



Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners' 'Shavings'

Providing an environment of interest and activities dedicated to the enjoyment of wood turning activities and to promote woodturning to the local community through education and charitable events.

It's Official

The CMWA Woodturners Group is now the Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners. As a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), we are part of a community of nearly 14,000 members with 333 chapters.

Meeting Times, Dates and Dues

Our meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 AM.

Membership dues for the local chapter has been set at \$20 and your membership will run through August 2011.

November 13th Meeting

Meeting at the home of Gary Mrozek

1314 West Oakes Drive
St. Cloud, MN 56303
(320) 252-2764

Topic will be beginning the process of making a bowl - roughing out from log to bowl. We have a volunteer who has never turned a bowl. The demonstration will include our volunteer receiving coaching and instruction from members on how he can approach bowl turning and avoid some of the falls and frustrations we all experience as we turn bowls.

Following the bowl turning demonstration will be a short demonstration on simple techniques to finishing the bottom of a bowl without investing lots of dollars in equipment.

Our Newsletter

Now that we are an official AAW chapter the board of directors felt it important we develop a way to provide regular communication with our membership.

This is our first official newsletter - Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners' Shavings. Using our chapter's name and what we all make when we turn, "shavings".



Let us know if you have information related to woodturning that might interest members and we can announce it in 'Shavings'.





Notes from your MMAW Board of Directors

EMPTY BOWLS



We will be having a special event on Saturday November 20th. To prepare for our “return to the community” project, we need to prepare the bowl blanks now so they are ready to finish in February. We’ll meet at Gary Mrozek’s at 10:00AM till 3:00PM. Greg Pont, Pont’s Logging and Lumber has again donated various logs for the cause. We’ll need people to do a variety of things, from operating a chain saw, the bandsaw, lathes, applying end grain sealer and managing the wood chips. We’ll call out for pizza and share the cost. We need more lathes. If you can bring a lathe, it would be appreciated. To comply with our insurance requirements, you must be a paid member of our chapter to participate. You can sign-up and pay your membership at the event.

Non-members:

If you would like to remain on our mailing list, please contact Gary at gmrozek@charter.net or call (320) 252-2764.

The MMAW had their first board meeting on Wednesday November 3rd

Board members present were:

Gary Mrozek – President
 Bill Baker – Vice President
 Nadine Nelson – filling the Past President position
 Albert Keppers – 1 year at large
 John Caye – 2 year at large

Members unable to attend:

Bill Langen – Secretary
 Bill Larson - Treasurer

The agenda included:

- 2011 AAW Symposium volunteer opportunity
- Incorporation
- Filing IRS Form 1023 and 501(c)(3)
- Opening a club checking account
- Renting a Post Office box
- Methods of communication
 - Email
 - Post card
 - Simple newsletter
- Membership
- November meetings
- December meeting
- Future demonstrations/topics

The Board talked at length regarding their vision for future demonstrations and meeting topics. They would like to focus on the “basics”. The duration of demonstrations will be limited to 20 to 30 minutes. If more time is required, there will be a short intermission. There will be a campaign to get a variety of demonstrators.

The next Board meeting will be in January. Date, time and location to be determined. Board meetings are open to all members.

There’s a lot of work behind the scenes. You can help! We’re looking for someone to do a simple newsletter and someone to take charge of membership. Contact Gary Mrozek for more details.

**Mark Your Calendar for the AAW Anniversary Symposium
 St. Paul River Center on June 24, 25, 26, 2011**