

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
November 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.

At our December 9th meeting we will be revealing the new officers for the coming year, sharing any ornaments or other turnings and doing a gift exchange with any MMAW members that have chosen to participate with the activity. That will be followed by coffee and treats to celebrate the Holidays so please bring a sweet treat to share.

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,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. We are spending the holiday in Florida so I have not been doing any turning. I hope you all have been getting your turning done for the gift exchange at the December meeting. Also, bring any ornaments you've made or other turnings you want to share.

No one from our area won the free trip to the Symposium but you can still go. It is a great experience. Here is the link.

[The 2024 AAW International Woodturning Symposium will be May 23-26 in Portland, Oregon.](#)

I hope that you had a chance to check out the last meeting on our You Tube Chanel. I think we have most of our audio issues solved.

We will not have any open turning after the December meeting.

It is my wish that you and your family's have a very blessed and enjoyable Christmas.

Your friend in turning.

Fred.

Here are some simple, but easily forgotten, woodturning tips!

Gear Up. Anytime you are near the lathe, whether it is on or off, it's a great habit to be wearing safety gear. The essential woodturning safety equipment includes **safety glasses, full face shield, respirator and an efficient air filtration system.**

What must you never do while working on a lathe? Tie back long hair or beards, do not wear gloves, avoid loose clothing, jewelry and any dangling objects that may catch on rotating parts or accessories. Becoming entangled in the rotating equipment can lead to serious injury or death. **Like all machines you must give the lathe your undivided attention during use. Never wear gloves when operating machinery with accessible rotating or other moving parts.** This includes, but is not limited to, most wood-working and machining equipment such as drill presses, lathes, sanders, jointers, milling machines, and grinders.

What is ABC of wood turning? There is a woodturning term called the "ABCs" of woodturning. It's a nice little phrase to remember what to do when you approach your turning wood at the lathe. **Anchor the tool, Rub the Bevel, then Cut.**

What is the golden ratio in woodturning? You have probably heard the term "Golden Ratio" used when designing or creating a piece. There is a technical formula for determining this ratio. Many older turners, who simplify the math, consider it to be a **1/3 to 2/3 ratio.**

At our December 9th meeting we will be announcing the election results!
Next on the agenda will be a sharing time for any members that made an ornament or anything else to share.

After that we will have our gift exchange drawing.

When that is completed, we will have a social time to visit and enjoy our club members, their families and friends, so join us and meet some new people and renew old acquaintances.

We will provide coffee and water and we need you to bring something sweet, besides yourself, to share during this festive time.

We hope that many of you will join us for this special meeting!

MMAW Holiday Gift Exchange

It is always nice to see other MMAW member's turnings, even better when you get to own one of their creations. At our December 9th meeting you will have the opportunity to do both! We will be having a gift exchange for those interested (**you do not need to participate**). If you want to participate in this gift exchange all you need to do is pick one of your own creations that you will be willing to let another club member keep. When you bring your item to exchange you will write your name on a slip of paper and leave it in the container provided. Later during the meeting we will draw names and when your name is drawn you will be able to go and pick out one of the donated items. Everyone that donates a turned item will leave with another member's creation.

So if this sounds interesting to you, be sure to bring one of your creations that you are willing to give away to another MMAW member!

Volunteers are needed to help new turners that come to the **Open Studio** at the Tech Site.

Open Studios are the **first Thursday** and the **second Tuesday** of every month from 6 to 9.

MMAW MEETING, Nov.11, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:56.

President Fred Schmoll opened the meeting by showing a video of many humming birds, apparently very well adjusted to feeding near people.

GUEST/NEW MEMBERS: Lori came to pick up pointers on spindle turning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fred showed a new brochure published by the Paramount listing and describing the various sponsored wood-related groups whose members can display members' work for sale.

The ballot form as well as an application for membership were explained. The ballot must be received by mail or in our mail slot at the Paramount by Dec. 5.

The Tech Center now has an AED kit. There has been one class on its use and another will be held in the spring.

Open shop continues on the usual dates, the first Thursday and second Tuesday of every month from 6 to 9.

Guy Schafer brought some apple wood which members are free to take.

Next month's meeting will be our holiday format. The challenge will be to make an ornament.

Ellen will be doing a demo on making jewelry at our January meeting and Kirk DeHeer will do a IRD for the February meeting on surface enhancements (dyes, poor man's airbrush, stencils, reactive paints and patinas).

INSTANT GALLERY look for pictures and information later in the newsletter.

DEMO:

Linda Ferber came up from the Twin Cities to do a demo on one of her specialties "fanciful tops." Linda reviewed her preferences for dust control, tools and wood. She values designs which feature whimsical elements, even at the expense of making the tops somewhat wobbly. She prefers to use her heavy gouge simply because she feels that she can take advantage of her familiarity with the tool and her "muscle memory". Linda uses a story board type drawing to establish proportions and dimensions. Once she has turned a cylinder, she lays out the sections of the top with her parting tool before she actually begins the shaping with her gouge. To assure a regular diameter for the stem, Linda measures using ordinary wrenches.

Linda adds colorful design interest to her tops by using artists paint. She protects the lathe bed from splatters with magnetic vent covers. Linda is a great believer in sample boards to show the hues of the various paints she uses as well as the cuts produced by the burrs available for rotary tools for wood carving. Each burr produces a distinctive cut allowing for a broad range of decorative effects. With her sample boards of colors and cuts she can choose the exact option to achieve her design goals.

Nice job Linda, thanks for sharing with us!

50/50 Drawing: No one claimed the winning number.

Meeting adjourned approximately 11:50.





We had a nice turn out for our November meeting. Linda Ferber came up from Eagan to share her skills with us and several members shared some of their turnings.





Eddie Och shared some Tree ornaments that he made. He used maple, cherry and other woods.



Carl Reule made this off center stand with his brother Mark. He also turned this cedar bowl, a walnut bowl and one from "mystery" wood.



Guy Florek made this black ash burl hollow form.



Linda Ferber shared some of her creations. Gnomes, tops and ????????

