

A Publication of the Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners

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.



WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

The next meeting is scheduled for
February 11

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

Our February demo will be by Guy Floreck.

He will demonstrate how he re-mounts a dry, once turned bowl for final turning and finishing. He will also explain how he prepares for a sale he is going to.

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

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

Socializing with fellow members starts at 9:30AM, coffee is 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

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. They are encouraging everyone to wear a mask while in the buildings.

Hello members.

Spring has arrived! I hope you are all doing well. We are going to start up a challenge project for our meetings. They are going to be as follows, May a mallet, June a bowl and July a box. There will be a \$10 cash prize each month for people who bring a challenge or instant gallery piece.

Volunteering was a major subject of our last board meeting. We have many opportunity's for you to help with. I will have a list at the meeting to look at and sign up on, or you can give me a call if you would like to help with open shop. We would like to have a turner there for each open shop time in case someone comes that wants to turn. We are also looking for a few people to serve on an **Election Committee**. They will need to look for a **President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Director at Large**. Please think about helping on the committee or severing in one of those positions on the board.

We have the **Art Crawl** coming up on June 16th. Lee Ann Kemper has volunteered to chair this. Please think about helping out that day. For this **Art Crawl** we will be outside in front of the Paramount. Guy Shafer has volunteered to head The **Empty Bowls** event on September 16th. The **Club Picnic** will be at our August meeting, please let me know if you would like to organize it.

Last month we recorded the meeting and made it available to view. If you have not looked at it please look it over. It is at this [link](#) Or copy and paste the following address on your internet browser of choice, Google or Microsoft Edge or what you use to search the internet.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1dyyOYLI4IndW6AzCn2eoK7RltP6mop4W>

It is a work in progress to improve our skills. **To get the links to work left click on your mouse.**

I will be hosting a **Open Shop** after the April meeting. Please stay if you would like. We can get out lathes and turn (bring your own wood), get help with a problem or discuss any thing else you want. Bring a lunch if you would like. I plan on being around until 2 PM.

At the April meeting Guy Florek will be demonstrating how he remounts his pieces to twice turn them. He will also discuss what he does to prepare for craft/art sales he goes to. How he prices, gets ready for outdoor or indoor events and what he takes along for the sales.

I hope to see you all at the April 8th meeting.

Turn safe,

Fred

Open Shop Opportunities

We will be having Open Shop after every meeting till around 2:00. Fred and/or other club members will be there till around 2:00, please stay if you would like. We can get out lathes and turn (bring your own wood), get help with a problem or discuss anything else you want. Bring a lunch if you would like.

There will also be open shop the 1st Thursday and 2nd Tuesday of every month hosted by the CMWA (Central Minnesota Woodworker Association) and the MMAW (us) from 6:00 to around 8:30. There will be people available to help with using CMWA tools and the lathes and sharpening systems.

MMAW members will be needed to volunteer to help with these opportunities.

Minutes MMAW Meeting of March 12.2023

The Meeting opened at 10:00 and was well attended despite a snowstorm.

New members and guests: Mike, Andre, Phil, Jim, Betty and Jim

Announcements:

Fred has printed out a roster of members and asks that we check it for accuracy.

The Tech Center has installed an electric key pad for the door.

Lighting has been significantly improved.

Open Shop will be on the 1st Thursday and the 2nd Tuesday of every month. We need some of our members to volunteer to be there to help any people who turn up that want to turn. Volunteers can turn too.

Fred will be available after the meeting to help anyone who wants to use the equipment till 2:00.

The Arts Underground and woodworking classes are doing well. There will be art crawls on June 16, in August and October.

Our club remains in touch with members through email blasts and on our Facebook page.

Demo:

Gary Mrozak demonstrated his approach to segmented turning. His materials are glue, wax paper, and adhesive tape. For tools he uses a calculator, ruler, caliper and a miter rule. To begin, you need to determine the length, width and miter angle of the segments. The angle is the number of segments times 2 divided into 360° , or $\text{Angle} = 360^\circ / 2S$.

Gary draws his shape full size, cuts it out and lays it on $1/4"$ graph paper which then allows him to determine the number of segments and rings he will need. He does all these calculations before cutting. He strings the segments together with blue painters tape, applies a liberal amount of glue using a putty knife. With the ends of the tape pulled together the segments are joined along their angled sides forming a ring. Gary uses a hose clamp then to apply pressure. He taps the tops of the segments to assure that the ring is flat, and when the glue has dried sufficiently he sands the ring smooth. Then he stacks and glues the rings, being careful to center the joint of each successive ring over the middle of the ring below. Gary uses Titebond glue and finds that 20 minutes dry time is enough for the piece to be lightly handled.

You can find pictures of some of Gary's slides under The **MORE** tab then [Tools and Information](#)

A video of the demo is also available

50/50 Drawing: The winner was Eddie Och who returned the money so we had a re-drawing and Robert Palmquist then won \$20.

Meeting adjourned.

From our Mid Minnesota Associations of Woodturners Membership Enrollment/Renewal form...

"Do you acknowledge that, like all membership based organizations, it requires the volunteer help of all members to operate? As a new member or returning member of the MMAW we ask you to consider 6 hours of annual service to the club."

Please consider how you can help the MMAW by volunteering some time to the group. There will be several opportunities at the April meeting to get involved. Thanks in advance for helping out!

Instant Gallery

Guy Schafer shared some cherry bowls made from once turned bowls from Albert Keppers. He had extra blanks for others to finish turning for the upcoming Empty Bowls event in September.



Eddie Och shared his coffee mug. He added some texture and died the red band with magic



Bob McClintick made this Walnut spoon and Elm crotch bowl.



Dave Pogatchnik made this segmented bowl with birch and walnut.



LeAnn Kemper turned this egg from some English Yew and the bowl was turned from ash.



Sharon Giesfeldt made this pen from a segmented blank.



Jaden Gonzalez turned this pen.



Ellen Starr turned and carved this flower from Holly and the finial from a piece of red heart.





Gary Mrozek turned this white oak bowl. The wood was a bit punky so after turning the bowl to its finished shape, he mixed some wood putty and milk paint powder (available at Woodcraft and/or Amazon) to the consistency of toothpaste and then forced the mixture into the punky areas. After it dried he did his final sanding and applied his finish. Give Gary a call if you have any questions about this technique.



Guy Florek turned these two red oak natural edge bowls. He carved three feet on one to add a little more pizzazz, and because he could.



Mike Fanslau turned this natural edge vase from some fresh cut elm he says he turned "juicy green". He then carved some flowers from some buckthorn and died them with food coloring.



Some happy successful turners!



Meet the Turners



Josh Mumme here. I have been married for 13 years. I have a 2 year old son that wants to be like dad more and more everyday.

I do instrumentation maintenance at the Monticello Nuclear plant. I have been there for 17 years.

Aside from woodturning I am into shooting sports, archery, backpacking, camping and the last 2 years, whatever my 2 year old son wants to do.

I started woodturning around 2006 when my dad gave me an old Montgomery Wards lathe. The thing was rough, but I made it work. I started meeting with the woodturners group around 2008. This was back when we all met in one of the member's shops or garages.

As far as favorites. Most of what I make goes to friends. A few bowls, a few pens, a few things flew off the chuck and barely missed my face. I don't have a favorite really because most of what I make is given away. I just like the conversations I have with people when we talk about how I make the items. If I had to choose a favorite wood it would be black palm for the black and white contrast, it is also my least favorite because it always splinters on me.

Hi, My name is Dan Butkowski. I worked for Cold Spring Granite for 38 years before retiring in September of 2022. I am married with 2 children and 3 grand children. Our family enjoys camping, hunting and fishing. My wife and I are spending our time building a tiny cabin in northern Minnesota. I became interested in wood turning from Albert Keppers about 10 years ago. Albert was a member of the wood turners group and encouraged me to become a member. I enjoy working with all types of wood.



The following are some sources many woodturners use for woodturning supplies.

[Penn State Industries](#)

[Craft Supply USA](#)

[Woodcraft](#) there is a store in Minneapolis

[Rockler](#) there are three stores in the metro area

Gary's Bowl Class and Guy's Pen class, SUCCESS!



Need some turning wood?

We will be having a wood raffle at the April 8th meeting.

There will be multiple pieces of wood for members to buy \$1.00 raffle tickets.

After everyone who wishes to buy a ticket(s) has done so, we will have a drawing.

The first winner will be able to pick the piece of wood they like.

We will keep drawing numbers until all the wood is gone.

If anyone has any wood they would like to donate please bring it to the meeting.



The following is repeated From the March Newsletter

There has been some discussions about where we turners can buy wood locally for turning so here a few options for green wood as well as some kiln dried wood.

Mike Fanslau, of [Renaissance Design Group](http://RenaissanceDesignGroup.com), might be able to help. He is one of our club members and has a sawmill and sells slabs and other options for wood. If you have a log he might be able to mill it for you. His phone number is 320-492-1637, his email mikefanslau@gmail.com and he has a website www.portablewoodworker.com

Another option would be **Greg Pont**, some of us went on a field trip to Greg's for a tour of his operation. He has all the local wood types available as well as some exotics that he is selling. He can be reached at **Pont's Logging and Lumber** in Bowlus, MN. He has a new website, Pontslumber.com his email is Pontslumber@gmail.com and you can text/call him at **320-584-5573**

Bill Sampson, a former club member also has a sawmill and lots of wood at his place in Paynesville. If you have a log at least 4 feet long he can mill it for you or he may have some cut offs available. Bill's phone number is **320-557-5331**.