

# 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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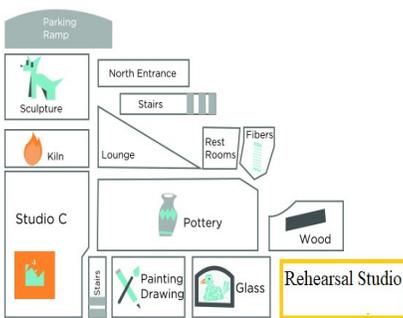
*WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.*

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

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](#) .



Next Meeting Saturday December 14, 2019

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

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### Presidents letter

Well it's the day before Thanksgiving, the snow has fallen and the snow removal season has begun. I hope you have your shovels ready to go or have someone that will take care of it for you. If its not to heavy I really don't mind moving it and I have a lot of real-estate to take care of. As you may have noticed I was not at the last meeting. Thanks to Denny Meyers for stepping in and running the meeting, I'm sure everything went well. Larry Sampson gave a talk on how to construct a pool cue for breaking the balls after they are racked. Wish I could have been there, I have seen the piece and it truly is a thing of beauty and it can really scatter the balls after the break. I've seen it in use at Howie's bar.

December is election of officers and by now you should have received the membership renewals in the mail, Some changes in our by-laws a hard copy ballot if you can't make the December meeting along with the 2020 years membership dues. Mailing it in will insure that you get a vote rather than a no vote at all.

The Decembers meeting, like as in years past, will be a pot luck with the club providing the main dish. Bring your spouse or a friend to share in the fellowship. More details to be posted in a email blast closer to the meeting.

I would like to take time to say thanks to all that made the year what it was. A sound system and lighting was purchased early in the year followed by a Jet mid sized lathe and enough gouges for six lathes. On the people side, thanks to all that took part in the 'The Learn How I made It' demonstrations in January, May and September. This was a first with several of you showing fellow members how you made a particular turning project. Most importantly, I want to thank all of those on the board who put up with me for the year. I know I can be trying at times, but they were a great group to work with. Thanks again.

Keep turning and have a Merry Christmas

Jerry

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### MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from October 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:20. The late start was because of a mix up at the Tech site so we moved the meeting to the Paramount.

We had one visitor, Keith Krueger from St. Cloud.

There was a brief discussion about moving our meetings to the Tech site or remaining at the Paramount for the majority of the meetings. A vote was taken and it was a 10 to 10 tie. So we will remain having most of our meetings here at the Paramount.

We have elections coming up in December and are in need of someone to run for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Jerry Wervey or a Board member.

Guy Schafer shared two slimline pens he turned.

Bill Baker had a couple pens also. One was from lilac and had a nice purple streak in it.

Denny Myers had a finial he turned from osage orange. He will make the hollow vessel to put it on later.

Jerry Wervey made two canes that had hundred plus year old silver caps on them.

Gary Thoele had a splated maple bowl.

Dan Monson shared a large red oak bowl, two small crab apple bowls and a couple lidded boxes.

Jerry talked about the possibility of Beth Ireland coming to St. Cloud on Thursday, October 31. Several people indicated they would be interested in taking here class on "turning and carving" the club would pay her fee and then participants would pay a prorated fee to cover the cost to the club.

Jerry Wervey gave a power point program on making a stringed instrument utilizing a turned bowl. Thanks Jerry, it was interesting and got a few people thinking.....

Guy Schafer mentioned that there is an Art Crawl on October 18. He was looking for volunteers to come down and turn as he is going to be out of town. No one volunteered so we will not participate in this event.

The club had several items for sale or to take, a small shop vac, some 4 inch stovepipe, grinding wheels..... All items found home with some donations made to the club. Thanks

Guy shared a source for stainless steel bottle stoppers at a reasonable price. The web site is [WWW.stainlessbottlestoppers.com](http://WWW.stainlessbottlestoppers.com) Check them out if you need some stopper hardware.

If you order materials from Penn State Industries you can go to their site, <https://www.pennstateind.com/> . click on the live chat to ask how to qualify for 10% off your orders.

Meeting adjourned.

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Instant Gallery





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### Safety tip

#### How to Be Prepared by Dennis Belcher

You've read about safety and you've adopted safe practices in your workshop. You're collecting the dust, wearing your face-shield, keeping your head out of the danger zone, and avoiding cowboy stunts with large, irregular, and cracked chunks of wood. But by the very nature of what we do, accidents will happen. Here's a quiz that's designed to prepare you in advance, first by making you aware of some less-obvious things you can do to reduce your risks, and second, by increasing your awareness of what needs to happen after an accident occurs.

The challenge to you is to make a copy of the quiz, take it to your workshop, and complete each question. Take corrective action on those items you realize need to be improved. Bad habits can be changed, but only if we stop to consider the things we do that may be unsafe, and strengthen the safety practices we've learned.

- The nearest phone to use in an emergency is

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- Nearest hospital approved by my insurance carrier is

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• Nearest prompt-care facility approved by my insurance carrier is

\_\_\_\_\_.

• Ambulance service closest to my home is

\_\_\_\_\_.

They are \_\_\_\_\_ minutes away.

• I summon an ambulance by calling

\_\_\_\_\_.

• If I need help in the shop from my spouse or neighbor, I call

\_\_\_\_\_.

• My shop fire extinguisher is located

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

• The charge of my fire extinguisher was last checked on

\_\_\_\_\_.

• I regard my dust collection system as inadequate adequate good superb.

• I consistently wear hearing protection in my shop yes no.

• The electrical service/supply in my shop is inadequate adequate.

• My plan if I develop an allergic reaction to a wood species is \_\_\_\_\_.

• I have a face shield yes no.

• I wear a face shield or safety glasses/goggles when I turn never sometimes always.

• I wear a dust mask or dust helmet when I turn yes no.

• I consistently use properly sized tools for each project. Large

tools for larger pieces, small tools for small projects never  
sometimes always.

- I have reviewed the near-accidents I have experienced on each machine that I own yes no.
- I know and stay out of the “line of fire” for my lathe yes no.
- I sit outside the line of fire when watching a demonstration yes no.
- I have a safety stop for my lathe that is out of the line of fire yes no.
- I use the tail stock when roughing out never sometimes always.
- I use the tail stock when turning out-of- round pieces never sometimes always.
- The tool in my shop that I most need to improve/change/review my work habits from a safety standpoint is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I use a safety shield to protect spectators when doing a demonstration yes no.
- I clean and organize my shop regularly yes no.
- The woodturning tool that I am most afraid of is

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• I need to change my use of

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to improve safe work habits.

- My body clock makes \_\_\_\_\_ the most dangerous time of the day to work with power tools.

• The one thing that I should do to improve the safety of my shop is

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

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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!

**SHAVINGS****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.