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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 11th , 2026

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 are in the front and back.

The April 11th meeting will have

Tyler Smith and **Guy Schafer**
demonstrating pen making skills

from prepping pen blanks to turning and finishing the completed pens.

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.

Remember that there are MMAW members that are willing and able to stay after our regular monthly meetings to help you with wood processing, sharpening, turning or any other things you would like.

Open Shop Nights are every month on the First Thursday and the Second Tuesday from 6 – 8:30, come take advantage of it!

The challenge for the April 11th meeting is to share your box made the Gary Mrozek (Michael Cullen) way, or something you made!
Show us what you are up to in your shop!

Letter from the Prez,

Thank you Gary for a great demonstration. I have seen bandsaw boxes before but never done like that. Your sample pieces were very impressive as well.

At our April meeting, I will be teaming up with Guy Schafer showing how we do pens. The main reason is that the last weekend in April, we will have a booth set up at the **Snow Daze** festival in Sartell making pens, tops, and other small items. Please sign up to help set up, demonstrate, and tear down.

If you are interested in AAW's virtual symposium, please let me know. I have applied for the club's discount code, and am just waiting to hear back.

That's all for now. Stay safe in the shop and keep your tools sharp.

Tyler

Meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

Tyler shared information about the up coming **Snow Daze** event on April 24, 25, 26. We will have a booth with a couple lathes so we can share our woodturning with participants. Volunteers will be needed and there will be sign-up sheet at our next meeting.

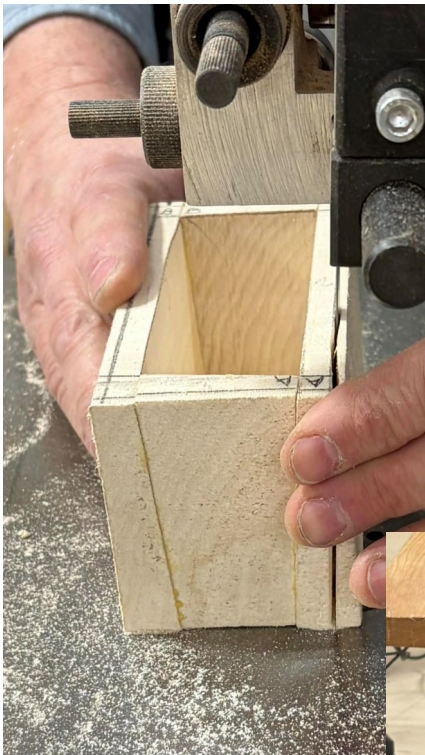
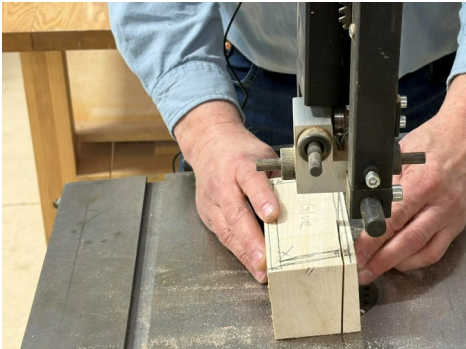
Some members shared some of their creations.

Gary Mrozek gave a demonstration on making a band saw box the **Michael Cullen** way. Nice Job Gary!

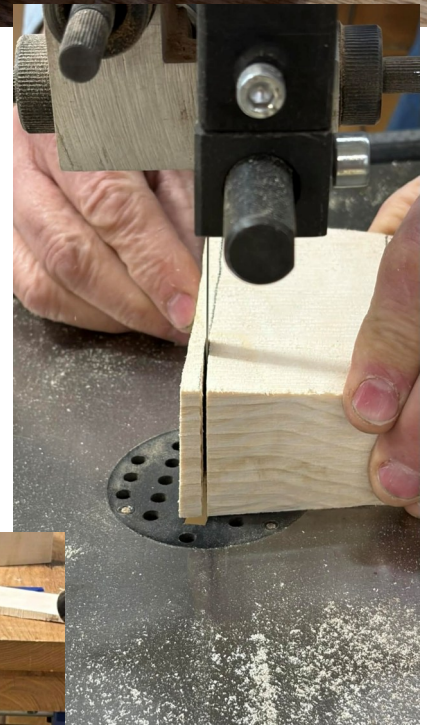
The meeting was adjourned after the demonstration.



Pics from Gary's Demo



Gary demonstrated how to make a bandsaw box the Michael Cullen way. No rulers allowed:) This is the [Link](#) to Gary's demonstration.



Instant Gallery



Tyler Smith turned this cedar bowl from some of the wood we got from Mike Hunter

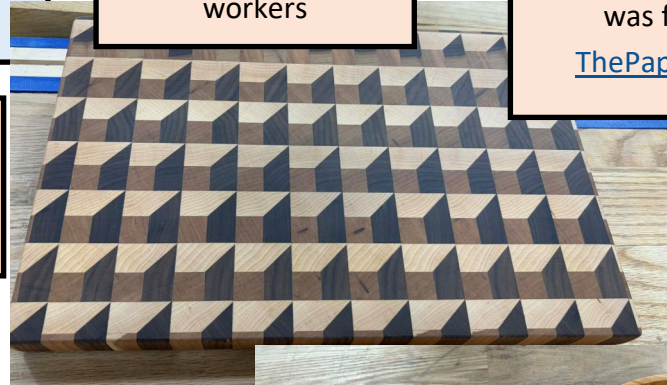
Mike Heneghan made these two segmented pieces. He made the cutting board in a class offered by the Paramount Center for the Arts and the woodworkers



Mike's inspiration for this stairstep bowl was from ThePapa1947



Steve Clark turned these nested bowls



Guy Schafer turned these two cherry bowls from the cherry logs we processed in September.



Bob McClintick and his platter made from pine or fir



Guy Florek made this little walnut weed pot. He hollowed it out from the bottom and the top



Jim Bridenstine made these two bandsaw boxes

Dale Field made these 5 bowls and was bummed out because his finish didn't dry



Snow Daze 2026

Join us April 24, 25, 26.

New Location:

Sartell Community Center

850 19th St. S.

Sartell, MN

Three days of fun, excitement and amazing classes. We are offering 18 classes this year with a wide range of projects sure to peak anyone's interest. Three of the classes will be led by Caricature Carvers of America members.



If any MMAW members are interested in taking a class check out the **Central Minnesota Woodcarvers Association** page and join the approximately 120 folks already signed up for a class.

The MMAW will be participating in the **Snow Daze** activities. We will have two lathes set up with our members available to help carvers and other guests try their hand at woodturning. We will have pen kits and other small simple things to turn.

We will need MMAW members to volunteer for this activity.

Check your calendar for the April dates (24, 25, 26) to see when you might be able to help. **There will be sign up sheets at our April 11th meeting.** It will be a great way to give back to the our club and the community and to have some fun passing on the love and joy of turning to some new folks!

We will also have a table set up for our members to sell some of their creations. If you have any questions bring them up at the April 11th meeting!

Some of our upcoming Demos and Activities

April-All about Pens from start to finish

May-All the different tools we use and how to use them

June-Wood selection and then how to process the wood

August-Picnic

September-Hopefully [Eli Polite](#), check out his link

There will be an opportunity to try your hand at pen turning after our April 11th meeting if you haven't done any pen turning and would like to give it a try! [Link](#) There are lots of pen turning videos, this one shows how to drill your blanks on the lathe which is nice, no big drill press needed.

LeAnn Kemper will have some freshly cut boxelder logs at our April 11th meeting. If you are interested come prepared to take some home. We have a chainsaw, bandsaws and anchor seal available to process it if wanted or needed.



If anyone is in need of some large cherry logs talk to Dave Pogatchnik or Guy Schafer at the meeting. The wood has been stored in a dry barn for several years. Some of it is very solid and there are several pieces that would make good firewood, More good than bad, and the price is right, **FREE!**



If you are interested in ordering a turning Smock let **Tyler** know, the cost would be around \$25.00. We also have patches for \$6.00 to sew onto your new smock!

Our Jet lathe is in the process of being fixed thanks to diagnostics brilliance of **Earl Felling!** We still need some help with the noisy Delta lathe at the Paramount, contact **Guy Schafer** if you are willing to help.

Sometimes members wonder where to get woodturning turning supplies. The following are some sources many woodturners use for woodturning supplies. [Penn State Industries](#), [Craft Supply USA](#), [Woodcraft Supply](#) (there is a store in Minneapolis) and [Rockler](#) (there are three