



# 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



Just when I am getting ready to do some wood turning, I look out and see the grass needs to be mowed, the weeds are winning the battle and I still don't have the boat ready to go. I was checking my bowl blank inventory and decided I should get going on my turning or my family will have one

heck of a bonfire at my wake.

I'm not sure if you're all aware that when the Visual Arts Center is open our equipment is available for use by club members. We would need to have more than one person turning just for safety purposes. Let me know if you are interested. For those who want to learn how to turn bowls, a lot of us have roughed out blanks you could have to give it a try.

There are also some opportunities this summer for members to attend some activities and demo our treadle lathe, promote the MMAW and sell some of your finer work. We will put out a calendar of events.

I hope your summer goes well and have fun turning. Try something new!

*Bill Baker*

*MMAW President*

## Thank you, Lyle!

Lyle Knopp deserves a big "thank you" for all of his work with Teen Night/Open Studio at the Paramount over the past 8 months. Lyle didn't miss a Thursday night and was in charge of organizing and running the MMAW's part in Teen Night: introducing teens and adults to woodturning. If interested in being involved for the 2012-13 season, talk to Lyle.

### June 9th Membership Meeting

The MMAW May 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 John Caye will be the presenter. His topic will be on bowl grain orientation. The challenge will be making anything out of a 2X4. Please bring your creations for the challenge as well as any other work you would like to share.



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**Meeting Notes from the May 12th Membership Meeting**  
submitted by William Langen, MMAW Secretary



**I. Announcements**

>The Chapter is putting together an order for Craft Supplies. Orders of \$1,000 or more qualify for a 13% reduction, tax free and free shipping. Please pay for your order in advance and in cash. If you are interested, get in touch with Lyle Knopp.

>President Bill Baker reminded the group that the treadle lathe is available for members who wish to use it a public events.

>Barden Park will be the site of the annual summer band concerts. Members are invited to display their items and offer them for sale.

>June 15 the Paramount will be holding an Art Crawl.

>The MMAW and the CMWA are still in the planning stage for the renovation of the basement of the Paramount as a future home for the two groups. The project hit a snag when the Paramount was unsuccessful in a grant application to help defray costs.

**II. Challenge: a laminated or glued up project**

>Bill Sampson did a square bowl glued up from cedar and ash.

>Lenny Merdan displayed two footballs.

>John Huseuth entered a ball.

>Les Sova showed sumac toothpick holders and claro walnut bowls.

>Bill Larson brought two segmented bowls which "evolved" from an initial attempt to make a vase.

>Albert Keppers made a rolling pin.

>Jim Preusser displayed bowls he made from chocolate heart redwood, a bottle of Guinness, and two cigars from macadamia wood from Hawaii. He got his wood from Joel in Hawaii on Ebay.

**III. Show and Tell**

>Victor Gervais brought in a coffee scoop and a pen.

>Les Sova showed the meeting two birch birdhouses.

**IV. Demo**

Dennis Myers gave a very informative and detailed presentation on finishing including safety, surface preparation, sealing and finishing options. Along the way he gave the group many tips and insights from his experience.

**V. 50/50 Drawing**

Bill Langen won \$34.00.

**Paramount Visual Arts Center's Teen Night/  
Open Studio Night**

by Lyle Knopp

The MMAW's involvement with Teen Night/Open Studio ended on May 17th. The first season of woodturning as a new medium offering at the Thursday evening teen nights/open studios was a popular stop for participants of various ages.

The season began in September 2011. Throughout the season we averaged 3 to 6 teens and adults per week. On several occasions we regrettably had to turn people away due to the lack of available equipment. If the smiles on the faces of the participants was a measure of success, we

exceeded our goal. Turning wood was something most had never experienced before. They all proudly left for home with a small project in hand.

I would like to thank the MMAW members who helped as mentors, the Paramount Visual Arts Center and its staff, and the AAW who's Educational Outreach Grant (EOG) made this possible.

We will resume this program in September 2012 for season #2.

Please contact me if interested in being involved with Teen Night/Open Studio Night for 2012-13. This is a very worthwhile program and it fulfills part of the MMAW's mission statement.



### Calendar

#### June 2012

-9th MMAW Membership Meeting at the Paramount

John Caye presentation on bowl grain orientation

This month's challenge: making anything out of a 2x4.

-15th Paramount Art Crawl 5-9pm

#### July 2012\*

-21-22 Studio Tour

#### August 2012\*

\*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. Let Bill Baker know if you would like to show off the treadle lathe and what date works for you.

#### Financial Report by Lyle Knopp, MMAW Treasurer

Starting balance	\$1869.73
Debits	\$70.00
Credits	\$62.72
Current balance	\$1862.45



### MID MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

#### Showing Off the Treadle Lathe

The MMAW was in the public eye again on April 22. Three members (Bill Baker, Joy Knopp, Lyle Knopp) staffed the MMAW booth at the St. Cloud Sustainability event. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event was held in Hallenbeck Hall on the campus of St. Cloud State University. This year's event was held in conjunction with Earth Day. The MMAW used this opportunity to support their mission statement of "...to promote woodturning to the local community through education...".

Woodturning compliments the sustainability initiative because of our use of fallen and/or discarded timber. As always, our treadle lathe was the focal point of our booth and sparked a lot of interest in connecting the past to the present. The idea of repurposing fallen trees (a sustainable natural resource) into a useful item such as a bowl, vase or other forms was well received. Most visitors had no idea how this is done.

#### Upcoming Classes at Woodcraft

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

### 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



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](mailto:baker@cloudnet.com) or Nadine Nelson at [nnelson12553@gmail.com](mailto:nnelson12553@gmail.com).



## Notes from the MMAW Board of Directors

Submitted by Bill Baker, MMAW President



May 21, 2012 Meeting

Members present: Bill Baker, John Caye, Lyle Knopp, Albert Keppers and Jay Eggebrecht

Several items regarding our relationship with the Paramount were discussed.

Any person injured during a class or activity such as Teen Night sponsored by the Paramount is covered by the Paramount's insurance.

The Paramount is placing an order for a lathe and supporting equipment with money provided by the EOG grant received from the AAW.

The question was asked about our commitment to Paramount. Melissa Gohman, director of the Visual Arts Center, was not able to attend but Bill had an earlier conversation with Melissa and said this is an evolving process that will take time. The Visual Arts Center would like for our group to let her know what we would be willing to do to support the Paramount such as Teen Night, etc.. The general consensus was that the Paramount is a good fit for the MMAW and we need to work with them to make this work.

The renovation of the lower level is moving slow. The planning group is waiting for some budgeting information before they can proceed. The CMWA and the MMAW are making this a joint effort and we will be asking for help in the way of manpower when we get to tearing down walls.

Lyle Knopp has enough dollar value to place the group order with Craft Supplies and will place the order in a few days.

Jay Eggebrecht announced that he is not comfortable with the direction the MMAW is moving and has resigned from the board of directors.

Gary Mrozek resigned via e-mail earlier this month.

Bill stated that we will need to get a group together to look for new board members for the elections at the end of our year (August).

Please give me (Bill Baker) a call if you have any questions on any item in the minutes and I will be happy to discuss them.

**Thank you to all MMAW members who participated in the Teen Nights/Open Studios at the Paramount on Thursday evenings. Taking time to mentor persons interested in learning to turn helps us (the MMAW) fulfill part of our mission statement. Contact Lyle Knopp if you would like more information about this worthwhile community project.**



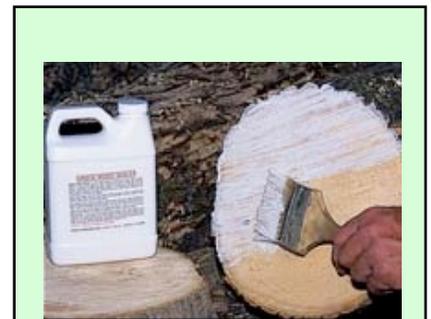
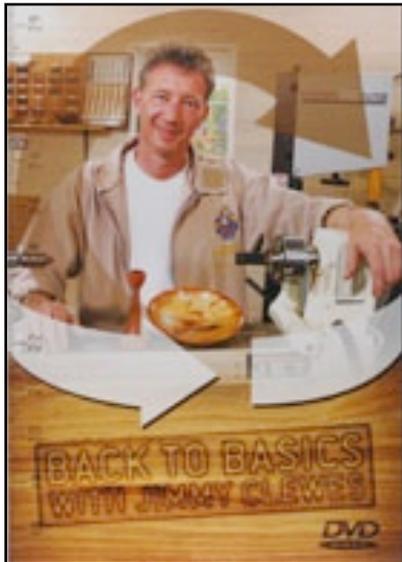
# Thank you to Denny Myers - Our May Presenter finishes and finishing your turnings



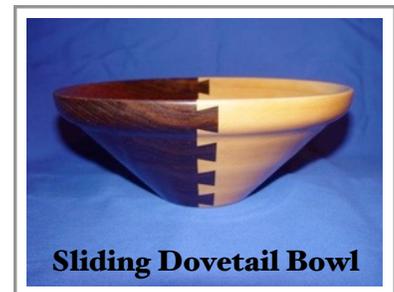
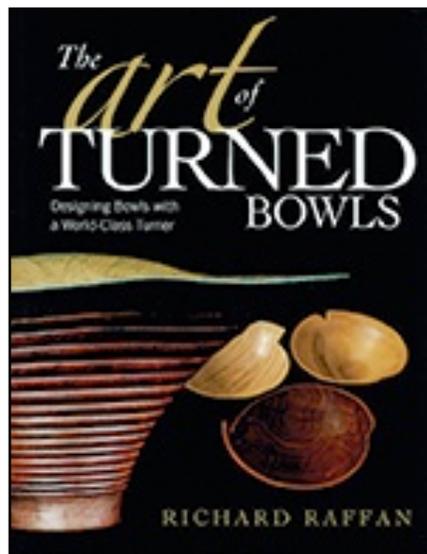


# New Additions to the MMAW Library

Money collected from the use of our library materials has been used to purchase the following 4 new DVD/books. The new purchases include a DVD by Jimmy Clewes and books by Mike Mahoney and Richard Raffan. Check out your Craft Supplies catalog for more information on the new purchases. If you see a DVD or book that you think would be of value to our members, let Dick Beumer or Bill Baker know.



Available for purchase, wood sealer (a.k.a. end grain sealer). Cost: \$16 per gallon. Ten gallons available. Contact Lyle Knopp if interested.



Sliding Dovetail Bowl



**MMAW Members' Work**





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