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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

August 13th.

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 topic for the July 9th meeting will be our annual picnic. Bring an odd or old tool to share. Share a turning too!

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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 oc-

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!

I hope all your air conditioning is working! With the heat out in the shop I have not been doing much out there. We are working hard out in our garden with the heat things are really taking off, including the weeds.

We are still looking for some one to take over the coffee duties at the meetings. There is a fund for buying snacks and coffee. If we do not get anyone to take it on we will drop the snacks and just have coffee. Please let me know if you are willing. We will supply training.

Remember to bring something to pass at the picnic on August 13th and your guests.

Remember to bring something for the gallery, and an old or odd tool. If you have a tool that you aren't sure what it is, or how to use it bring it along we will have stump the club.

Empty bowls is coming up in September. It would be great to get a good jump on collecting bowls for it.

See you August 13th

Fred

Meeting Minutes from July 9th meeting

The meeting opened at 10:03 with 18 members in attendance and signed in.

Announcements:

The club will no longer subscribe to Zoom for the meetings. Very few members have been watching online.

The Paramount will have it's summer Art Crawl on August 12 from 4-8:00, but unlike past years, the street will not be closed. Displays will be staged on the sidewalk. The MMAW will have 2 lathes, and members are welcome to bring small projects to turn by way of a public demonstration.

Empty Bowls is still scheduled for later in the year and members are encouraged to contribute simple bowls for this worthy event. Please bring bowls to donate to the august and September meetings

The MMAW is invited to participate in the Woodworkers Guild Expo to be held on September 24.

There is still a possibility that the St. Cloud Wood Expo will be held in 2024. Details will be sent out when they become available.

The club still needs a volunteer to get snacks and to make coffee for our monthly meetings.

A reminder that our August meeting will be our annual summer picnic.

The Board is considering an old tool exchange as a demo for one of our meetings.

There are links on our site for our classes at the Paramount.

The AAW has warned members that fractal burning is highly dangerous and should not be tried. There have been fatalities among turners who used this technique. Clubs that support or promote fractal burning will lose their membership in the AAW.

Guy Schafer has access to some cherry logs from Crows Nest Tree Service. He will send out an email blast for interested members to purchase some of the wood.

Instant Gallery:

Members brought in an array of projects for the gallery. Pictures of the items and the makers are on the club site and will be included in this newsletter.

Minutes from July 9th meeting

Demos:

President Fred Schmoll demonstrated how he uses a glue block to chuck blanks. Fred attaches the blank to a block with a tenon. He spreads thick CA glue on the block, carefully establishes the balance when locating the blank and then sprays on accelerator to rapidly set the glue and attach the blank.



Once the piece has been turned, he detaches the bowl from the block with a sharp tap at the joint. Fred warned that the edge of the block that is coated in dried glue will be very sharp and will have to be sanded over.

Fred showed how he sometimes uses an inexpensive vacuum chuck to finish the foot of pieces he has turned. He got his set up from

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Bill Baker demonstrated how he makes a jam chuck from a large round blank. With the blank mounted on a face plate, Bill carefully draws the edge of the bowl he wants to finish.

He then turns a recess that will provide a snug fit for the rim of the bowl allowing him then to remove the nubbin on the foot and sand it smooth.

Several other members discussed how they used devices to mount blanks to finish bottoms of bowls.

Nice Job Fred and Bill, thanks!



50/50 Drawing: had Bob McClintick winning \$11.00.

Meeting Adjourned.

A little joke to fill some space.....

A woodworker's wife was getting on a bit, and he was beginning to worry about her hearing. So, he asked the doc if there was an easy DIY test for that. He was told to stand about forty feet away from her, speak in a normal tone of voice, and see if she could hear. If she didn't, then he was to move a bit closer and try again.

That evening, he was sitting in his favorite easy chair in the living room and she was busy in the kitchen. He figured she was about forty feet away, so he asked in a level ton what she was making for dinner.

No response.

He got up and walked across the room, and tried again, but there was still no response.

He walked into the hall and tried.

Nothing.

He walked into the kitchen, stood two feet behind her and tried once more.

She turned, started at him in frustration, and said: "For the fourth time, Harry, I'm making beer stew!"

Annual Potluck Picnic

We are going to have our MMAW picnic at our August 13th meeting. The MMAW will provide our main dish of pulled pork sandwiches and buns. The club will also supply plates, napkins, plastic utensils, BBQ sauce, coffee, and bottled water.

Please bring a dish/item to share such as salads, beans, desserts, fruit, dessert, etc.

Also, bring an old or unusual tool that we can discuss, or a tool or tools you need help identifying. Any turned items you want to share or tell us about are also welcome.

It always great when families join us for this activity so I hope you will bring your spouse, children and/or grandchildren.

Don't forget that the **Empty Bowls Event** is coming in September! Here are some pictures of our last donations to this worthwhile cause! Let's see if we can collect 100 or more bowls to donate! This is an opportunity to fulfill part of our mission statement.

The MMAW mission statement

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Instant Gallery



Bob McIntick turned these, one from Boxelder and the other from Crimsom King Maple from his yard.



Guy Schafer turned these items from some paper birch wood he was given.



Gary Thole
Turned this
Sting ray looking
piece from a Red
Oak stump from
his burn pile.

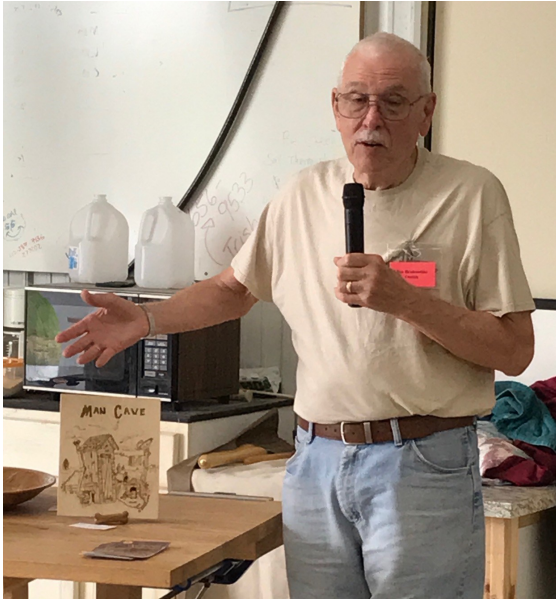


Dan Drevlow turned this plater from some Red Elm. He used General Bowl Finish on it. If anyone else has used the finish he'd like to talk to you about it.

The other bowl was turned from a piece of Ash.



Instant Gallery



Jim Bridenstine shared this woodburning plaque he made when he took a woodburning class from Brenda Lodermier. He highly recommends her as a teacher and encourages club members to take a class from her if possible.

Art Fair in the Gardens



Lyle Knopp with his wife Joy and Guy Florek were at the annual **Art Fair in the Gardens** on July 21st selling their beautiful turned items. The annual **Art Fair in the Gardens** is held each year on the third Thursday in July from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Beautiful work done by both of them. Nice Job!



Meet the Turners



Hi, LeAnn Kemper here. I am a Senior Auditor with Cetera Financial Group. Until March, 2020 I was traveling 20 weeks per year to audit investment sales offices. Since then I am doing the same work from my home office. My husband Mark is a retired Electrician. He spends a lot of time working on our retirement home in Outing, MN. My son David lives in Pine Island with his wife, Krystal and my Grandchildren; Mayzie and Harvey, and a third child expected in late July. My other son Ben works in Grand Rapids and lives in Outing. We have a spoiled Dachshund, Frankie in our St. Cloud/Outing home. I set up my Grandfather's rustic rug loom at our property up North. I hope to make rugs and other items yet this year.

About 5 years ago I needed a gift for a Christmas exchange that required a hand-made gift. I took a basic turning class at the Paramount and was hooked. Now I just need to find more time to turn on a regular basis to improve my skills. I have a midi Delta that I bought from Guy Schafer. Practicing on basic bowls as I try different wood, finishes, etc. to improve my skills. I'm working on a series of covered boxes this summer and would like to turn more pens.

Hi, Dick Bitzan here. I am a Jeweler and Gemologist and owner of D.J. Bitzan Jewelers; currently working half-time.

Mimi is my spouse of 43 years, we met when matched up as dance partners in our High School production of the musical Oklahoma. We have three adult children and three grands.

Besides woodworking I love to garden, boat, fish, cook, entertain friends, and exercise.

I'm pretty new at turning, started two years ago with a couple two-day classes at **Mullins Woodworking School** in Cyrus, MN.

I have especially enjoyed the complex and unpredictable patterns within ambrosia maple, and the finished feel of olive wood.



Hello, Tom Harlander here. From woodworking to wrenching cars, I've always liked working with my hands.

I got into turning with help from long time club member, Al Keppers. Al sharpened my saw blades, and I would help him at his saw mill.

I retired from Northern States Power/Xcel Energy in 2010 after 33 plus years as a Senior Lead Plant Equipment and Reactor Operator at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Station.

I've studied timber framing with Dale Pedersen of Stony Run Woods, and Duluth timber framer Gerald David.

In 2015 I joined the turners and have enjoyed every minute.



Club members Guy Schafer, Tom Harlander, Dave Kramer and Dick Bitzan went on a cherry log adventure on Saturday July 23. They got a load of cherry logs from Ben at Crow's Nest Tree Service in Spicer. The rain stayed away long enough for them to get the bigger logs cut and loaded on the trailer and truck. From there they went to Bill Sampson's place in Paynesville and had most of the logs cut into 3 and 4 inch slabs again with the rain staying away. Bill did a great job cutting the logs for them. It rained most of the way back to St. cloud but they managed to divide up the wood without getting too wet. It was a new experience for most everyone and they got some nice cherry to put away for later use. Be sure to ask them about the day.



Bill Sampson and his TimberKing 1220.

He did a great job at a nice price too!



Dick should have enough to keep him busy for awhile.



Tom's trailer and pickup had some nice stuff!



Dave got a nice piece for a fireplace mantel and lots more to use as for turning blanks.



Guy had some in his truck for himself and Ellen Starr. I wonder what she'll make?