

SHAVINGS

From the President...

Alan Sias



It is finally September and the heat has broken. I am done with my traveling and vacationing, and wedding-ing. I suppose that I am not the only one who is looking forward to getting back into the garage or shop to make

some shavings or sawdust, or both! Unfortunately for me, I didn't get half the stuff done this summer that I wanted to in order to prepare my shop for my winter hibernation. There is the insulation, the heating, and the rest of the electrical work so that my planer has juice. But, all the same, it will feel good to get some gouges back in my hands soon.

I am more than a little humbled by the proposition of heading this group of turners. Every time I come to the meeting and see some of the fabulous creations that others have made, I know that I have a long way to go. To me, this is the essence of the need for our club: To learn and share and find ways to get better. Every time I leave the meeting I know at least one thing more than when I went in. Recently I brought in a walnut bowl and asked for help with the finish. I got many helpful comments. With that information in hand I am happy to report that the bowl is looking sharp and soon on it's way to my nephew and his new bride.

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September 8 Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be on September 8th. Larry Sampson and Gary Mrozek will highlight their experiences at the AAW 26th annual symposium. They'll present a slideshow from the Instant Gallery and share all the tips and tricks they learned. The challenge project for September is to make the smallest item you can. So, fine tune your fine turning skills and bring in something small. See you at the Paramount for social hour at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:00.



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

Minutes from the August 11, 2012 Membership Meeting

Submitted by MMAW Secretary Bill Langen

Guest: Quentin Winkelman

New Member: Clarence Cronin

1. Elections: Ballots were distributed to members at the meeting. The results of the vote are:

President: Alan Sias

Vice President: Gerry Wervey

Secretary: Bill Langen

Treasurer: Lyle Knopp

At Large Board Member: Roxanne Wyatt

2. Announcements:

>August 17 and 18 the Paramount is sponsoring its Summer Art Crawl. The MMAW will have the treadle lathe and one of the Delta midis operating from 11:00 to 4:00 each of those days.

>Dick Beumer requests that members remember to return items borrowed from our library.

>Bill Baker led expression of thanks to Dick Beumer for his work on the library.

>Mike Borka will take over the Chapter Newsletter. Many thanks to Nadine Nelson for all her work on the Newsletter.

>The Paramount is soliciting donations for sale during its upcoming gala fundraiser.

>Our brochure describing the MMAW is now available to be distributed at public events.

>The Paramount wants us to secure our equipment since certain items have disappeared. Several ideas were discussed including a job box and a stop light control box. John Caye volunteered to build shelves for whatever box is ultimately acquired.

3. Show and Tell

Bud Becker brought in a maple bowl with spalting.

Bill Larson showed us a vase/lamp and an oak bowl.

Byron John displayed a spalted birch bowl.

Denny Myer showed two walnut vases, one large and one medium.

Jim Preusser brought a wooden spoon and a lidded vessel from a burl.

Brad Knowles showed us a walnut vase with mahogany stain.

Gerry Wervey displayed a top and two cherry bowls made from blanks with inclusions and soft spots.

4. The 50/50 winner was John Caye. He donated his \$38 winnings back to the club library and shared a tip that red wine makes a gorgeous stain.



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I know that we have some really big issues coming up and the daunting task of raising funds to complete them. For instance, there is a lot of work to be done on the workshop construction at the Paramount. I know that together we can figure out how the Mid-Minnesota Wood Turners Association can help pull this thing together. One idea that has been proposed is to create a MMAW member pledge drive. We'll be asking for other ideas before final decisions are made, so be watching your email boxes for information as we begin to tackle these larger projects.

Developing creative solutions should be the easy part. After all, just look at what each of you can do with a block of wood!

MMAW Board Meeting, August 20, 2012

1. Welcome New Board Members

Do you have any questions?

Yes, is there a calendar of events involving the Chapter?

No, we don't have one but it's a good idea.

2. Policy and Procedure Manual

We have been investigating how our members can have access to our equipment at the Paramount. The Paramount requires that we have our policies and procedures, such as those regarding members' use of equipment, on record. The Board is reviewing draft language for an equipment policy.

Are we insured for damage to Paramount property?

No.

Policies and procedures should be kept in a binder.

Suggestion: The minutes of our Board meetings should be read at the regular meetings.

3. There will be a fall Art Crawl; we will try to get details.

4. EOG Grant

We were successful in being awarded \$1,500 for the grant and now must draw up a purchase list.

5. We need to draw up a calendar of activities for the Chapter covering the next few months.

6. Discussion: How shall we go about drawing up a "want to buy" list, especially for items for the library?

Submitted by Bill Langen, Secretary

Treasury Report
Submitted by MMAW Treasurer
Lyle Knopp

Previous balance	1,775.73
Income	465.73
Expenses	38.93
New balance	\$2,202.53