



Shavings

From the President... Alan Sias



Well, another month down. It is amazing how fast it all goes. It seems like it wasn't that long ago that I took this position. It won't be that long and you won't see my words in this spot. Whew! It goes fast! So,

having said that, there are a couple of things that I want you to be aware of: First, elections are coming. Be prepared to be nominated, and to nominate. Second, I know I sound like a broken record, sorry, but we need others to step up. Think about it; it's not a huge commitment of time, but it is a commitment.

I regret that I won't be there for the club meeting. I will be driving to Florida to visit my father-in-law's place and to take my daughter and German exchange student to Disney World. I would rather be at the meeting than driving all the way to Florida. I hope that many of you made flowers and that you bring them for the challenge project.

Gary, Lyle, and I went to Utah for the Utah symposium. While my rear end was tired, it was a fun trip. Lyle and Gary will be doing a report of some of the cool stuff that we saw and the classes that we went to. Next month the challenge is to bring in your jigs for show and tell. Bring in good ones, bad ones, big ones, and little ones. Be prepared to show how they work, too.

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June 8, 2013 Membership Meeting

The next **Chapter meeting** of the MMAW is Saturday, June 8th at the Paramount Theater and Visual Arts Center in downtown St. Cloud MN.

Please bring in any flowers you turned as part of this month's challenge and any other projects you wish to show.

The doors to the studio will open at 9:00 a.m. Social hour continues until the monthly meeting begins 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 June 8th!



Paramount Theater and Visual Arts Center – St. Cloud, MN

Minutes of the MMAW Meeting, May, 2013
Submitted by William Langen, MMAW Secretary

Guests: Dave Kramer and Robert Sikes

I. Announcements

> Denny Myers reported on his experience displaying and selling his turned items at the VA. Vets are entitled to show and sell their turned objects. Denny's work attracted a lot of interest including several sales, a commission and the possibility that several people may become new members. He also met a gentleman who lives in the area and wants to sell an enormous burl on a tree on his property.

>John Caye has a source for sections of a cherry log. For \$50 he is willing to cut a 4' section and hold it briefly for pick up at his shop.

>Bud Becker has sections of walnut that he will give to interested members.

> The Great River Regional Library is offering its exhibit space to the club for a period of 2 months beginning June 2. Members may leave their items for display for the full two months or may retrieve them June 24. At that time they may change items. If you want to display your work, you should provide the Library staff with your name and any personal information as well as details on items you display. The Library will use this information to prepare descriptions of your work.

>Gary Mrozek reminded members that he is working on a "Single Tree" exhibit in which community craftspeople and artists would be invited to fashion an item made from a part of one tree.

>Roxanne Wyatt is soliciting suggestions for library acquisitions. She distributed a sheet with her email address to which suggestions can be sent.

>Alan Sias, Gary Mrozek and Lyle Knopp will be attending the Utah Association of Woodturners Symposium and will report on their experiences at the next meeting.

>Gary Mrozek reported that the Twin Cities chapter will be offering a 3 hour workshop with the Irish turner who invented the fingernail grind. He asks if there is interest in inviting the presenter for a workshop in St. Cloud.

>Byron John has a bench he needs to dispose of.

II. Show and Tell

>Brad Knowles brought an oak bowl with a green gesso interior and four diamond shaped holes.

>Byron John showed his cherry bowl that he finished with pumice, a technique that he had learned in a Denny Myers' class on finishing.

>Gary Mrozek explained how he made a walnut bowl with decorative cutouts.

He used a high-speed dental tool.

>Bill Larson brought in a box elder bowl, which had blown up while turning. Bill emphasized the wisdom of wearing a face shield when turning.

III. Demo

Jerry Wervey was called away so Alan Sias used Jerry's materials to explain how to make turned flowers. Alan discussed the techniques involved and distributed a sheet with detailed instructions.

IV. 50/50 Drawing

Bob Kmitch won \$16.00 which he donated to the club.



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I also want to remind you all that we have the Paramount on Saturdays when we have a club meeting all day long if we want it. If you are new and would like to pick someone's brain about how to do something, please, PLEASE, ask. If you are not new, and want to learn a new skill, you can ask, too. At one point we had an official list of mentors. I would suggest that we have a whole club of mentors. Please feel free to ask around.

We are all here because of our desire to learn (and hopefully share) more about turning.

Now, get out there and make some shavings, then share what you made with others!

Public Library Display

Remember that the MMAW has items on display at the downtown branch of the St. Cloud Public Library.

Stop in when you can to admire your work and the work of other turners. Each time someone from the club visits the exhibit, it is an opportunity to speak with others about woodturning and to be an ambassador for the club and the outreach services the club provides.

There is beauty in the turned vessels that club members produce. What great gifts to share!

Treasury Report
Submitted by MMAW Treasurer
Lyle Knopp

Previous balance	\$2,011.10
Income	102.34
Expenses	0
New balance	2,113.44

Library Fund: \$14.00