



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.

Kirk DeHeer Presentation



On Thursday, December 2nd, six MMAW members attended a no-cost demonstration, hosted by the Minnesota Woodturners Association in Minneapolis. The topic was thread chasing presented by Kirk DeHeer. Kirk is a professional turner and demonstrator. He's employed by Craft Supplies USA, Provo, UT as an instructor. He demonstrates at AAW local chapters and symposiums. Kirk is a master of threaded lidded boxes as well as tool sharpening. Here are some main points he made on threading:

- most domestic hardwoods are too soft for threading

- exotic hardwoods like boxwood, teak and ebony work well but are expensive
- commercially available "stabilized" woods work too
- DeHeer demonstrated an alternative using domestic hardwoods with plunge-cut recesses filled with epoxy for the threaded surfaces
- use slow drying epoxy (20 min. minimum) and cure for 3 days
- sharp threading tools are a MUST; if requested, DeHeer will sharpen threading tools purchased from Craft Supply USA before they are shipped.

The demo was a chance to see a master at work as well as an opportunity to meet and compare notes with Twin Cities' turners.





From the President



January 1st is a time for New Year's resolutions. I had one last year, but by February 1st I'd forgotten what the heck it was I was going to accomplish.

Although not a New Year's resolution, our woodturning club accomplished a lot in 2010. We're now a chapter of the AAW, we're already 35 enthusiastic members strong and growing and with a Board of Directors whose vision and determination will build a strong, sustained organization. We have a clear and concise mission statement (read the full statement on the heading of page 1):

"Providing an environment of interest and activity dedicated to the enjoyment of woodturning activities."

In addition to our monthly meetings, the Empty Bowls Rough-Out event in November is one such example. I would like to thank Jay Eggebrecht, Lyle Knopp, Tom Markman and Alan Sias for the use of their lathes. We're planning to come together again in February to complete the bowls we roughed out. We've had several requests to conduct other small group events on specific topics and projects where our seasoned members can work one-on-one with those interested members for hands-on learning.

A long-term goal of the club is to buy equipment of our own. I feel an achievable goal is to buy one midi lathe per year for the next several years.

We have many opportunities "to promote woodturning to the local community through education and charitable events." The Empty Bowls event is just one example. We'll soon have our vintage treadle lathe (donated by Bill McConnell) restored and operational thanks to the combined effort of Albert Keppers and Tom Harlander, with materials donated by Greg Pont. We'll be looking for members interested in mastering its operation. With this we'll create a traveling exhibition at community events in the area. In addition to the treadle lathe, we're asking members to consider loaning pieces of their work to display with this exhibition. Our first opportunity will be at the CMWA Wood Expo on March 13th. It's been said that a club is only as good as the involvement of the members. I'm delighted by the numbers of members that have helped make our new chapter a reality. Nadine Nelson has been doing a superb job on the newsletters, Bill Larson as treasurer has set up and is maintaining our checking account, John Caye establishing our PO Box. There has been so much help and support that I can't name them all. For others, there will be many opportunities to get involved. For those of you who haven't had an opportunity, your **TURN** is coming!

Gary

More Involvement in MMAW

Do you like writing newspaper type articles? Do you want to share that talent with the whole MMAW?

Maybe you want to become involved and eventually learn how to layout the newsletter by using templates.

There are many learning opportunities available to MMAW members. Not just the great information that can be gotten by attending the meetings and watching/listening to the demonstrations each month about woodturning.

How about photography? Would you like to take pictures at meetings or other things the MMAW is involved with?

Do like to organize things? Maybe watching over our library would be something you might like to do.

Becoming involved in the running of the MMAW is a great learning experience.

Anyone wishing in becoming more involved should contact Gary Mrozek.

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 or email them to Gary at gmrozek@charter.net The question(s) will be addressed at the next meeting.



The 6th Annual CMWA Wood Expo and Sale March 13th, 2011

The CMWA Wood Expo and Sale has the potential to be our biggest fundraiser and exposure to potential new members. This is an opportunity we shouldn't pass up. We need the commitment of all our members to move forward:

A planning committee needs to be assembled. We'll need one or more to be chair/co-chairs of this committee. The responsibility of the chair/co-chair is to lead the committee and coordinate meetings necessary to:

- Establish a theme (last year we made mini-baseball bats, the year before we turned bowls).
- Coordinating lathes, a sharpening system, tools, wood, workbenches, etc.
- Coordinate a list of members and time slots to staff the booth.
- We could also organize a wood sale: we have several sources of logs available to the club. We would need to cut and wax the ends. If we did this, we would invite the other Minnesota AAW chapters to attend.
- A brochure to hand out with our club information and membership

application should be considered.

- Craft Supplies USA and Packard have been very generous in the past to provide catalogs and gift certificates to distribute/raffle.
- We could consider a "For Sale" table where members can sell their items to the public while they're at the booth (sales are not an activity of the MMWA or AAW parent organization and have no liability or responsibility. All transactions are the responsibility of the individual buyer/seller). The table space would be purchased from the CMWA and the fee shared between the individuals marketing their product.



This is an opportunity for all members to take an active part in making a strong organization. It's a short-term commitment. The more members that get involved, the less any one person needs to do. Please consider giving back to the club through your participation.



Notes from your MMAW Board of Directors

The MMAW Board of Directors meeting was held on Monday, December 27, 2010 at 6pm

Board members present were:

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

Members unable to attend:

- Bill Langen – Secretary
- Bill Larson - Treasurer

The agenda included:

- Board Meetings-when and where
- CMWA Wood Expo
- Newsletter
- Member Involvement Opportunities
- Budget-short and long term
- Meeting Topics for Upcoming Membership Meetings

The MMAW Board of Director’s meetings will be held at 7pm on the Monday of the week preceding the week when the membership meeting is scheduled (about 2 weeks before the membership meeting). All members interested in attending are encouraged to do so. Meetings will be held at Gary Mrozek’s home.

Participation in the CMWA Wood Expo was discussed, see the separate article in this newsletter for more information. Discussion with the membership will occur on Saturday, January 8.

It has been decided to remove all color from the newsletter, making it easier for all members to read. The only exception will be pictures in the electronic newsletter, they will remain in color. Members receiving a hard copy of the newsletter will be receiving a black and white copy in the mail. The black and white hard copies, instead of color, is a cost saving measure.

Member involvement is key to the success of the club. The MMAW Directors discussed how all interested members can become more involved. See the separate article in this newsletter.

A club budget report will be included in each newsletter. It has been decided to apply for a \$1500 AAW Education Outreach Grant. Gary will be completing the application and submitting it to the AAW by January 15, 2011. Contact Gary with questions about this grant. Specific budgetary questions can go to Bill Larson, MMAW Treasurer or Gary.

Specific meeting topics/demonstrations will be addressed at the club meeting on January 8, 2011.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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The present MMAW Board of Directors are in place from fall 2010 until fall 2011. Consider becoming a member as positions open up. The Vice President automatically moves into the President’s spot and the outgoing President fills the Past President’s spot. Time commitment is dependent on the position you take on. The Board meets as needed, about once a month. Become involved!

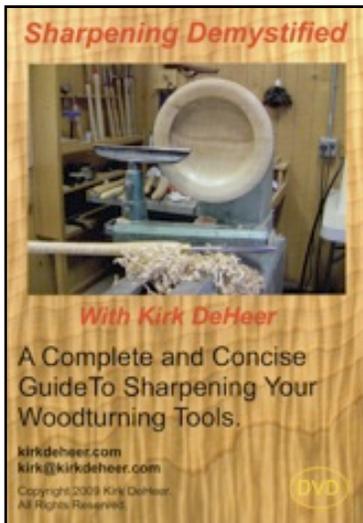


Club Buy

Are there presents Santa did not bring? The MMAW will have a “Club Purchase” in January from Craft Supplies USA. Club orders receive a 13% discount off catalog prices plus free shipping. To take advantage of this discount, our order must be over \$1,000 (after discount), have one source of payment and ship to one address. Bring your wish list and payment to our January meeting. Craft Supplies USA has been very generous with the \$10 gift certificates we use each month for our challenge project.

Don't have a catalog? Visit <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/store/catalog?Args>

Addition to MMAW Library



Kirk DeHeer had his DVD “Sharpening Demystified” for sale at the demonstration on December 2nd. A copy was purchased by the MMAW and will be available in our resource library. You can watch a short preview at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mn4QjkhMRJY>

Mentoring

We would like to have a list of members who are willing to mentor other members with their turning skills.

Volunteer mentors would be willing to help other MMAW members one on one outside the monthly meeting time.

Any MMAW member wanting some “coaching” would be responsible for contacting a mentor and setting up a time and place for the help session.

If interested in helping others learning to turn, perfecting an aspect related to turning or answering turning questions, let Gary know.

We will compile a list of mentors, contact information and their area of expertise. It will be posted in “Shavings”.

Financial Report Dec.2010

Starting balance	\$305.00
Income (new members)	\$680.00
Debits	\$99.56
Current balance	\$905.44

Don't forget, consider displaying some of your creations at the library. More information to follow.

Contributing to Our Newsletter

Let us know if you have information related to woodturning that might interest members and we can announce it in ‘Shavings’.

Send newsletter contributions to gmrozek@charter.net.



For Sale:

Cast iron Rockwell lathe on solid wood frame with casters.

\$150 Contact Jake jakeschneider34@hotmail.com (320)761-7143 for more information.



Calendar

January 8, 2011

MMAW Meeting

Demonstration: Milk House Stool from 2X4's

January 31, 2011

MMAW Director's Mtg., 7pm

February 12, 2011

MMAW Meeting

Demonstration: Final turning tips for the Empty Bowls donation

March 13, 2011

CMWA Wood Expo and Sale

March 20, 2011

Empty Bowls, Calvary Community Church

June 24, 25, 26, 2011

AAW Symposium in St. Paul

Member Submitted

Websites:

<http://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/online/bresler/>

<http://matterofwoodwork.com/gallery.html>

http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning_articles.html

Send any websites related to turning to Gary Mrozek at gmrozek@charter.net.

They will be included in the newsletter each month.

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.

All wanted or for sale/trade items should include a brief description, price (if for sale) and name of person listing and their "how to contact" information.

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