



# Shavings

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## President's Message



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL...

Thanks are in order for a nice holiday party.

Thanks to all the MMWA members who attended the December meeting for your part in making our holiday party so successful. The great food items each of you brought made our party very festive.

The Paramount crew also did an outstanding job of decorations in the meeting room, for which we are very grateful.

Now that the busy holiday season is past, I hope we all can relax with some new turning projects.

I have been busy in the shop, turning some successful, and some not so successful projects.

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## Saturday, Jan.10 Chapter Meeting

The January 2015 meeting of the MMAW will be held at the Visual Arts Center (VAC) in the lower level of the Paramount Theatre, Downtown S. Cloud. Social time for all members and guests will start at 9:30. The regular meeting will start at 10:00.

Be sure to bring your Show and Tell items!



## **MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from Dec. 13, 2014**

1. Meeting was called to order by John Caye. Everyone was reminded to sign in at each meeting. BIG news! Denny and Roxanne got married on Friday Dec. 12. Congratulations!
2. 50/50 drawing. \$34.00 with \$17.00 for the winner. John Caye was the winner and he donated the \$17.00 back to the club.
3. Tickets were drawn for donated pen blanks from 50/50 tickets.
4. Guy reported that Empty bowls still has rough turned blanks in the lathe room that can be picked up by club members to be finished. Whenever you have finished bowls there is a plastic tub under the New Jet Lathe and that is marked "finished Empty Bowls" that you can put finished bowls in.
5. Teen night has been very successful so far with an average of about 7 people a night. Guy Schafer, Mark Scholer and Jerry Wervey have been there every night with Mike Heneghan, Albert Keppers and Byron John also helping out. We could use some larger (4 by 4 by 12 inch) blanks if you have some you could donate. Call Guy if you have any questions or would like to help out at Teen Night which is from 6 to 9 ever Thursday starting again on Jan. 22.
6. Show and Tell.....

Brad Knowles had a cherry vase.

Guy Schafer had a maple burl bowl and two wine stoppers.

Kathy Schellinger had a bowl and a scarf pin.

Jerry Wervey had a black locust bowl from the wood exchange and a wine stopper.

Joe Beste had three cottonwood bowls from the cabin tree.

Dave Kollman had a bottle stopper and a couple fly tying tools.

Gary Mrozek had a hollow form and a maple burl bowl.

Gary said his hint to keep it together is to finish turn the outside and then using blue painters tape wrap the outside to hold it together as the inside of the bowl is turned.

Albert Keppers had two covered boxes and some oak and poplar bowls.

Bill Baker had a segmented bowl. He stressed the importance of having everything centered and all angles being equal.

John Caye had a large redwood burl platter, a big leaf maple burl bowl, a redwood burl bowl, a spalted birch bowl from the wood exchange and a covered bowl made from spalted maple with a redwood burl top.

**Time to eat!**

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(my scrap box has evidence of some of my miscues), however that is how we all learn. I encourage each of you to try something new...different wood, new tool techniques, or new projects. Remember, after all, it's only firewood.

**AGAIN, HAPPY TURNING AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**

## **Teen Night Update** **by Guy Schafer**

The MMAW has worked in the wood lathe room on Teen Night 12 times so far this year. We started having participants sign in for the past 8 times. Here is the information we have gathered from those lists.

We had a low of three people one night and a high of 13 another night. We are averaging 7 people a night.

78 turners have come to turn over the 12 nights. Of those 78 turners, 26 were different people so some of them have returned several times on different nights. Of the 26 different people, 17 were males and 9 were females.

The age range we had was from 13 years old to 64 years young.

17 people were there for only one time, 5 people were there two times and 4 people were there 5 or 6 times.

The first time participants show up we have them go through a safety check and then they turn a "pretty stick" We mount on center a 2 by 2 by 12 inch piece of wood that they turn to a cylinder. This is to help them become familiar with the Easy Wood tools. Once they turn the stick to a cylinder they start exploring with the tools to make a "pretty stick".

If they come back another night they can try turning something else. We've had duck calls, pencil boxes, toothpick holders, magnets, pasta rollers and bowls turned.

We've had many parents come to thank us and check their child's work out.

Feel free to come join us any Thursday (starting again Jan. 18) from 6 – 9. It is very rewarding to see the progress the people make whether they are a first timer or a 6 timer.

**A proud Teen Night participant**



Roxanne and Denny Myers discuss the merits of a maple bowl with Mark Scholer



Guy Schafer, Mark Scholer and Dave Kollman check out Show and Tell gallery



Socializing was what we all enjoyed.



The Show and Tell gallery was a popular place.



Bud Becker finds the sweet items on the buffet table.



Members checking out the many Show and Tell items at the Holiday Party



Bud Becker, Joy and Lyle Knopp admire the table decorations



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## **Mentors**

John Caye

Mentor on an as needed basis for all levels from beginner to brushing up on forgotten skills. One week notice is preferred. 320-253-2875

Lyle Knopp

Covering the basics and advanced level turning.

Please give a 3-4 day advanced notice. 320-980-3466

Albert Keppers

Willing to help improve skill level from basic to advanced levels.

One week notice preferred. 320-252-6118

Denny Meyers

Will work with you at his shop on all levels from entry and beyond. Denny's knowledge of finishing techniques can help make a good project look great. One week notice preferred.

320-360-0784

Larry Sampson

Willing to share his shop to help anyone wanting to improve basic skill set. 3-4 days notice is preferred. 320-259-5372

Jerry Wervey

Willing to work with you to improve your skills from entry to intermediate level; those with advanced levels are welcome to stop over as I am always learning as well. 3-4 days notice please.

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