



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



The MMAW is now the proud owner of three Delta 46-460 lathes and stands and a slow speed grinder on a mobile storage cabinet with a Wolverine grinding system. We're also evaluating a set of tools. These investments are largely thanks to the Educational Outreach Grant our Chapter received from the AAW. Our Chapter's vision is truly taking shape. We've

informed the Paramount Visual Arts Center of our intent to offer educational outreach opportunities beginning in September. We will be part of the Thursday evening Open Studio/Teen Night's. Our intent is to start with basic skills to the first time enthusiasts.

This investment also means we no longer have to rely on someone transporting their lathe the day of the meeting to conduct demonstrations. The lathes can also be available to our members before and after our monthly chapter meetings. If individual members would like to work together on projects or mentoring, they will be able make the arrangement with each other in advance of the meeting. Our Chapter can use our meeting room from 10:00AM to 4:30PM on the day of our meetings. More information on this will be coming.

The 25th Anniversary Symposium is days away. Our Chapter will be well represented. The last poll indicated 18 of our 42 members plan to attend. For those of you who haven't registered for the symposium demonstrations, it's still worth the drive to St. Paul River Centre. The Trade Show, Woodturning Exhibits and Instant Gallery exhibits are free to the public.

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June Membership Meeting

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

Please remember the June challenge is turning a candle stick. Bring your candle stick to the membership meeting on June 11. Meeting starts at 10 AM.

The June demonstration will be on turning a necklace medallion or pendant.



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Meeting Notes from May Membership Meeting

submitted by **Bill Langen, MMAW Secretary**



Announcements:

- >The next Paramount Art Crawl will be June 10, 5-9:00 P.M. Members may display and sell items in our regular meeting room. The Paramount collects a 10% commission on sales. The treadle lathe will be set up in front of the Paramount.
- >At the June 11 MMAW meeting Jay Eggebrecht will demonstrate how to make a pendant on the lathe.
- >The three Delta lathes purchased by the club will be available for the June meeting.
- >The club is soliciting volunteers to run the Thursday classes at the Paramount in the fall.
- >The AAW Symposium is June 24, 25, 26 at the River Center in St. Paul. Members can email Gary Mrozek to set up carpooling.
- >The MMAW is handling tickets (\$10 each) for the AAW raffle for a Powermatic lathe.

Introduction of new member Sherman Baker and guests.

Dick Beumer, John Huseh, Bill Larson, Lenny Merdan, Les Sova, Eddy Ochs, Albert Keppers and Brad Knowles gave evaluations of a wide variety of chucks including their advantages and shortcomings.

Jim Preusser, Dick Beumer, Lyle Knopf and Lenny Merdan all received \$10 certificates for Craft Supplies for their entries in the birdhouse challenge.

For the Show and Tell Les Sova, John Huseh, and Ray Wilczek all displayed bowls and Gary Mrozek showed a vase he had turned with the club hollowing tool, available for rent to members.

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World class woodturned art is on exhibit. Leading manufactures and suppliers will display tools, equipment, and supplies of interest to woodturners in the Trade Show. The Trade show has over 154 booths representing 60+ vendors. Get more information at <http://www.woodturner.org/Abrev2011handbook.pdf> and http://www.rivercentre.org/events/event.asp?event_id=1237

Hope to see you there,

Gary



Notes from the MMAW Board of Directors



MMAW Board Meeting of May 9, 2011, 7:00

The Club was successful in its application for an Educational Outreach Grant and has received a stipend of \$1,500 from the AAW.

There was a discussion of options for the purchase of lathes and accessories to implement the outreach leading to this motion:

The MMAW will spend the stipend from the AAW for the purchase of two lathes and three stands.

Seconded and passed

There was a discussion of the best way to achieve the goal of community outreach leading to this motion:

The Board and the club will form a sub-committee to set up a series of introductory instructional workshops within the Paramount Thursday Night Program.

Seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report: The account balance stands at \$2444.19.

Gary Mrozek has put together a welcoming packet to introduce visitors and the public to the club.

The club website has had 1415 hits in the thirty days preceding the Board meeting.

8:30 Meeting adjourned.

Next MMAW Board Meeting

The next MMAW Board Meeting will be held on June 20th at Gary's home, 1314 West Oakes Drive, St. Cloud. Starting at 6:00PM, the focus of the meeting will be a review of the bylaws, Board elections and a review of the 2012 dues. All members are welcome to attend. Please consider serving on our Board of Directors. Spend some time June 12th at a meeting and experience first hand what it is all about.

Remember to Use Our Suggestion Box

Let us know what types of demonstrations you would like to see. Put your questions or suggestions in the box at our next meeting or email them to Gary at gmrozek@charter.net Any question(s) received will be addressed at the next meeting.



Calendar

June 11, 2011

Jay Eggebrecht demonstration making necklace medallions

July 2011

Rollie Johnson demonstration on photographing, editing and emailing photos of your work and Review of bylaws and candidates for board positions

August 2011

Board member election and by-law vote if needed

MMAW Members' Classifieds

Items that are Wanted or For Sale /Trade

This space reserved for items that MMAW members may want or have for sale/trade.

The club owned Jamison laser guided deep hollowing tool is available for rent. The cost to members is \$5 per month. Contact Gary for more details.

Send to Gary Mrozek at gmrozek@charter.net or Nadine Nelson at nnelson1953@clearwire.net.



How are you doing on end grain sealer?

If we can pre-sell 10 gallons, your cost is \$14 per gallon. Email Gary or plan to sign up at our June 11th meeting.

June 11th MMAW Meeting

Our May 14th Chapter meeting will be at 10:00AM in the Rehearsal Studio at the Paramount Visual Arts Center (VAC). Parking is free in the adjacent ramp as well as street parking. Enter through the rear doors and proceed down the stairs to your left. The meeting begins with a social followed by a presentation by Jay Eggebrecht. The topic will be on how to make a pendant on the lathe. Following the demonstration will be our monthly show-and-tell and open forum for questions and answers. Our challenge project is making a candle holder. Be creative when turning a candle holder for the challenge. Participants will be eligible for a \$10 Craft Supplies USA gift certificate.



MMAW Board of Directors

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



My Version of Turning a Pendant by Nadine Nelson

(Please note, Jay Eggebrecht asked me to share my way of turning a pendant at the June membership meeting but I will be on vacation, so here is my version with a link for a more detailed description.)

A quick turning project that makes a nice gift for someone who likes wearing a necklace made from a piece of nature's handiwork is a wood pendant. Highly figured wood with a beautiful sterling silver bail will impress the most discriminating jewelry lover.

I use pieces of wood that measure about 2 inches square and about 1/4 inch thick. If I am gluing two different woods together, I usually make each piece about 1/8 inch thick.

Once a piece of wood is decided on, I use the Deluxe Backer Plate to turn it round and to drill a hole in it for the bail and cord.

The Deluxe Backer Plate, a jig made by Richard Joyner, is available from Ruth Niles at <http://www.torne-lignum.com/Pendant-chucks.html> or you may contact Richard Joyner at Richard@creativependesign.com. The Deluxe Backer Plate costs about \$55 and includes the base with 8 holes tapped into it and an indexing plate with 24 holes around the perimeter at 15 degree intervals. One of the 8 holes in the base is centered and the other 7 are varying distances from the center hole. The plate can be attached to the lathe using any 3/8 inch bottle stopper mandrel.



An excellent tutorial can be found at http://www.woodturnersamerica.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=90:turning-pendants-with-the-richard-joyner-eccentric-backer-plate&catid=38:basic-turning-tools&Itemid=53. Make sure to check it out this link if you are interested in making a pendant using the Joyner Backer Plate.