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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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WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

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

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](#) .



Next in person Meeting is on Saturday September 12, 2020

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

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Presidents letter

I hope this finds all you MMAW folks healthy and still making things.

I hope you have all been made aware of the decision to move our regular monthly meetings to the Paramount Tech Center in Waite Park. The MMAW executive board made the unanimous decision to move club meetings, demonstrations and workshops to the Paramount's Tech Center in Waite Park effective immediately and continuing for one year. We considered member's input and also discussed how the move may allow us to provide the MMAW with more opportunities to meet our club member's needs for skill building while maintaining the social aspects of the club. This decision was also driven by the corona virus pandemic and the desire to resume in-person meetings at the earliest opportunity, possibly in time for the Sept. 12 meeting. More information about this decision is included in the Newsletter. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

I really enjoyed the AAW Virtual Symposium. I missed a couple sessions so I'm hoping to get all caught up before they go away. I was really impressed with how well the live demonstrations went. With close camera shots and the questions asked and answered during and after the presentations it was almost as good as being there live but in a front row seat. We could do some of these for our club as many pro-turners are now doing this rather than traveling to do demonstrations for clubs. No travel time, lodging costs, packing...it is easier and more comfortable for them to do the demo live from their own studios. We will discuss this idea with the Executive Board and at our Zoom or in-person meetings.

How many of you lost trees or had storm damage the other night? Well, there is sometimes and upside to storm damage.....

An ornamental apple tree went down in our neighborhood during the storm last week. I saw it when I was on a bike ride. The owner was kind enough to let me have the trunk and larger branches. I made this small 4 1/2 inch bowl from a branch section. The water was oozing out as I turned it. After about 7 - 45 second sessions in the microwave oven at half power it was dry enough to sand. Beautiful color and grain pattern. I'm looking forward to more turning with the wood. If any of you MMAW members send me a picture of something you have turned recently I have a few pieces of it to share. Come on members, let's see what you've been up to. Send some pictures to me and I'll work out a way for you to get some of this beautiful wood.

Guy Schafer

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MMAW Monthly Meeting July, 2020

There was no meeting in July. It was suggested that the members attend the Virtual Symposium sponsored by the AAW on July

After careful consideration, the MMAW executive board has made the unanimous decision to move club meetings, demonstrations and workshops to the Paramount's Tech Center in Waite Park effective immediately and continuing for one year. This decision is driven largely by the corona virus pandemic and the desire to resume in-person meetings at the earliest opportunity, possibly in time for the Sept. 12 meeting.

The Tech Center offers a host of benefits and new opportunities:

- Recent Tech Center upgrades include heating, lighting and improved wireless internet access.
- The ability to open doors to the outside make it more suitable for social distancing while providing a healthier climate to avoid airborne virus particulates.
- The open floor space and rolling tables allow for more pre- and post-meeting activities.
- The Tech Center's easy access (no stairs) makes it more accommodating to members and guests with and without mobility issues.
- We'll have the building and secure storage area entrance codes, which provides more flexibility to do pre- and post-meeting teaching and mentoring using our equipment.
- Parking lot upgrades provide adequate space behind the building. This also gives us close access to our vehicle to share wood, swap tools, barter or sell equipment, etc.
- The woodworkers club (CMWA) has made it their permanent home, which opens up the possibility for shared tools and resources, and the clay and pottery people have concentrated their work area, giving more floor space to woodworkers and woodturners.
- The Paramount wants to see this work for us. As they have proven to us in the past, they will assist us in any way possible to make our partnership mutually beneficial.

The address, directions, available hours and other pertinent details will be consistently spelled out on the MMAW website, on its Facebook page and will be included in our newsletter and official email communications as we make this transition. We're excited about what this opportunity presents, and we look forward to seeing you when it's safe to meet in-person again.

Sincerely,

Guy Schafer Board President Ellen S Treasurer Bill L

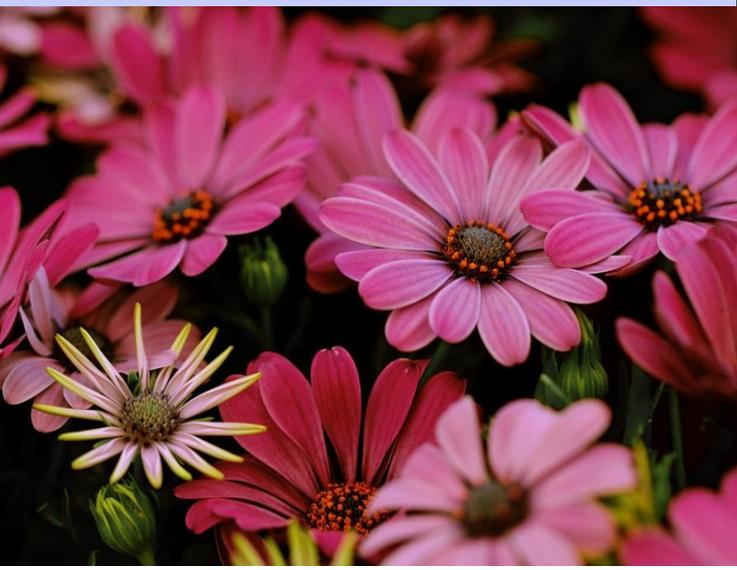
Secretary Tom H Member at Large Bob M Member at Large

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:



1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

The teacher said,
"Well, tell us
what you have,
and maybe we can help".



"The girl hesitated, then read:
"I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:



1. To See...



2. To Hear...



3. To Touch...



4. To Taste...



5. To Feel...



6. To Laugh...



7. And to Love."

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.
The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous!

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Instant Gallery



Guy made this small 4 1/2 inch bowl from a ornamental apple tree. The water was oozing out as I turned it. After about 7 - 45 second sessions in the microwave oven at half power it was dry enough to sand. Beautiful color and grain pattern

Denny was just messing around and something weird happened





Bill turned this from spalted birch. He said I don't know if I'll fit into it!

Mike Hunter has been working on a birds mouth.



My first attempt was a disaster. Drilled the starter hole about a 1/16 away from a funnel.



After that, it went much better. Here are progression photos Through the first microwave session.





Muddlers that I made for
Happy Hour.

Fred

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

The COVID-19 Mini Newsletter #18 is now available on the MWA website or you can click the link below.

<http://mnwoodturners.com/cms-files/-mini-18-converted.pdf>

Mike Rohrer, Editor

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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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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.

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Empty Bowls

Bill and Guy with some of our bowls made for the Empty Bowls event rescheduled to **September 19, 2020**.

You can still bring bowls to the meetings to donate.

