

SHAVINGS

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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.

MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month.



WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

The next meeting is scheduled for

April 12

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.

The April 12 meeting will have a demonstration by

Guy Florek.

He will turn a **unique live edge object**, not your typical banana bowl.

Bring one of your live edge bowls to share.

The [MMAW](#) is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](#).

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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 includes 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 [PCA](#) (Paramount Center for the Arts) is no longer requiring all folks in their buildings to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 48 hours of the event.

Shavings from the Prez,

What an amazing turnout we had in March. Close to 30 people without our snowbirds. Thank you Guy Shafer for putting on a great demo.

The challenge for next month is to apply what we learned from the demo and turn a **lidded box**. Additionally, for the remainder of the year, we are turning **wig stands**. I would like to set a goal of 50 stands before the year is out. So far we have six. Let's keep them coming.

I presented the idea of a club logo that we could use for patches, stickers, or t-shirts. The idea is to get items made before the symposium



Here is one idea for the logo, if you have any other artwork ideas, please let me know.

Be safe in the shop and keep your tools sharp.

Tyler

Open Shop is the first Thursday and the second Tuesday of every month.

Some of the many wonderful items turned at **Arts Underground** at the Paramount



March meeting minutes

- * In spite of the snow last February, we had several visitors and added some new members to the club. March meeting was well attended for Guy's lidded box demonstration.
- * This month the Show and Tell featured the wig stands that Tyler presented in February. These will be donated to the Cancer center in Mora. We could definitely use more. Handouts for this project can be found on the board near the coffee table.
- * Symposium is coming up quickly and we could use some volunteers especially as mentors for the Youth Training sessions. Please look online or in your last newsletter for links to sign up for the symposium with the club discount and to volunteer.
- * We still need some help with open shop. If you can volunteer for a first Thursday or a second Tuesday of the month- it would be greatly appreciated. The shop is open 6-8 pm and Don may have the doors open earlier if you want to come and work on your own project. Woodworkers' Club is willing to offer another shop safety course for those who would like to use the tools in the Tech center during open shop. Let Tyler know if you are interested and we can arrange a date.
- * We are considering offering club branded apparel (t-shirts, aprons, smocks, hats, patches) to wear at the AAW symposium. Tyler presented a possible logo, but if you want to try designing one, please send your logo our way.
- * Next meeting is April 12 and will feature a demonstration on live edge bowls.

UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

April will have Guy Florek demonstrating a **Unique Natural Edge Bowl** turning,

May will have a demonstration on [Air Brushing Techniques by Joe Flemming](#).

June we will skip our meeting because of the **AAW Symposium**.

July we will have a **tool sale, wood exchange/raffle and wood processing** event.

August will be our annual **Picnic Lunch/Brunch**.

October we will have several **Seasonal Ornaments Demonstrated**.

November will see **Dan Larson** from the Minneapolis club demonstrate **Plates/Platters**.

December will be our **Christmas Brunch**.

We are trying to see how we can get more people turning and using the MMAW equipment. Is there another time besides the **Open Shop** times that you would like to be able to come to the **Tech Site** and use the lathes?

Would a morning or afternoon time work better for you?

If you have any ideas or input on this let **Tyler** or another **Board Member** know and we can have a discussion about it and see what we can come up with.

We aim to please and get more people turning!

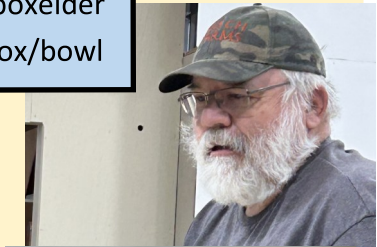
Instant Gallery

Wayne Rusch and his boxelder lidded box/bowl

Mark Scholer and his bowl of eggs turned from multiple types of wood.



Dale Field turned these four bowls



Chuck Hunt's Candle holders, Chuck also made three wig stands



Ellen Starr made this lidded hollow form from Madrone with a bearing inlay



Guy Florek made these two vases from red maple

Guy Schafer's wig stands



Bob McClintick made this American Elm bowl and a laminated plywood bowl



Tyler Smith's wig stand

March Meeting



Some new faces



Challenge Projects

1. Turn a wig stand and bring it a meeting, we will be donating them to cancer patients.

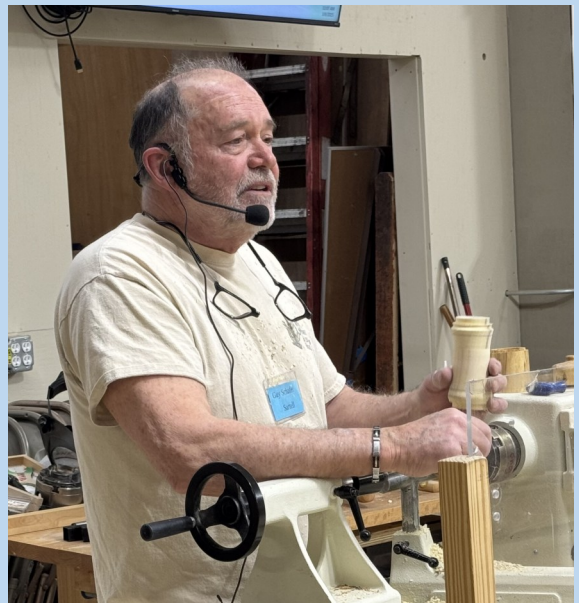


2. Use our March demo as motivation and turn a lidded box and bring it to the next meeting.



MMAW members, if you have considered joining the [\(CMWA\) Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association](#) we have a deal for you! The **CMWA** will give you a **\$10.00 discount** on membership in their club when you join. This will give you access to their tools and expertise for woodworking projects. The same arrangement goes for **CMWA** members, if you join the [MMAW](#) you will get a \$10.00 discount on membership and you'll have access to **MMAW** tools and their expertise.

Some pictures from **Guy Schafer's Lidded Box** demo.



Meet the Turners

Eddy Och here. My wife Joan and I have two children, Tina and Tim who are both great people and doing good. I joined the Navy reserves when I was a senior in high school. I enjoyed my time and ended up staying in the Navy for 20 years. I was involved with food services on an aircraft carrier. When I got out of the Navy I returned to an interest I had while in high school, auto body work. This led me to working at Peter's Body Shop for 30+ years. In our spare time we did lots of camping as a family. We camped in all of Minnesota's state parks except one and have camped in all 50 states except 5. That's a lot of camping. I also played men's softball till I was a young 65 years old. I enjoyed woodworking and was a member of the Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association. When the MMAW started as an offshoot of that group I took up woodturning so that makes me a charter member of the MMAW. I enjoy turning segmented items and other small things.



Hi - I'm Skip Kmitch, from St. Cloud and joined MMAW about a year ago. The majority of my working career has been with commercial construction contractors in various roles from carpenter to job supervisor. My last eleven years of full time employment was with an engineering company from Golden Valley in the finance services department. The job was approving pay requests from commercial contractors for lenders. Projects were located throughout the US and required considerable travel. I accumulated two and a quarter million miles with NW Airlines in those 11 years. Following that I worked maintenance part time as my retirement job for St Cloud Orthopedic Associates for about 10 years. I became interested in turning after a friend posted some pictures on Facebook. I purchased a lathe and turning tools a little over a year ago. Turning bowls, vases, mushrooms, snowmen, and trees are my favorites so far. All types of wood grains are interesting, with my favorites being cherry, maple and black

walnut. Joining MMAW has been a great experience for me meeting many interesting and talented people. My hobbies include wood turning of course, biking, gardening and some travel. My wife, Judy, a Freeport native and I have been married for 55 years, have three children - a son in St. Cloud, and two daughters - one in WI and one in TN. We have been blessed with six wonderful grandchildren along with several grand dogs and a couple cats. My family and I have been dealing with some health issues since 2017. With the love and support of family and excellent care, those issues have gone very well. I would encourage anyone dealing with major health issues to always seek a second opinion. We're very fortunate to have Rochester Mayo close by.