



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.

From the President



Summer is here and I hope all are able to enjoy the warm and sometimes dry weather. I really like sitting on the deck and watching the hummingbirds come and go. I have to take all my feed in at night or the uninvited raccoon comes and cleans out all the feeders.

I've been trying to get to as many of the art festivals going on this summer to check out what other turners and artists are showing. I was

at the Lemonade Arts Festival and there were two of our members displaying their craft. I hope they sold a bunch. I went to the Avon Hills art show but no wood turners. May be a spot for someone to sell some wares next year. Denny Meyers and I participated in the Paramount Art Crawl a few weeks ago and may have picked up a new member or two.

The next activity the Paramount has is the Studio Tour on the 21st and 22nd of July. It would be great if we could have several of the MMAW members participate. I will get more information and we can talk about it at the July meeting. The Paramount is sponsoring the George in the Park event on August 1st at Lake George. We have been asked to participate and demonstrate the treadle lathe so think about stepping up and helping out.

Elections for new board members will be held at the August meeting. We have several members who have expressed an interest in board positions and will be formally nominated at the July meeting. If there are other members interested in serving on the board or if you would like to nominate someone for a position let me know. Bill Langen has volunteered to serve another term as Secretary and Lyle Knopp will continue as Treasurer if needed. The positions open are President, Vice President and a member at large.

Have a great Fourth of July and give thanks to your Maker for the great country we live in.

Bill Baker
MMAW President

July 14th Membership Meeting

The MMAW July Membership Meeting will be held at the Visual Arts Center (VAC) in the lower level of the Paramount Theatre, Downtown St. Cloud.

The meeting starts at 9:30 AM.

This month Nadine Nelson will be the presenter. Her topic will be on how she makes writing instruments (pens/pencils).

Our "Challenge Project" is something made from a bowling pin (sold at last month's meeting). If you didn't purchase a bowling pin, make one of your own. Participants in the Challenge Project will be eligible to win a \$10 Craft Supplies USA gift certificate.



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Meeting Notes from the June 9th Membership Meeting submitted by William Langen, MMAW Secretary



1. Guests present: Nate and Emily Jagoda, Quentin Wyatt, Mark Scholer

2. Announcements

- > Eddie Ochs has bowling pins which he is selling at \$1.00 each.
- > The Chapter has 10 gallons of end seal which can be purchased at \$16.00 per gallon.

3. Discussion of our participation in the 2013 Wood Expo

Denny Myers gave the group some information on this year's wood expo and began a discussion of our participation in next year's expo. This year there were 26 paying booths and 15 donated booths. 347 people attended the expo yielding \$2484.00 in proceeds of which \$861.26 was profit. In addition several people joined after learning of the Woodturners at the Expo. Discussion focused on the desirability of realizing a bigger profit next time. A voice vote established that there is no opposition to committing the Chapter for next year.

4. Update on the Paramount space renovation.

A joint investigation by the CMWA and our own chapter arrived at a figure of some \$45,000 for the total renovation of the space to be share by the two clubs. However, that amount can be reduced to \$25,000 if much of the work is done by member volunteers. After the Paramount kicks in \$9,000, the two clubs would each need to come up with \$8,000. By a show of hands those present favored going forward. Members offered various ideas for raising money for the project.

5. Challenge

Brad Knowles brought an elaborate urn he had made from 2"X10"s. It was one of six he made to decorate a hearse.

6. Show and Tell

- Jim Preusser displayed a bowl and a hollow vessel from box elder.
- John Caye brought a black walnut lidded vessel and a box elder salad vessel.
- Jerry Wervey showed us a hollow vessel.

7. Demo

John Caye handed out copies of Todd Hoyer's illustrated explanation of the relation of grain orientation to bowl design. Members offered their own observations and questions in the course of a lively discussion.

8. 50/50 Drawing

Nate Jagoda won \$20.00

9. Board vacancies

Jerry Wervey volunteered to be on the MMAW Board.





Calendar

July 2012*

-21-22 Studio Tour

August 2012*

-1 George in the Park

-11 Election of MMAW Officers/Board Members

-July & August Barden Park Concert Dates

-July 12, 19, 26 and August 2, 9, 16

***If interested in doing a treadle lathe demo at one of the concerts, the following dates for July (12, 19), and August (2, 9) are open. George in the Park, August 1, is another date treadle lathe demonstrators are needed. Let Bill Baker know if you would like to show off the treadle lathe and what date works for you.**

From England...sycamore



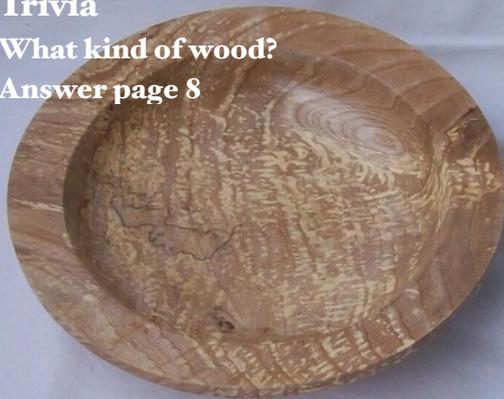
This creation was turned by Eric Real from Bolton, England.

A few coats of finishing oil, applied by hand, is all that is on his beautiful creation. Eric also turns beautiful pens. Thanks to Eric for giving me permission to share this.

Trivia

What kind of wood?

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MMAW Board of Directors

- Bill Baker – President
- Open – Vice President
- Bill Langen – Secretary
- Lyle Knopp- Treasurer
- Open – Past President
- Albert Keppers – Member at large
- John Caye – Member at large

Upcoming Classes at Woodcraft

Visit the Woodcraft site to see the classes they will be offering for July and August. Click [here](#) to see their offerings.

Don't forget if you have an item for sale or trade, you may advertise it in 'Shavings'. Send your ad to Bill Baker at baker@cloudnet.com or Nadine Nelson at nnelson12553@gmail.com.



Notes from the MMAW Board of Directors

Submitted by Bill Langen, MMAW Secretary



Minutes MMAW Board Meeting June 18, 2012

1. Changes to MMAW Bylaws

> Moved by Albert Keppers, second John Caye: The Board recommends that we retain the current bylaws unchanged with the understanding that membership may change them at the August meeting if they choose. Motion passed.

2. Bill Baker will solicit candidates for the Board and for the officers.

3. President Bill Baker has been assured by the Paramount staff that MMAW members may access and use our lathes during regular hours. The Board is considering how to administer access to the tools and hopes to implement a policy of charging a \$5.00 fee for their use.

4. The Board discussed the CMWA and MMAW's collaboration in the Paramount space renovation. The discussion focused on the Chapter's role and potential financial obligation.

Financial Report by Lyle Knopp, MMAW Treasurer

Starting balance	\$1862.45
Credits	\$1711.74
Expenses	\$1847.62
Current balance	\$1726.57



Please note: The large credit/expense numbers are due to the Craft Supply order.

Did You Miss June's Meeting?

Talk to John Caye if you missed June's meeting and are interested in how wood grain orientation can "make or break" a turning. He had an excellent handout from last year's AAW Symposium. He may have extra copies available if you are interested in one.

July's Topic at the membership meeting is making writing instruments (pens/pencils). The presentation will not include turning a pen blank but rather talking about turning between centers (bushings used and where to get them) instead of using the usual mandrel. Applying a CA finish, wet sanding, and pouring your own blanks will also be touched on. Various pieces of equipment and supplies used when making writing instruments will be shown. Some free pen blanks will be available for those interested.



**Thank you to John Caye - Our June Presenter
Direction of the Wood Grain When Turning -
Does It Make a Difference?**





Not all turned writing instruments are alike...the pens shown have all been made by independent woodturners.





MMAW Members' Work

These photos show some of the work that was shared at the June membership meeting. Thanks to all the members for bringing in their creations and sharing them with us.





Shared work from June...continued



Trivia answer: alder