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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.



WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

The next meeting is scheduled for
February 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.

Our February demo will be a demonstration by Phil Holtan doing a demonstration on **"Chasing the Ultimate Cut-Achieving a Better Bowl Surface with Less Sanding"**. In other words, tool control!

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.

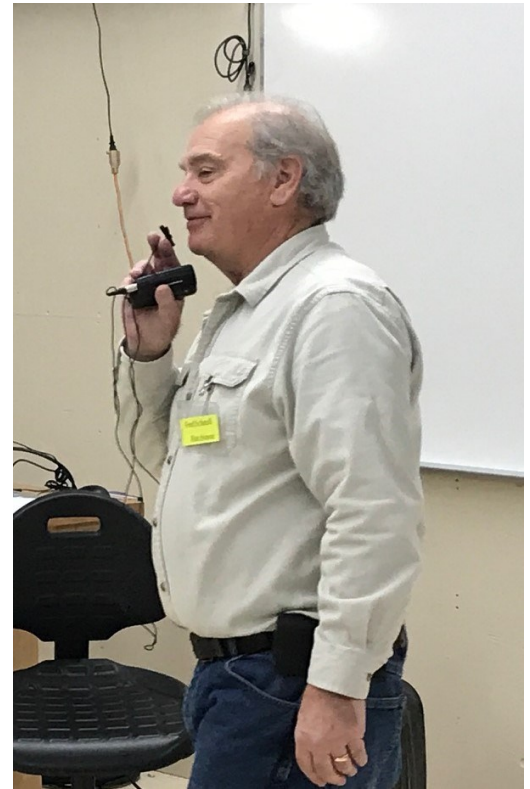
February is here already. Are you making something for Valentine's day? Nothing says Happy Valentine's Day like a hand turned bowl filled with candy kisses. One of the sites I like to visit is **Turning for Profit**. It has lots of small projects that you can make with and demonstrates techniques on how to make them. It was the inspiration for a bunch of Christmas trees that I made.

We are moving along with the video project. I think the TVs and white board are going to work out well. We have purchased a new computer with the grant money and I am going to be working at setting it up. I'm also looking at cameras to add to the set up.

At the February meeting we will be having Phil Holtan doing a demonstration about "**Chasing the Ultimate Cut- Achieving a Better Bowl Surface with Less Sanding**". He is a turner who has been teaching for 39 years. He has a shop located in Eagan MN where he hosts various workshops. I think you will find his presentation helpful and entertaining.

Turn safe

Fred



Definition of Woodturning by Kay Liggett

In woodturning, you use a wood lathe with hand-held tools to cut a shape that is symmetrical around an axis. Like the potter's wheel, the wood lathe is a simple machine that lets you create a variety of forms limited only by your imagination.

When the wood grain runs parallel to the lathe bed, the turnings are called spindle turnings. These include tool handles, candlesticks, egg cups, knobs, lamps, rolling pins, cylindrical boxes, Christmas ornaments, knitting needles, needle cases, thimbles, pens, chessmen, spinning tops, legs, spindles, pegs, balusters, newel posts, baseball bats, and hollow forms such as burial urns. Bowls can also be turned spindle-wise.

Turnings made with the grain of the wood perpendicular to the lathe bed are known as face grain or sidegrain turnings. They include bowls, platters, and chair seats.

Automated industrial production has replaced many items traditionally made in turning shops. Today, small-scale turning shops and individual artisans produce limited quantities of functional spindle and faceplate turnings, as well as one-of-a-kind art pieces. In many parts of the world, lathes are small and portable, so turners can travel to the source of the wood or set up in a temporary work space. A skilled turner can produce a wide variety of objects with five or six simple tools. The tools can even be reshaped easily for the task at hand.

MMAW Meeting, Jan 14, 2023



The business meeting opened at 10:00.

New member Tyler Smith was introduced. He is from Glenwood and has been turning for 5 years. He has opened a store in Glenwood called **Crossed Cannon** and is willing to sell MMAW members' work.

Announcements: The big screen TVs have been mounted. Thanks to those who helped get them up.

Remember that

Thursday evening is open shop. Also many classes offered through the Paramount as well as Arts Underground.

Material you wish to have posted on Facebook or on website gallery or in the Newsletter should be sent to Guy Schafer.

After the business portion of the meeting there will be silent auction for the tools displayed on tables. Between \$50.00 and \$75.00 was made.



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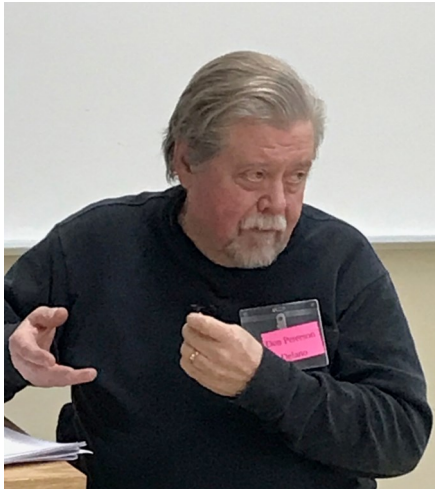
Gary Mrozek is interested in starting a segmented turning group which would meet during open shop. Get in touch with him if you're interested.

50/50 drawing: Robert Pamquist was the winner.

Demo

The demo for January was Don Peterson's talk on shop safety. Don is the president of the Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association (CMWA) and prefaced his presentation with a pledge to promote collaboration between that group and our own. One of their goals is to be able to add another weekly open shop. Membership in the CMWA is \$30.00. In his talk Don covered the seven most frequent causes of accidents and then described the steps to take should an accident occur. One thing Don emphasized was that one should never wear loose clothing while operating the machines. CMWA classes always begin with an introduction to the correct use of the tools. The shop now has two Sawstop table saws along with many other

hand tools and power tools needed to do almost any woodworking project. The CMWA would be willing to give an orientation class for MMAW members who wish to join the CMWA and take advantage of the many tools that they have. Let Fred or Don know if you are interested in such a class. Nice job! Don.



Instant Gallery



Sharon Giesfeldt turned two drawing pencils. Both were turned from Purpleheart. The kits were purchased from Penn State Industries.





New member Tyler Smith
Turned this box from Ma-
ple. It has captive rings
and a captive lid to the
box. Nice work!



Ellen Starr turned these minia-
ture pieces. The dime is real!
Nice job Ellen.

Fred Schmoll turned this small
walnut bowl and the other
bowl is Apple(?). Nice!



Guy Schafer turned this
Mesquite bowl and a
natural edge bowl from a
piece of Palmetto he has
been moving around in his
shop for years! Nice color.



LeAnn Kemper made this
pen from a Boxelder blank
that she then dyed purple.
Nice work LeAnn!



Bill Baker had a couple lid-ded boxes he turned. One he dyed green but wasn't real happy with the end result so asked for some advice. Nice boxes Bill.



Mike Fanslau shared his bowl made from cutoff scraps from other projects and epoxy.



Gary Mrozek shared a hollow segmented form that he made from some Buckthorn he got from a neighbor. It took him a year or two to convince the neighbor to remove the seed bearing shrub to help stop the spread of this invasive plant. Good for you Gary!





A big thank you to Mark Scholer, Fred Schmoll, Guy Schafer, Marlin Eich (of the woodcarver's group), and Dan Drevlow for helping with the installation of the two TVs and the white board on the media wall at the Tech Site. This should help make future meetings and classes more interesting . Stay tuned for more updates.





The smiles are worth a thousand words. These folks had a great time at **Arts Underground**. Even Alex, he's smiling inside.



So far from mid September to December, 47 different people have signed in to turn on Thursday nights. Some have come several times, one 11 times (Alex) and another 9 times, with many only once. Altogether there have been 29 males and 18 females who have given woodturning a try and have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Maybe we'll get a new MMAW member or two?





Eddy Och here. My wife Joan and I have two children, Tina and Tim who are both great people and doing good. I joined the Navy reserves when I was a senior in high school. I enjoyed my time and ended up staying in the Navy for 20 years. I was involved with food services on an aircraft carrier.

When I got out of the Navy I returned to an interest I had while in high school, auto body work. This led me to working at Peter's Body Shop for 30+ years.

In our spare time we did lots of camping as a family. We camped in all of Minnesota's state parks except one and have camped in all 50 states except 5. That's a lot of camping. I also played men's softball till I was a young 65 years old.

I enjoyed woodworking and was a member of the Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association. When the MMAW started as an offshoot of that group I took up woodturning so that makes me a charter member of the MMAW. I enjoy turning segmented items and other small things.



Hi Mike Fanslau here. I have owned a promotional agency for 30 years and have been a business mediator for 5 years. Four years ago I started a sawmill/woodworking business. The Website is: www.portablewoodworker.com

I have two boys ages 32 & 35 who both live in Hawaii.

My hobbies besides woodturning are I love managing hunting land so that whitetail deer flourish and get big antlers so that I can bow hunt them.

I got into woodturning by purchasing a used Midi Lathe at an estate sale about a year ago. I then upgraded to a new midi lathe 2 months ago.

I like to do things that are inventive, unique, and artistic. Due to my furniture building with epoxy, it was natural to start experimenting with epoxy. Little did I know, this wasn't the easy stuff to start with or work on.

