

# 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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## AAW | AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

**WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.**

**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each

month. **The in-person meetings for April 9, 2022 is on! We will be meeting at the Paramount, downtown. We will be meeting in Studio C.**

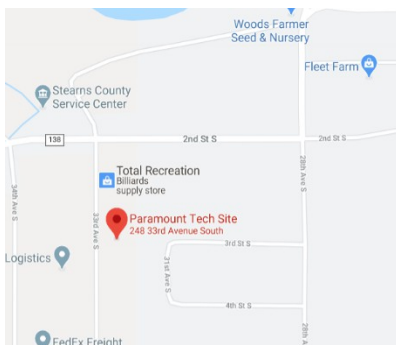
**The PCA (Paramount Center for the Arts) is no longer requiring all folks in their buildings to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 48 hours of the event. They are encouraging everyone to wear a mask while in the buildings.**

**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 April 9th meeting will be  
Bob McClintick making SCOOPS**

**Social time is at 9:30 am**

Next meeting will be a IN PERSON with no Zoom. There will be no Coffee either, bring your own coffee on April 9th, 2022  
Please check email for an invitation Meeting will start at 10:00



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Hello members.

We had a good time out for the March meeting. I would like to thank all of you that shared your turnings. I was very impressed by Gary's discussion of urns. I think we all got some good ideas and some thoughts about making them.

I want to thank Ellen for her demonstration. I thought it was interesting all the different tips that she has. She made the comment that she does 90% of her work with one type and the rest are for special instances. I think that is like a lot of us we have a favorite tool that we most of our work with and others just to fill in. I hope she inspired some of us to think about decorating some of our work. Please remember that the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be downtown at the Paramount in Studio C. Bob McClintick will be demonstrating how he made his scoops! Please check out the [Paramount's classes for woodworking](https://paramountarts.org/art-classes/). We have a number of members that are giving classes. You can use the hot link above or cut and past the following link.

<https://paramountarts.org/art-classes/>

If you would like to submit pictures for the Web page, newsletter or Facebook page drop a note to myself or Guy. You can send them to the club email at [midmnwoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:midmnwoodturners@gmail.com) also.

Keep turning

Fred

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### Minutes of March 12, 2022 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Fred at 10:00. We had four visitors. Julie Cisler and Jacklyn Heath, Paul Heath's niece and daughter and Mike Rothstein us. Former member Jay Eggebrecht also came to the meeting.

Fred announced that there is going to be an Art Crawl on March 25 but the Paramount Center for the Arts will not be open to the public that day. Hopefully the Art Crawl will be held in August as usual and the MMAW will be able to set up outside to do demos as in the past. More information to follow.

Gary Mrozek and Guy Schafer have classes coming up in March and April at the Tech Site and Ellen Starr has her class today (March 12) at 1:00.

Reminder that the AAW Symposium is coming up June 23 – 26 in Chattanooga, TN.

John Caye has a small 10 inch swing Delta mini lath and accessories for sale for \$300.00.

Contact John if you are interested. 320-267-6732

Eddie Och has some maple and oak board bundles for sale. Give Eddie a call if you are interested. 320-223-1130

Instant Gallery:

Fred Schmoll had a small bowl and cup turned from some mystery wood he had.

Guy Schafer made a rectangular lidded box from a wormy piece of mystery wood.

Gary Mrozek shared 2 small lidded boxes and a bottle stopper made from red elm burl. He also had a large urn he made from the burl for his sister's in-laws.

John Menning shared a cutting board that he and his 10 year old grandson made. John did the sawing but his grandson did all the planning and assembly.

Ellen Starr gave a demo on carving using a flexible shaft tool. Ellen uses a Master Carver Micro Pro. African Mahogany is her favorite wood to carve. While carving Ellen usually wears a respirator to protect her lungs from all the fine dust. She buys her bits from MDI, Amazon and Reo Grand, a jewelry supply site. Her favorite bits are stump cutters which is not a brand but a type of bit. While carving she uses her thumb to steady her hand as she carves. She usually holds the piece she is carving against her body to keep it steady and close to her "old eyes". This also helps keep the piece steady as she carves against or with the grain so there is less jumping or bumping around. Most of her finishing and sanding is done by hand with some dremel type attachments also used. By making gentle shallow slow cuts much sanding can be avoided.

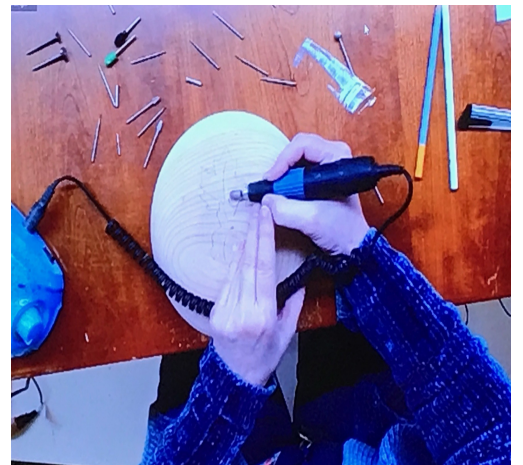
It was a great presentation Ellen, Thanks!

Dan Monson won \$12.00 with the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned with a reminder that the April meeting will be held at downtown at the Paramount Center for the Arts.

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# Ellen's Demo





# Instant Gallery



Guy Schafer made this rectangular lidded box from a 50 cent piece of wormy mystery wood



Fred Schmoll made this small bowl and this vessel from some mystery wood. (hickory?)



Gary Mrozek made a 12 by 9 inch urn from a red elm burl for his sister's in-laws. He made a couple lidded boxes and a wine stopper from some of the burl's scrap pieces.

## Consider joining the AAW!

The **free** Affiliate membership offers access to the complete collection of AAW online resources, including the *American Woodturner* journal, for a **full three months**.

**And please feel free to pass the link along to all of your chapter members, friends and associates.**

[www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/...tiny.cc/AAWAffiliate](http://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/...tiny.cc/AAWAffiliate)

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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Photos Of Meeting on **Facebook**

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