

# SHAVINGS

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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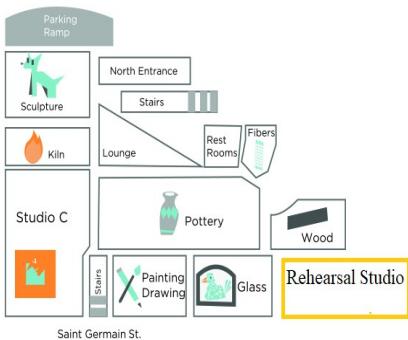
**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Rehearsal Studio . (see map)

**Attention: The August 10, 2019 membership meeting will take place at the:**

[Paramount Tech Site](#)  
248 33rd Avenue South  
Waite Park, MN 56387

Meetings are held in the [Paramount Center For The Arts](#) (VAC) which is located in the basement of the Paramount Theater, downtown St. Cloud, MN. All city parking is free on Saturdays; this includes the ramp near the Paramount as well as metered street parking.

**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 president's challenge for July is :**  
**Is a natural edge bowl with or without the bark on !**

Next Meeting Saturday August 10, 2019

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

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### President Letter

Well I hate to say it but the year is half over it up to you whether you prefer the cold or the warm weather we are having right now. Me I am looking forward to fall that for me is the best time of the year cooler weather change of colors fall camping the list goes on.

But for us as a club as we draw closer to the end of the year decisions need to be made as to the direction the club goes as far as board members concerned . This year Positions that need to be filled are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and two Member at Large positions. The first two listed require that you be a member of the club for a year as well as the treasurer. Member at large positions are open anyone and encouraged to all as the input of you the club member is valued Some of you have stepped forward to put their name in the hat others may think about and others may be asked. There is a committee for the purpose seeking out individuals to fill any of a number of positions open. If you should be asked put some thought in to it you have an opportunity to lead the club into the future make it thrive and grow.

The June meeting was held at the Tech Center in the Waite Park Industrial complex. Twenty plus people attended the food, fun and fellowship to make the picnic a success. We started something new. If you are one of the club members chosen in the Presidents' Challenge, you will receive a \$15 gift certificate for the Paramount. First to receive one of these gift cards was Ellen Starr. I would also like to say thank you to both Denny and Roxanne for getting the meat and buns.

One of the events that the MMAW participates in is the annual Outdoor Art Crawl . This year's date is August 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 in the evening. It is held outside in front of Paramount. This event is a representation of our club to the general public, a chance to get to know fellow turners and also be part of Paramount collaboration supporting the arts. Let Guy Schafer know what time you can help. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup and turning during the event.

Our August 10th meeting will more than likely bring us back to the Tech Center for a demonstration by Linda Ferber. Linda is a board member of the AAW and is known for her embellished lidded boxes.

The President's Challenge for is a natural edge bowl. If this is your first natural edge bowl, start small and turn it from something that is wet / green wood. It turns easily and has a better chance of coming out the shape you want.

See you at the next meeting! Until then turn safe, have fun and bring something to share at our next meeting.

Jerry

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MMAW monthly meeting and annual picnic July 13, 2019

Announcements: President Jerry Wervey will be having a meeting with Bob Johnson of the Paramount. They will discuss the array of activities both at the Paramount and at the Tech Center. In addition the Paramount may be considering remodeling the basement to better accommodate the groups and activities that meet there.

Jerry emphasized the importance of having MMAW turners doing demos at the Art Crawl on August 9. The Paramount is generous in supporting the club, but depends on our participation in the Art Crawl to show the community what we contribute. A sing up sheet was circulated, and members were encouraged to sign up for vacant time slots.

Jerry requested that members respond to club email blasts. Communication and organization go more smoothly if the members let the chairman of the event know if they can help or not.

Instant Gallery: Jerry Wervey, Pam Lillehei and Fred Schmoll showed their tops. Ellen Starr displayed a wand, a wall hanging with a laser cut border and a lidded vessel turned from Australian eucalyptus and ebony and with a smokey quartz bead. Bill Langen brought a small goblet made from crab-apple and osage orange.

Awards: Pam won the top raffle. Ellen Starr received a \$15.00 gift certificate and Roxanne Myers got a gift certificate for the Paramount.

This was on Facebook from Rockler:

**"WOODWORKING IS".**

**Woodturning is 1/3 planning, 1/3 execution and  
1/3 looking for the tool you just set down.**

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### Instant Gallery





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### Safety tip

#### Respiratory and Skin Protection

A major safety issue involving the use of personal protection equipment involves ensuring that the operator is adequately protected from fine particulates carried in inhaled air and carried deep into the lungs, particularly in repeated exposures over extended periods of time. Installation of an efficient dust collection intake at the lathe and other dust sources, coupled with a high air flow volume dust removal system (including particle filtration) is highly recommended.

Some people are particularly bothered by dust from woods such as cocobolo and other exotics, and the dust from grinding, sanding, and sawing can be just as harmful as that coming from the lathe. In addition to respiratory hazards, be especially mindful that contact with many exotic woods, spalted woods, or many more common woods might give you skin reactions. Wash thoroughly after working with any woods that you aren't familiar with. Be particularly careful with bringing food or open beverage containers into the shop, as they easily attract dust that can be ingested, causing severe reactions. Some reactions may not be evident for up to several hours after exposure.

From the AAW Safety Guidebook.  
<https://www.woodturner.org/page/GuestPublications>

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

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### **Photo Booth**

For the pictures of the Instant Gallery at the meeting we will have the photo booth set up. We would like you to bring your piece to the booth and we will take 2 pictures. One of the piece alone and one with your name tag. You can then put your piece on the table. This will help us get done faster and help to see that we get photos of all the pieces brought in. If you would like to use the booth to take your own pictures please feel free to do so.

We are also looking for more help with setup, taking photos and take down. We would like to rotate the task every month or so. Training will be provided.