2764](tel:3202522764) if you are interested. If you originally expressed interest and are no longer interested, please let me know via email or phone ASAP so we can fill your seat.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM at the Paramount. Alan Sias, Bill Baker, Roxanne Wyatt, Jerry Wervey, and Albert Keppers were present. Also present was Gary Mrozek.

New Business. Gary Mrozek has put together a poster titled Beneath the Bark with copies to be distributed around town in order to advertise the Wood art show at the Paramount Oct 7-Nov 4. Up to 3 pieces will be allowed per person for the show. All skill levels are encouraged. This art show will coincide with Liam O'Neill's turning demonstration in October. The art show will be a great opportunity for the club's and Paramount to promote wood as an art medium as well as the MMAW and CMWA. Special guests will be the Ruth and David Waterbury who have a large art wood art collection and are always helping active in presenting the arts and community involvement.

Jerry is working on the directory and has a goal for the first part of November to have it completed.

Lyle provided the financial statement for the board to review.

Albert had 5 people show up for his beginning class. They met at his home and worked on chain sawing the log, mounting on face plate and turning in general. They worked at his home from 9AM-Noon. Albert will supply information for a write up in the newsletter. Another person should sign up to continue the mentoring process.

Roxanne: The next book we are looking to get is Conversations with wood. We will be pricing this out in different avenues.

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## **Board Meeting Minutes Continues:**

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Another discussion was to purchase a TV for the clubs use instead of the projector and screen. We all agree the picture would be easier to see and would prove to be an asset. Prices will be gathered for a TV for future discussion. Also, Gary is going to check with the Paramount to see if any other club needs one to use and is willing to share in the costs. Bill Baker has a media cart that he is willing to give the club which would work well and could be adapted for the TV. He will bring it in and then we will know what size TV will work and what will need to be done to protect it because it has to be easily portable.

Bill Langen is willing to do the Newsletter. THANK YOU BILL!!!!!! A discussion occurred about giving the newsletter editor a stipend. The board decided that this would need to be in the by-laws. Bill Baker made a motion to add to the by-laws to read: At the discretion of the board a member may receive a stipend for club services. The motion was seconded by Alan and approved by all. This By-law information needs to be voted on by the club.

Along with the voting of Board members on the ballot will be a reminder that as a member of the club volunteer time is needed and appreciated. The wording will be added to the Membership Application form with a check box asking if they are willing to volunteer at least 6 hours for the club a year. The dues for 2014 due in September 2013: will change to from \$20.00 a year to \$25.00 a year. This was put in Motion by Allan and seconded by Albert Approved by all.

Gary has put together a draft of a proposal to set up a secondary group. This will be a informal meeting of whoever wants to attend and the purpose would be to support the board and bring more ideas to the table to ensure the continued growth of the club.

Jerry suggested a tape recording of the meeting might help with notes needed to be taken and Roxanne offered to see if she still had a tape recorder at home that could be used.

Possible activity for fall might be a bonfire at someone's house. More information will need to be gathered on this subject.

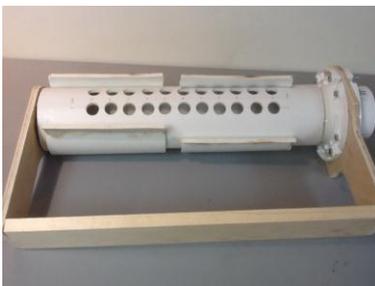
Fall- winter and Spring classes through the Paramount are set up: Nadine will be doing a pen turning class either private or group classes will be available. Gary will be doing two classes:

- Woodturning 101: this will not include a project but rather a introduction to the lathe and the differences in carbide and high steel tools and cutting styles.
- Woodturning 102: This class will require the student to have taken either Nadine's or Gary's previous class.

Demo for August is something for the cabin. It is also suggested the lathes be brought out and used. Bill will order a cake for a summer celebration.

Meeting ended at 9:00 PM

## CHALLENGE & SHOW AND TELL



### **A Note from the (new) Editor**

Putting together this issue of the newsletter has given me—and I hope you too—a new respect for the craft and expertise of the past editors. I am serious about improving in this job, and I ask for your patience in the meantime.

Bill Langen

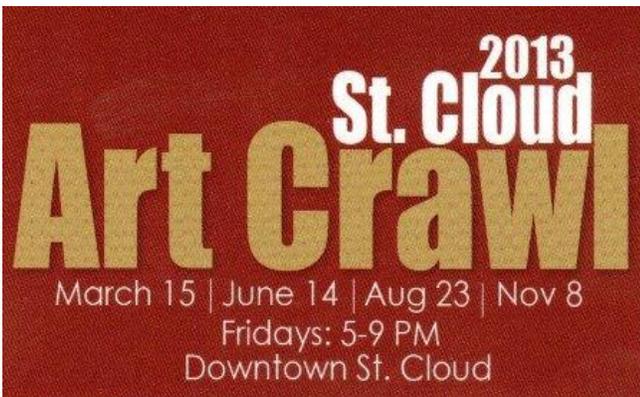
**Presidents Message (cont. from page 1)**

I have made mistakes. I have much to be grateful for. Thank you for all of your support as I have been learning through this year. Thank you for putting up with me as I harped on people stepping up to help. Some of you have stepped up. Thank you. Some of you can't, and that is totally understandable. It's OK. On the new membership forms you will notice that there is a request for you to consider donating 6 hours per year to the club. Please give it some thought.

We as a board have also decided that we are going to increase the dues to be a member by \$5 from \$20 per year to \$25. This figure was discussed, talked about, and discussed some more. We elected to go ahead so that we can have the funds to do more for the club. For instance, we have some audio-visual equipment. The TV that I mentioned earlier came from those funds. We have discussed buying a closed trailer for the club. We need one. They are expensive. We don't want to have to beg or borrow forever. When we can, we will purchase one. With that kind of thing in mind we felt that the \$5 increase would help without pricing us out of people's ability to afford to join.

The challenge project for this month is "Something for the cabin." Bring something in that you don't necessarily use at home – unless home is the cabin.

Thank you again for this year. I look forward to wonderful things in the years to come!



**MMAW Election 2013-2014**

Vice President  
 John Caye  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in)

Treasurer  
 Lyle Knopp (Incumbent)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in)

Secretary  
 Guy Schafer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in)

Board  
 Gary Mrozek  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in)

Bylaw Amendments

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS Section A-2  
 Remove the line: "Any candidate for the Board of Directors must be a member of the MMAW in good standing for at least the preceding year."  
 Approve

ARTICLE VII Section F – Expenditures:  
 Add the line: "At the discretion of the Board, stipends may be paid for services rendered to the MMAW."  
 Approve

Comments:

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