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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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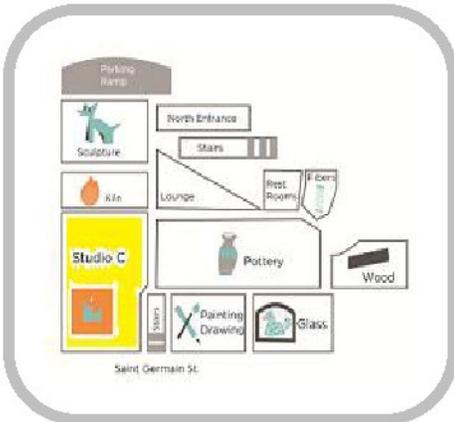


MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

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 May 13, 2017

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Presidents Letter May 2017

I wanted to remind members that the AAW is offering a half price membership to first time members which is \$30.00. A great deal for all the information and resources available to members. You do need access to the internet to take advantage of all the resources.

I'm still recovering from my shoulder surgery so have not done any turning for two months. I have tried to do a few things but pay the price later. We have put our house up for sale so will be going through all of my wood to see what treasures I need to donate to the club. After twenty five years I have a lot of treasures!

Brenda Lodermier will be doing the May demonstration on carving and pyrography. I'm hoping to come away with some new ideas on how to embellish some pieces. She also teaches so advanced help is available for those wishing to get more involved.

I am still looking for a June demonstration so let me know what you would like to see.

See you at the May meeting.

Bill Baker

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MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from April 8, 2017

There were no guests.

We have club cards appropriate to give to potential members.

The AAW has a 50% dues reduction for new members.

There was one Instant Gallery item, a cherry vase that Jerry Wervey turned using his new boring tool.

Bill Gorsica gave a presentation/demo on design. Bill is a professor at St. Cloud State University, where he teaches graphic arts and studio art. Bill divides his analysis of design into two groups of considerations: elements, such as line, and principles, such as proportion, shadow, balance, movement, repetition, variety, flow. For woodturners symmetry is a special design concern given the very nature of the turning. Bill listed three ways to understand symmetry. Mirror symmetry divides the object into two identical halves. Symmetrical balance does not require the two halves of an object to be visually identical but rather seeks an overall equilibrium. Finally a design can be successful while being totally asymmetrical.

Following Bill's discussion, we used the elements and principles to critique two of Jerry Wervey's turnings. Then Bill showed us slides of a piece he is working on as an example of how he used the design principles he had laid out. Members found his presentation very interesting and useful.

The Annual Symposium of the AAW will be held in Kansas City, June 22-25. If you intend to go, register soon as reservations are filling up.

7. Dave Pogatchnik won the 50/50.