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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.

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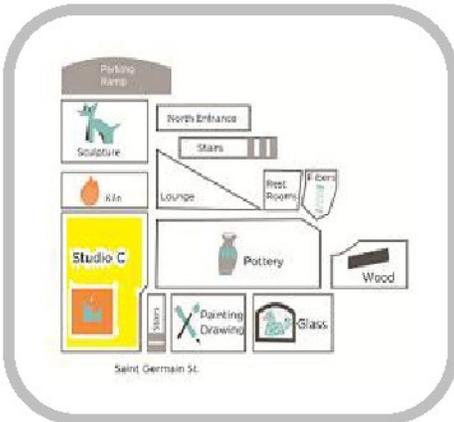


MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

Socializing with fellow members starts at 9:30AM, coffee and treats available.

Meetings are held in the **Paramount Visual Arts Center (VAC)** which is located in the basement of the Paramount Theatre, downtown St. Cloud, MN. All city parking is free on Saturdays; this includes the ramp near the Paramount as well as metered street parking.

The membership meeting starts at 10:00AM (most meetings are about 1.5-2 hours long including the social time) and include announcements, members sharing their turned creations, a demo or presentation related to turning, and occasionally other activities such as a holiday celebration or wood exchange. (Click on the above Paramount marquee for a link to their website.) The MMAW is an affiliate of the AAW. (Click on the above AAW marquee for a link to their website.)



Next Meeting Saturday March 11, 2017

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Presidents Letter March 2017

As reported earlier, Melinda Doubek is not able to continue with maintaining our web site or publishing the newsletter. The good news is that Fred Schmoll has stepped up and taken over these responsibilities so we can take a deep breath and move on. I have enough trouble putting sentences together so I especially appreciate Fred's offer. Content for the newsletter is up to the rest of us so I hope we can give Fred our support by feeding him whatever you can to make the newsletter a good one.

I have purchased end grain sealer from the Minneapolis club and will have it available at the March meeting. I am having shoulder surgery today (Feb 23) so will not be driving for a while. If I can't get to the March meeting I will have someone bring the sealer in to the Paramount. I have six gallons for sale so hope that will cover what members need.

The Empty Bowls event is coming soon and the inventory of bowls is pretty low. Please consider donating a couple of bowls for this event. Bring them to the meeting and we will get them to the event.

The clubs library needs to be updated and refreshed so if you have a book or dvd you would like to see please let me know.

Turn safe.

Bill Baker -

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2016 Wood Expo

Beneath the Bark

Wood Expo

April 16, 2016

Sports Arena East

Benton County Fairgrounds

12TH ANNUAL
Wood Expo
Artistry in Wood Turning, Woodcarving and Woodworking!

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Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners
Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association (CMWA)

EVENTS AND FESTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY: soap carving, stage demonstrations by local wood artists, spin toys, quilting, quilting class 9AM-3PM, used tool sale, marquetry demo, and many woodworking vendors

**Saturday,
April 15, 2017
9 am - 4 pm**
FOOD VENDOR ON SITE

Sports East on the Benton County Fairgrounds
1410 3RD AVENUE, SAUK RAPIDS, MN 56379
Admission Price: \$5.00 | 12-under free

For show information, display tables, vendor space, or club membership contact our website at woodexpo-MN.org

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MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from February 10, 2017

Ken Neeser was a visitor, he took Guy's beginner turning class this month. John Wilson has rejoined our group after being gone for a year. Welcome to both.

1. Fred Schmoll has volunteered to take over the newsletter and website for the club. Send any news items or info to Fred at (ftschr@hutchtel.net), thanks Fred.
2. Bill Baker started the meeting with the news that Les Sova passed away and there will be a celebration of life this summer with a date to be announced at a later date. He also passed out new membership lists. He requested that members fill out the survey that Gary Mrozek sent out about Mark St. Leger. Gary will also be offering a scaled down version of his hollowing class. Stay tuned for more information. The **Wood Expo** is coming up on April 15 from 9:00 to 4:00. Contact Eddie Och if you would like to volunteer to turn at the **Wood Expo** or work at the MMAW table to promote the club. If you have a turned piece you would like to put on the display shelf at the **Wood Expo** let John Caye know. Denny Myers is looking for a person/people who might like to do a 30 – 45 min. demo on the stage during the **Wood Expo**.
3. Bill Baker encouraged members to donate bowls for the Empty Bowls event which is March 25. We usually donate around 100 bowls each year. We need bowls. If you have an extra bowl or two please consider donating it/them to this worthy cause. They don't need to be your best work, they just need to be a bowl. Please drop them off at the March meeting or any Thursday evening at the Paramount during Arts Underground.
4. Denny Myers and Lyle Knopp gave an interesting demo on Hollowing. Lyle uses a Lyle Jamieson knock off tool and Denny uses a John Jordan arm bar. Lyle likes to use Cherry as his wood of choice. Both encourage people to start slow and go slow and keep the shaving cleared out. Thanks to both for this wonderful demo/discussion. Good ideas!
5. Instant Gallery:
 - Bud Becker shared some info on Licktenberg wood burning technique. It uses a 15000 volt transformer with wood coated with a water and baking soda wash.
 - Fred Schmoll had a white pine vessel and a crab apple bowl.
 - Bill Langer had some magic wands.
 - Roger Swenson had a walnut box used microwave for drying.
 - Tom Lillehei had some segmented bowls of walnut and maple.
 - Albert Keppers had bowls made from Exotics from South America.
 - John Caye had two Kirk DeHeer inspired pieces.
 - Jerry Wervey had a large wall piece consisting of multiple turned pieces mounted on a 2 by 4 foot board.

Fred Schmoll and Jerry Wervey's names were drawn and were awarded a Craft Supply USA gift Certificate for sharing.
6. The wood raffle had one piece of crabapple that Lenny gave to Lyle Knopp.
7. Bill Baker won \$14.00 with the 50/50 raffle.

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