

A Publication of the Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners



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The Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners (MMAW) is a members based not for profit organization, providing an environment of interest and activities dedicated to the enjoyment of woodturning activities and to promote woodturning to the local community through education and charitable events.

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Important Reminder

John Caye would like items for displaying at the Wood Expo. Any members who have items for display, please bring them to the next meeting on April 9. Pack them carefully and label the items so that they can be protected as they are delivered to the Expo. Bowls, pens, boxes, hollow forms, etc., are needed.

Thank you to all who are willing to share their creations.



MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **Socializing** with fellow members **starts at 9:30AM**, coffee and treats available. Meetings are held in the Paramount Visual Arts Center (VAC) which is located in the basement of the Paramount Theatre, downtown St. Cloud, MN. All city parking is free on Saturdays, this includes the ramp near the Paramount as well as metered street parking. The **membership meeting starts at 10:00AM** (most meetings are about 1.5-2 hours long including the social time) and include announcements, members sharing their turned creations, a demo or presentation related to turning, and occasionally other activities such as a holiday celebration or wood exchange. (Click on the Paramount marquee for a link to their website.)

Saturday April 9 is the next membership meeting.



The MMAW is an affiliate of the AAW. Click in the middle of AAW logo to reach the AAW Site.

Reflections

From the MMAW President

The President has missed the last two meetings due to sickness and a family wedding. Thanks to Denny Myers for filling in the past 2 months. Thanks to Jim Preusser for the March demo on unique turned birdhouses.

The April meeting will be held on Saturday the 9th with social time starting at 9:30 AM and the monthly meeting at 10:00 AM. Bill Baker will be giving the demo this month. Please bring a turning for our instant gallery and a chunk of wood for our monthly wood exchange. We will be discussing the Wood Expo (April 16th) preparations and getting volunteers to help with setup, demos, information on the club and other items.

And last but not least, "BE SAFE" in your woodturning. Always wear a face shield when turning and a dust mask when sanding.

Jim Brodd

MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2016

1. Visitors at our meeting were Mike Hunter from Rice, Cole Poser from Avon, Fred Schmoll from Hutchinson and Woody Baker from Cold Spring.
2. Denny Myers opened the meeting reminding everyone of the Empty Bowls event on March 20th and the Wood Expo on April 16th. John Caye is organizing turners at our booth at the Expo. Woodcraft will provide free delivery of any items that are preordered. Contact Timothy Roseth at 952-884-3634 if you would like to take advantage of this offer.
3. There was a brief discussion of the Rudy Lopez demo. The participants had some good comments about the instruction and the event.
4. Gary Mrozek shared some information about the progress on the possibility of our club utilizing the **Paramount Tech Center** (the location of Rudy's demo) in the future. Plans are ongoing with a plan hopefully done by September. If you have any questions please contact Gary.
5. John Caye would like club members to bring items to be displayed at the Wood Expo. Bring them to the next meeting on April 9. Pack them carefully and label the items so that they can be protected as they are delivered to the Expo. Bowls, pens, boxes, hollow forms, etc., are needed.
6. We will have a **Wood Raffle** at our next meeting.
7. Instant Gallery. Jim Preusser had a large Wisconsin River Birch bowl that he said if it had been his first bowl it would have been his last.

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MMAW Business Items

**Treasurer's Report March 2016
Byron John - Treasurer**

<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$2553.76
<i>Expenditures</i>	\$322.85
<i>Income</i>	\$201.00
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$2431.91

Calendar

Next Meetings:

Sat. May 14

Sat. June 11

Demonstrations:

Sat. April 9 - Bill Baker

Other:

Sat. April 16 Wood Expo

30th AAW Symposium June 9-12 in Atlanta

2015-2016

MMAW Board of Directors

Jim Brodd	President
Denny Myers	Vice President
Guy Schafer	Secretary
Byron John	Treasurer
John Caye	Past President
Dan Monson	Director - 2 years
Albert Keppers	Director - 1 year
Jim Preusser	Director - 1 year

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8. Next month Bill Baker will be doing a demo on **Safety**.
9. Jim Preusser gave a very interesting demo on his unique turned birdhouses. He likes to use basswood or mahogany as they hold up to the weather well. He uses 1 1/2 inch stock. He cuts them at a 15 degree angle to get a cylinder of 12 pieces. The pieces are 6 - 8 inches long and are laid edge to edge on two strips of tape and then glued and taped together to form the cylinder (pipe clamps are used once the tape holds the pieces in place). He attaches a face plate onto one end and a plug (the future bottom) to the other end held on by the tail stock and then turns the outside to the desired shape. The inside can then be turned after removing the plug. Jim then turns it around and finishes turning the inside. The bottom is turned and glued to the finished birdhouse cylinder. Jim uses musical cymbals that a friend gets for him at sales for his roofs. He attaches the roof by connecting a metal strip on the top of the house and using a tap to put threads in the metal to accept the hanger through the roof. You could turn the roof from wood, white oak or cedar would be good choices.
10. Jim Preusser won \$16.00 with the 50/50 drawing.



Executive Board Minutes from February 13, 2016

John Caye reported on the Club Booth for Wood Expo. He is working on a display for club members turned items.

Denny Myers reported on the Paramount Tech Building: There has been no reply to the questions we submitted. There is an indication that a user fee of \$50.00 per 4 hour block and staffing fee of \$22.00 per hour would be imposed on all users of the Paramount Tech site facilities.

The stipend for Rudy Lopez will be the same paid to Dixie Biggs, \$200.00. Motion to approve by John Caye and seconded by Albert Keppers. All Aye.

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April 16 Wood Expo

The eleventh annual Wood Expo will be held from 9:00AM - 4:30PM on Saturday, April 16 at Sports East on the Benton County Fair Grounds. Presentations on turning a thin stemmed goblet, setting up a band saw, antler carving and the Honor Canes Presentation will be featured during the show. Cost is \$5. Plan to attend.

Wood Raffle

Please remember our April Wood Raffle and bring a piece or two (or more) of wood to the April meeting for the raffle.



Empty Bowls Report

Guy reported we had 84 bowls for the event on March 20. Mark Scholer and Guy attended from 11 to 4.



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Authorize \$50.00 for Tech Building rental. Motion to approve by Byron John and seconded by Albert Keppers. All Aye. (Note: the VAC was not available due to other commitments).

Authorize 1 gallon of Anchor Seal for workroom. Motion to approve by John Caye and seconded by Byron John. All Aye.

MMAW to work the Woodshow on behalf of the AAW at the State Fairgrounds. Motion to deny by Byron John and seconded by John Caye. All Aye.

There was discussion about Wood Expo door prize(s). Lathe rotation schedule as an agenda item for a future Executive Board meeting.

Rudy Lopez Stops In Central MN

Thursday, March 20 brought a well known and very talented photographer/woodturner to central MN. As he began his visit to MN, he was hoping to experience some snow. Instead of snow he saw bare ground excepting for a few remaining piles of parking lot snow and was greeted by warm temperatures similar to what he left behind in his home state of Florida. The turner the MMAW was fortunate to experience at the Paramount's set building facility in Waite Park was Rudolph (goes by Rudy) Lopez. Rudy was brought to MN by the MWA (<http://www.mnwoodturners.com>), and as the club has done numerous times over the past few years, they asked if we would like to have a demo in our area by a professional turner prior to the turner starting a few days of demos and hands-on classes in the cities for their club members.

The 20+ MMAW members in attendance were not to be disappointed by the humor as well as the woodturning skills of Mr. Lopez. In about 2 hours he shared information on his choices for turning tools, explained how they were sharpened, and then demonstrated their uses along with methods of chucking and sanding jigs he uses when making one of his square vases on the lathe.

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MMAW 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 levels 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 their 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 skills are welcome to stop over as I am always learning as well. 3-4 days notice please.

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As we have found with most turners (not just professional turners), they are eager to share information and their know-how. Rudy also stressed that all turners should make sure when they are turning that first they are turning safely and secondly they are having fun.

Rudy shares information related to "how to turn" several of his styles of vessels on his website: RudolphLopez.com. How he turns his various styled vessels are listed under "Handouts". He also has listed some links to sites under "Resources" and his webmaster is continually adding to these. Give one of his vessel styles a try, you may just find a new design that gets you creating a beautiful wood creation on the lathe.

Thank you, Rudy, for a great demo and making 2 hours of woodturning a fun and educational experience for all in attendance.

Thank you to all of our club members who worked on bringing Rudy to St. Cloud. Thanks to the MWA for offering our club the chance to see another talented turner without traveling to the cities. And finally, thank you to all who attended, without your interest and willingness to attend demos like Rudy's we would not be able to continue these. We are all curious who our leadership will bring to us next.

Arts Underground

Each Thursday evening from late September through mid-May, excepting some holiday weeks, a few dedicated MMAW members arrive at the Paramount VAC before 6pm and provide three hours of one on one help to Arts Underground participants interested in learning to turn.

Thanks to our members who are giving interested turners a chance to make a vessel and gain skills for what may become a life long hobby or more for them.



March 12 Demo by Jim Preusser

A big thank you to Jim for sharing how he makes his unique and beautiful bird houses



A special thanks to Bill Langen for taking photos of the demo at the March meeting



MMAW Instant Gallery
Thank you to all members
who shared their creations
with the membership at
the March 12 meeting.



Executive Board Minutes from March 12, 2016

Eddie Och gave the club \$100.00 that was in the coffee fund. He has purchased supplies (coffee, napkins, coffee pot, etc) from this fund and over the past couple of years this money was left. Thanks Eddie for being in charge of this for us.

No minutes from the last meeting, Guy was gone. Denny will try to locate his notes from the meeting.

Byron's treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2553.53 before the meeting. We took in \$20.00 from the 50/50, \$6.00 from the library, \$100.00 from the coffee fund, and \$75.00 from membership dues.

The Rudy Lopez demo cost the club appx. \$350.00 which included supper for Rudy, Linda Ferber (AAW) and Neil Robinette (MWA). We took in \$360.00 for the event.

There was a discussion concerning the Paramount tech site which was used for the Rudy demo. Denny pointed out that it is important to keep in mind that we need to look at this as to how it will affect our club. We have a list of concerns and questions that are being discussed at the Paramount and until they are answered we really can't do anything. Stay tuned. If you have any comments or concerns please direct them to Jim Brodd our club president or Gary Mrozek who is our liaison to the Paramount committee looking into this.

Guy moved and John seconded that the club would pay the entrance fee to the Wood Expo for any Arts Underground (Teen Night) students that come to turn at the expo. Passed

Guy moved and Jim Preusser seconded that the MMWA invite Linda Ferber to the Wood Expo. Passed. Guy will extend an invitation to Linda Ferber from MMAW to the Wood Expo. He will buy name tags to be used at the expo too.

We seem to be out of MMWA brochures. We need to create and/or get new MMWA brochures. Denny will check into this.

Guy asked permission to use a club lathe and tools to turn at the Empty Bowls event on March 20th. John Caye moved and Byron John seconded that Guy be able to use a club lathe and tools to turn at the Empty Bowls event. Passed.





Rudolph Lopez's Finished Vessel



A quick look at Rudy Lopez demoing for MMAW members on March 10 - more of his photos and turnings on page 10



3 Creations/2 Photos by Rudolph Lopez

