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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. **The in-person meetings for February 12, 2022 is on! We will be meeting at the Tech Site. The meeting will also be on Zoom!**

The PCA (Paramount Center for the Arts) is requiring all folks in their buildings to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 48 hours of the event. They are also requiring everyone to wear a mask while in the buildings.

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](#).

The topic of the February 12th meeting will be Guy Schafer will demonstrating making a bottle stopper.



Next meeting will be a IN PERSON and ZOOM
on February 12, 2022

Please check email for a invitation Meeting will start at 10:00
AM social time at 9:30 AM

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Presidents letter

Hello members I want you to know that I am looking forward to working with the board and membership to continue to enhance our club. After the last meeting where we tried a overhead camera we have ordered a camera. We think that the camera and overhead holder will work well for us. We will continue with Zoom to broadcast and record the meetings. The recording will be available until the next meeting.

The club has had some of the membership exposed to and have contracted Covid. With the amount of it going around I hope we do not have to stop our in person meetings. We will continue to follow the lead of the Paramount. Proof of vaccination or a negative test are required and masks must be worn. At this time we have not heard that they are canceling any of their events.

I have had a up and down time of late. I got one of the globes that Mike Hunter and Linda Ferber gave to us when Mike was doing his demonstration. I was starting to work on it when I was notified by the AAW that I had won one of their monthly drawings. The prize was a gift certificate from [Mike Hunter Tools](#). I called him and talked over what I could use. I got a 3/8" Round Osprey. I used it to make the finals for my ornament. I was looking forward to doing some more but now the heating unit in my shed has gone out. Would not be a problem but the part I and many other people need is sitting in a container outside of LA. They have no idea of when it will get here!

If you have any suggestions for club demonstrations that you would like to see let me or one of the board members know.

Keep warm and keep turning

Fred

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Minutes of MMAW Meeting of January 8, 2022

The meeting was conducted in person at the Tech Center and via Zoom. The social portion opened at 9:30.

The business portion of the meeting opened at 10:00 with the introduction of a new member, Art Buhrs.

Outgoing President Guy Schafer informed the meeting of a number of items that were available free of cost including wood, tools and catalogs. In addition he named businesses offering members a discount.

As previously announced, all future classes will be conducted at the Tech Center with the result that lathes must be moved from the Paramount. In addition the club needs to do some painting at the Tech Center. There will be an email to coordinate these activities.

MMAW members are invited to the CMWA open shop on Thursday evenings.

Guy Schafer formally turned the meeting over to the new president, Fred Schmoll.

The club intends to upgrade certain of its electronic devices.

The Paramount has scheduled a number of woodworking workshops.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Tech Center will not be the site of our April meeting. That meeting will be held in the basement of the Paramount.

Instant Gallery

Guy Schafer showed a saucer and a bottle stopper, and recommended these as a way to use scraps. He is willing to do a demo on making a stopper.

Jim brought in his reproduction of a chair maker's hand drill.

One member made a shallow buckthorn bowl.

Ellen Starr displayed her small vessel with a carved lid.

Bob McClintick showed a green wood Walnut bowl.

Gary Mrozek showed two bowls, one cone shaped and the other carved using a die grinder with a carbide head.

Demo

Gary Mrozek demonstrated how he makes a snowman from a segment of birch log. The club is considering getting some birch from Greg Pont.

Gary started making snowmen as an effort to diversify his projects beyond bowls and spindles. He finds the challenge of establishing the proportions of the body and head to be enjoyable.

Once he settles on a pattern, he uses sidewalk chalk to mark out the segments on the birch. Then he brings the blank into round staying at a slow speed.

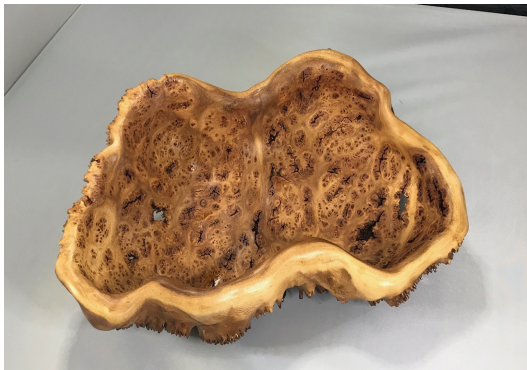
Throughout Gary explained and emphasized basic principles like cutting downhill. He then used his bowl gouge to shape the hat, the head and body.

Once the hat and body segments have been shaped and the base has been slightly cupped to enhance stability, the tenon is cut off with a chisel and features like nose, eyes and mouth are painted on

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Instant Gallery





Guy Schafer natural-edge bowls using red elm burl



Taken from Facebook
posts.



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Consider joining the AAW!

AAW Best of Woodturning Fundamentals Video

Hello Everyone,

AAW is making available the "Best of Woodturning Fundamentals" video featured during AAW's Virtual Symposium in July. Click either of the links below to view. No AAW membership is required to view. And please feel free to pass the link along to all of your chapter members, friends and associates.



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Also, if you not already aware, any member of your chapter who is not presently an AAW member may now become part of the AAW community under our Affiliate member program. Joining as an Affiliate grants free access for 90 days to all of the same online benefits reserved for paid members. No credit card required. No long term obligation. Use the same link as above for more information.

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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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Things of interest

Mike Hunter passed this along.

[Why Championship Chess Sets Are So Expensive](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Tg9xiJ6D6k)

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I liked this one.

[Woodturning The Heart](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBgPcoCWjh0)

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