

# 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.

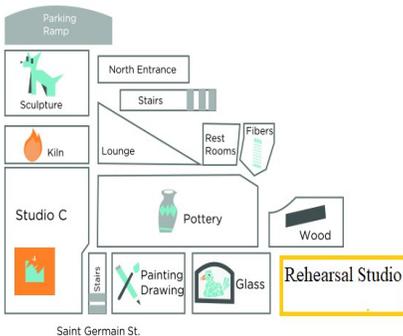
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**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Rehearsal Studio . (see map)

Meetings are held in the [Paramount Center For The Arts](#) (VAC) which is located in the basement of the Paramount Theatre, 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 February 9, 2018  
Meeting will start at 9:30 social time at 9:15

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### President Letter

Well there is sunshine the birds are at the bird feeder and the temperature is suppose to hit -2 for a high and -18 for the low. So life can be deceptive just by looking at something we really don't know its true beginning. Just like some of the beautiful pieces that showed up at the last months instant gallery most had some character flaw that may have actually made the piece pop.

I may be jumping around a bit but (that is just me) but like the leader of a band it is only as good as those that accompany it. So let me introduce Lenny Merdan on how to do inside out turning, Tom Lillehei, the fantastic slimline pen, John Caye learning how to play with the basic bowl, Gary Mrozek carving it up on the hollow form, Bill Baker on turning the lidded box for the special moments in life, Bob McClintick on the light booth and myself turning tops with a handle. All these people shared their gifts from the simple project to some that were more complex. So on that note I offer you the challenge of becoming part of the band you have talent I have seen it. Next session will be three or four months down the road let me know what part you want to play.

Just one of many members of the Woodturners Band;  
Jerry Wervev

**Jerry passed out Buckthorne at the January meeting for the February presidents challenge. Make any thing you want out of Buckthorne. Yours or his.**

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MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from January 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by our new President, Jerry Wervey.

It was decided to not do a Safety Demo. There is lots of material on YouTube on lathe safety.

Marshal Pekorek was a guest who attended our meeting

We are in need of a new Librarian for the club. If interested please contact Jerry Wervey or another board member.

Dues are due from MMAW members, so pay up

The club has a Facebook page, Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners.

Curt Theobald will be giving a free demo at the Paramount in Studio C at 6:30 on Friday February 1<sup>st</sup>. This is open to the public and will require a ticket that you can get through registering on the Paramount Center for the Arts website. An e-mail blast will be sent.

The demo at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be by Jim Jacobs from Hastings on using and mastering the skew. **This demo will start at 9:30, so plan on getting here by 9:15 for this meeting.**

A class on spindle turning presented by Keith Gotschell may be offered on April 7. More details to follow.

### **Today's Demo consisted of 6 turning demos by club members.**

Lenny Merdan did an inside out guitar shape

Tom Lillehei demonstrated turning a pen.

John Caye turned a bowl.

Gary Mrozek explained his spiral turnings.

Bill Baxter showed how to make a bottle stopper using a skew.

Jerry Wervey demonstrated how to turn a top.

Bob McClintick shared the new photo booth the club purchased.

People seemed very pleased with the format. Let Jerry or a board member know how you like the activity and if we should repeat it again sometime.

### **Instant Gallery:**

Jim Preusser had a walnut bowl with brass studs and a Cuban mahogany bowl.

Dan Monson had four natural edge bowls.

Bob McClintick shared a maple bowl and a walnut bowl.

Gary Mrozek had two embellished vases.

Bob Kmitch had a former bowling pin that turned into a lidded box.

Gary Thoele had a footed platter with a hole in the foot.

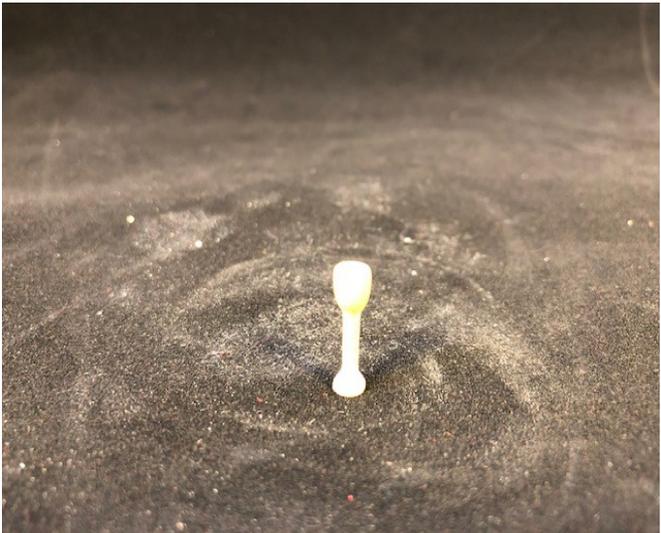
Byron John shared a segmented ball with unintentional holes at each end.

Jerry Wervey had a natural edge funnel.

Meeting adjourned.

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### Safety tip

**Do not use cloth to apply finishing or polishing materials if you intend to contact a rotating object on the lathe. Never wrap polishing materials around fingers or hands.**

From the AAW Safety Guidebook.

<https://www.woodturner.org/page/GuestPublications>

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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.

### **Arts Underground Numbers from Sept. 20 –Dec. 20, 2018**

1. A total of 34 different people came to the woodturning studio during the 13 nights so far.
2. Ages ranged from 13 to 69.
3. 18 females and 16 males came to turn wood.
4. One person came 7 times, one person came 4 times, 4 people came 3 times, 10 people came 2 times and 18 people came once. That equals 61 individual visits during the 13 evenings or an average of 4.7 people a night. The fewest people were 3 and the most we had were 9 people one night.
5. People came from 15 different nearby towns.

St. Cloud, Stewart, Albany, Buffalo, Sartell, St. Joseph, Foley, Buckman, Paynesville, Sauk Rapids, Duelm, Clearwater, Bowlus, Grey Eagle, Princeton