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The Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners (MMAW)

is a member 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.



WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

The next meeting is scheduled for

August 12

Meetings are held in the [Tech Site](#) 248 33rd Avenue South Waite Park, MN 56387. There is parking in the front and rear of the building (driveway is on south side). Entrances are in the front and back.

Our August 12 meeting will be our Annual Picnic.

Please come enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow woodturners and their families. We are hoping for a great turnout. There is no program for the meeting but bring an off-center or multi axis turning you have done to share if you'd like.

The [MMAW](#) is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](#).

MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month.

Socializing with fellow members starts at 9:30AM, coffee is available. The membership meeting starts at 10:00AM (most meetings are about 1.5-2 hours long including the social time) and includes announcements, members sharing their turned creations, a demo or presentation related to turning, and occasionally other activities such as a holiday celebration or

The PCA (Paramount Center for the Arts) is no longer requiring all folks in their buildings to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 48 hours of the event. They are encouraging everyone to wear a mask while in the buildings.

Hello members.

The Club Picnic will be at our August meeting. The board decided to have it potluck with the club providing pulled pork sandwiches. Please contact Guy with your information or questions. Contact Guy Schafer at guyandted@charter.net or 320-420-5119. Remember to bring an off-center turning to share if you gave it a try.

The Art Crawl is going to be on August 18 and the street will be closed. We need lots of help for the following times. 3:00 - 5:00 (set up and visit with crowd), 5:00 - 6:00 (turn tops or another small item and visit with people), 6:00 - 7:00 (turn and visit with crowd), 7:00 - 8:00 (turn, visit, take down).

Please contact me at LeAnn Kemper lgk3138@hotmail.com or call 3209807326 if you'd like to help. Thanks, LeAnn.

Bill Baker and Guy Shafer are heading an election committee. This committee will be responsible for finding someone to assume the responsibilities of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director at Large. Please think about volunteering to serve on this committee or serving on the board. Contact either one of them if you would like to serve.

There was a problem with the calendar at the Paramount. They booked a state Woodworkers meeting for the second Saturday of September which is our meeting date. They asked us if we could accommodate them this time or they would have to cancel. The Executive Board decided to move our meeting downtown at Studio C for the September 9th meeting. Remember there is free parking in the ramp but not on the street.

Please remember to bring your bowls for Empty bowls to the August 12th picnic meeting, we do not have many yet. The event is September 16th so we only have 2 meetings to get them gathered. If you would like to help contact Guy.

Have fun and safe turning.....Fred



Minutes of MMAW Meeting of July 8, 2023

Meeting opened at 10:00.

There were no guests.

Announcements:

The grant money has all been expended. The various Paramount clubs have agreed to kick in \$250 each into a pool for random club-related expenses.

The picnic is coming in August and we need volunteers to ensure its success.

Open Shop continues on the first Thursday and the second Tuesday of each month.

Our club has purchased four earmuffs for noise protection in the workshop.

The Paramount Art Crawl is August 18 and we need volunteers for set up (3:00-5:00) and take down (7:00-8:00) as well as members who will demonstrate turning tops and other small items.

September 16 is Empty Bowls. **We need more bowl donations to reach our goal of 100 bowls.**

Instant Gallery

Mike showed us his basket weaving bowl as well as the jig he uses to establish spacing.

Bill Langen brought two examples of multi-axis turnings with typical problems.

Fred showed a pine box he had turned.

Dave displayed a segmented bowl he had finished with tung oil.

Skip brought a cedar lidded box.

Bill Baker showed a small lidded box turned from black ash.

Dale brought three lidded boxes made from box elder and black ash.

John had a thin bowl from birch and three bread boards made from hickory and maple and finished in tung oil.

Guy Schafer shared 2 off-center turned lidded boxes from walnut.

Skip Kmitch was the winner of 50/50 drawing and the challenge drawing for a total of \$20.00. What a deal, almost as good as Eddie!

Demo

Bill Langen introduced a video made by Barbara Dill on the underlying concept of multi-axis turning. You Can check out the video [HERE](#) if you missed the meeting. [Here is another of her muti-axis videos.](#)

The challenge next month will be to turn an item using a multi-axis technique or to turn a cylindrical object.

Hi - I'm Skip Kmitch, from St. Cloud and joined MMAW about a year ago. The majority of my working career has been with commercial construction contractors in various roles from carpenter to job supervisor. My last eleven years of full time employment was with an engineering company from Golden Valley in the finance services department. The job was approving pay requests from commercial contractors for lenders. Projects were located throughout the US and required considerable travel. I accumulated two and a quarter million miles with NW Airlines in those 11 years. Following that I worked maintenance part time as my retirement job for St Cloud Orthopedic Associates for about 10 years.

I became interested in turning after a friend posted some pictures on Facebook. I purchased a lathe and turning tools a little over a year ago. Turning bowls, vases, mushrooms, snowmen, and trees are my favorites so far. All types of wood grains are interesting, with my favorites being cherry, maple and black walnut. Joining MMAW has been a great experience for me meeting many interesting and talented people. My hobbies include wood turning of course, biking, gardening and some travel.

My wife, Judy, a Freeport native and I have been married for 55 years, have three children - a son in St. Cloud, and two daughters - one in WI and one in TN. We have been blessed with six wonderful grandchildren along with several grand dogs and a couple cats.

My family and I have been dealing with some health issues since 2017. With the love and support of family and excellent care, those issues have gone very well. I would encourage anyone dealing with major health issues to always seek a second opinion. We're very fortunate to have Rochester Mayo close by.



Hi, Dan Drevlow here. I was born in, and grew up in St. James, MN. I am happily married to Chris and we have 2 daughters. I was an Industrial Arts Teacher for 10 years, then I worked at Medallion Kitchens in Waco, then to work at Goeble Fixtures Co. in Hutchinson and then spent the next 19 years or so getting new experiences. We moved from Norwood to Wilmer and we are enjoying it.

I started woodturner 5 - 6 years ago. I like to experiment with turning. I like to make bowls and have been enjoying making gnomes and snowmen. I have started to do some segmented turning so I'll see where that takes me.



I am posting this with a heavy heart.

As much as I love wood turning it takes up too much of my time and I am struggling to keep up with the everyday basics such as cleaning and maintaining my home, so something has to give. I will be getting rid of my gear. Below is a list of what's available. Serious inquiries only please. And please don't insult me with your offers. Thanks for reading and understanding.

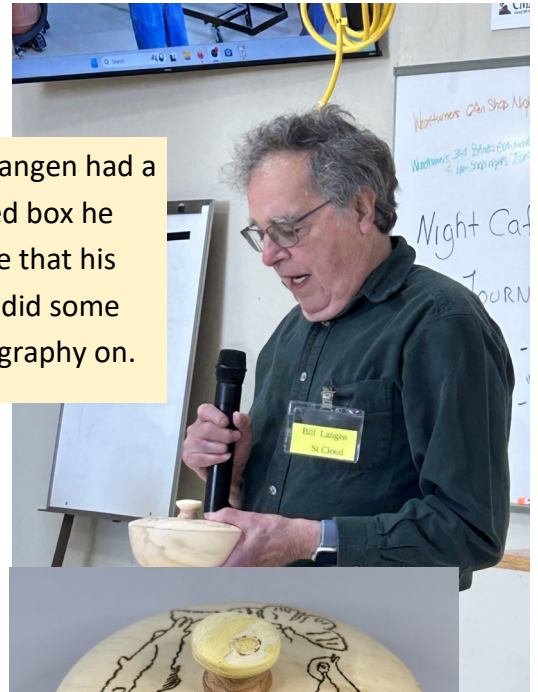
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3. Dusters
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5. Window cleaner
6. Vacuum
7. Dishwashing liquid
8. Laundry detergent
9. Fabric softener
10. Laundry baskets
11. Toilet brush
12. Cleaning sprays
13. Scrubbing brushes

Posted by **Michael S Gibson** on **Woodturning Connections**

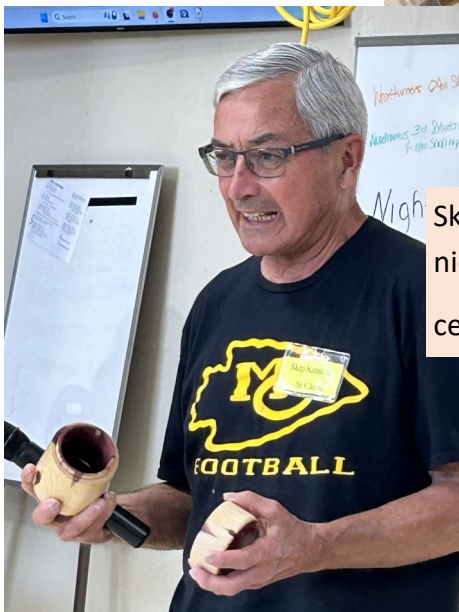
Instant Gallery



Mike Heneghan shared his segmented bowl. He made this jig to help with the glue up for the bowl.



Bill Langen had a lidded box he made that his wife did some pyrography on.



Skip Kmitch made this nice lidded cedar box.



John Menning made these nifty cutting boards and a small birch bowl.



Instant Gallery



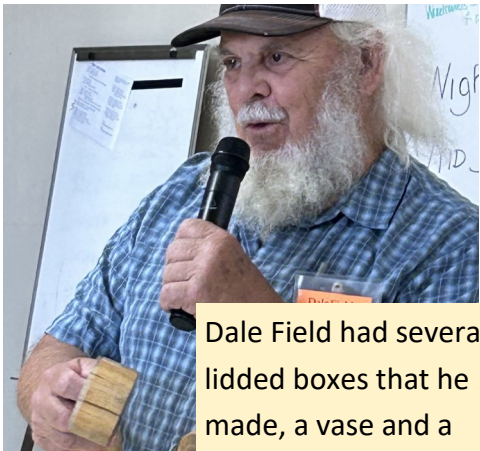
Bill Baker share a nice, small lidded box he made from black ash.



Guy Schafer had two walnut lidded boxes that he turned off-center



Fred Schmoll share a lidded box he made, he thinks it was pine.



Dale Field had several lidded boxes that he made, a vase and a boxelder bowl

Dave Pogatchnik had a large segmented bowl that he shared.



**Just a reminder that at our August 12th meeting
we will be having our annual picnic.**

**Bring a dish or something to share, Mabel is bringing her
chocolate chip cookies and Rice Krispies Treats:)**

contact Guy if you need info on what food to bring.

***Bring your spouse or significant other along to enjoy
the food and companionship.***

**If you gave off-center or multi axis turning a try or
have a turning you want to share
please feel free to bring it along to share.**

**Once again, a reminder that the Empty Bowls event is
coming up on September 16 and so far we only have col-
lected about 30 bowls to donate to the cause. Our goal is
100 bowls so we have a ways to go. They do not need to
be your best bowls , just a wood bowl you made.**

**We will be doing some bowl turning at the event so
contact Guy if you'd like to help out.**

Finally, the Art Crawl is August 18.

The MMAW will be demonstrating the art of woodturning on the sidewalk in front of the Paramount. We need people to help set up, to demonstrate woodturning and almost as important, to answer questions and talk to the people watching.

If you'd like to help, please contact LeAnn Kemper at lgk3138@hotmail.com

or call 320-980-7326.