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The Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners (MMAW) is a member 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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AAW | AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF WOODTURNERS

WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **The in-person meetings are on HOLD until further notice.**

Meetings are held in the [Tech Site](#) 248 33rd Avenue South Waite Park, MN 56387. Parking in the front and rear of the building (driveway is on south side). Entrances is in the front and back.

Socializing with fellow members starts at 9:30AM, coffee and treats available. 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. The MMAW is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](#).

The topic of the April 10 th meeting will be

**""Natural Edge Bowl video demonstration"
with Gary Mrozek**



Next meeting will be a ZOOM meeting on April 10, 2021

Please check email for a invitation

Meeting will start at 10:00 AM social time at 9:30 AM

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Presidents letter

Hello woodturners, I hope this finds you all healthy, wealthy and wise! If not all three at least a couple of them. I have been doing a little turning but now things are heading outdoors for landscaping projects at the new house. Pavers to put down, edging to redo and the list goes on and on. Gary Mrozek and Ellen Starr were the winners of the Craft Supply USA \$10.00 gift certificates for sharing photos of their work that I posted on our Facebook page. Please send me photos of your work with a brief description to get entered into the drawing. I am trying to get more traffic to our page and hopefully this will raise our profile. If you use Facebook be sure to invite your friends to like our page and visit occasionally. Even if you aren't on Facebook send me photos as the more postings we have the more visits we get and that results in more folks getting curious about our great pastime, woodturning.

Our next meeting is April 10th and Gary Mrozek will be sharing a video he made about turning a natural edge bowl from a fresh log to a finished bowl. He also shares how he uses a microwave oven to dry the bowl at the end. It is a great video with some wonderful tips. I'd like to thank Gary for the work he has done for our club making these videos. You can view many of these videos on line on his YouTube channel. Just go to YouTube and search Gary Mrozek and some of the videos he has done for the club are there. Thanks again Gary.

We have received membership renewals from 31 people so far. If you haven't renewed or joined yet for 2021 please do. The form can be found on our Webpage under the membership tab.

Finally, we are hoping that in the next couple of months or so we will be able to begin having in-person meetings again at the Tech Site. No guarantees, but it looks hopeful with good weather so we could open the big doors and lots of people getting vaccinated! Stay tuned, I'll let you know when I know.

Stay safe and hope to see at the Zoom meeting April 10th.

Guy

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Minutes of the MMAW Meeting, March 13, 2021

9:30 Social Period

10:05 The business part of the meeting opened.

President Guy Schafer reported that the Paramount Art Center is discussing when to allow meetings at the Tech Center. He also reported that Gary Mrozek is preparing a new demo video on natural edge turning with a special section on microwave drying. He has developed a method of microwave drying that allows him to dry a blank one day after cutting down the tree. Tom Lillehei cautioned that the microwave needs to be at a very low setting. The target temperature is in the range of 120° to 140°. Gary's videos are now on YouTube.

Craft Supplies gift coupons were awarded to Gary Mrozek and Ellen Starr. Both received coupons for pictures of their recent work. Ellen has sent a picture of her tiny hollow lidded vessel and finial. Ellen used a tool she made from an allen wrench.

The Executive Board is discussing the purchase of AAW insurance to cover liability.

Guy urges members to suggest online demos that would be appropriate for our meetings during the time of Covid related restrictions.

Kirk DeHeer gave an online demo of turning wooden eggs, a project he highly recommends because it involves a lot of repetition of several techniques. Kirk described the tools and techniques used in each step of the project. Once Kirk has the egg shaped, he sands it with the tenon still intact. He then mounts a new blank from which he makes a jam chuck to use in finishing the ends of the egg.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23

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Instant Gallery

Send some pictures of what you are turning to be included here!
midmnwoodturners@gmail.com



Guy Schafer made this birdhouse from some old cedar and redwood and new cedar for the roof.

Cedar barrel stave birdhouse. Used some old cedar and redwood and some new cedar for the roof. About 12 inches high and 8.5 inches wide.



Gary Mrozek turned these bowls for a possible class he and his wife Faye may be offering at the Paramount Center for the Arts here in St. Cloud. Let them know what you think Gary Mrozek at gary@treesremembered.com..

I will be assisting my wife Faye Fischer Mrozek with a first-time class offering at the Paramount Center For The Arts. We're submitting a proposal for classes of up to 10 students. Each student will have the opportunity to create a Candle Bowl. In the class you'll learn to use traditional milk paint over smooth or textured surfaces. You'll learn several techniques to give your bowl an old, well used, distressed look. Once your bowl is ready, you'll fill your bowl with hot wax over a wooden wick. All the supplies will be provided. Pictured here are some of the bowls you'll start with. More pictures of completed candle bowls coming soon. We'd like to gauge the interest in a public class like this. We're also open to private classes for you and 9 of your friends. It could be a fun wedding party event to make your own centerpieces for the reception (?). Let us know what you think with a comment please send to Gary Mrozek at gary@treesremembered.com.



Guy Schafer finished a couple of projects. The birdhouse is made from cedar 2 x 2, the roof is maple and the base is old pine. The cap is from a piece of Granadillo. The bowl is maple with a cherry and a walnut strip laminated in.

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Consider joining the AAW!

AAW Best of Woodturning Fundamentals Video

Hello Everyone,

AAW is making available the "Best of Woodturning Fundamentals" video featured during AAW's Virtual Symposium in July. Click either of the links below to view. No AAW membership is required to view. And please feel free to pass the link along to all of your chapter members, friends and associates.



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Also, if you not already aware, any member of your chapter who is not presently an AAW member may now become part of the AAW community under our Affiliate member program. Joining as an Affiliate grants free access for 90 days to all of the same online benefits reserved for paid members. No credit card required. No long term obligation. Use the same link as above for more information.

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Phil McDonald
American Association of Woodturners

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Check out the newsletters from the [Minnesota Woodturners Association](#) they are very interesting.

Mini newsletter #49 is on the MWA website. It can also be accessed at the following url:

<https://www.mnwoodturners.com/cms-files/-mini-49-converted.pdf>

Mike Rohrer
MWA Newsletter Editor

TOOLS EXPLAINED

DRILL PRESS : A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL : Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh*t'

DROP SAW : A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS : Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

WISE-GRIPS : Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

ADJUSTABLE WRENCH: aka "Another hammer", aka "the Swedish Nut Lathe", aka "Crescent Wrench". Commonly used as a one size fits all wrench, usually results in rounding off nut heads before the use of pliers. Will randomly adjust size between bolts, resulting in busted buckles, curse words, and multiple threats to any inanimate objects within the immediate vicinity.

BELT SANDER : An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW : One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

TABLE SAW : A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

BAND SAW : A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER : Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER : A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

HOSE CUTTER : A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER : Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE : Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

Son of a bitch TOOL : Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a b*tch' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

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Please check out our [Facebook page](#) (click to open) Be sure to like and follow us if you are on Facebook

Photos Of Meeting on [Facebook](#)
(click to open)

To make a post show up as a tag!

To get
the



MidMinnesota Association of Woodturners to show up as a tag, I simply typed the @ symbol followed by MMAWoodturners. So it looks like this:

Walnut on walnut: Equal halves of the same walnut log were used to create this 7-inch platter and 6-inch bowl. A special thanks to the @MMAWoodturners for the coaching and guidance you've provided over the past couple of years. I'm a better turner for it!

The @MMAWoodturners is the tagging action recognizes the club's page on your personal post. When the tagged organization is selected as you write the post, it inserts the full club name--the blue highlighted text--into the post, which in turn publishes your personal post to the club's news feed.)

Thank you Bob McClintick for taking care of our Facebook page!

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Empty Bowls

Bill and Guy with some of our bowls made for the Empty Bowls event rescheduled to ?, 2021.

