

SHAVINGS

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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.

MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month.



WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

The next meeting is scheduled for

February 14, 2026

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.

The February 14th meeting will have **Dan Larson** (from the Minneapolis club) demonstrating a different kind of ring, a [German Ring](#).

Check out the link above to see what we will be observing at the meeting.

The [MMAW](#) is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](#).

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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 includes 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.

Remember that there are MMAW members that are willing and able to stay after our regular monthly meetings to help you with wood processing, sharpening, turning or any other things you would like.

Open Shop Nights are every month on the First Thursday and the Second Tuesday from 6 – 8:30, come take advantage of it!

Letter from the Prez,

Thank you Earl Felling for kicking off 2026 with an eye opening take of doing a bowl from a board. I didn't know gadgets like that existed and it's a fantastic way to use board lumber to create turnable pieces. Next month we welcome Dan Larson from the Minneapolis club, to demonstrate the German toy ring.

Slimline pen kits will be available at our February meeting to start prepping for Snow Days. Our plan is to have 3 lathes set up and allow attendees to purchase a kit and make it themselves, or to make the pens and sell them as a fundraiser for the club.

It's great to see all the new members we have had lately. For those that are new, we always have time after our meetings to answer questions, and even demonstrate techniques that you may have an interest in learning. Please don't be shy about bringing in a project that you may be having a problem with. Also, if you have never turned before, let's bring out a lathe and make something. There is a lot of talent and patience in the club. The only thing holding you back is you, so don't be shy.

Stay safe in the shop, and keep your tools sharp.

Tyler



Secretary's notes:

For such a chilly day, we had a full house for our January meeting. We even streamed the meeting for those who couldn't attend in person. Special thanks to Karen, Josh and Bill Baker for monitoring our first attempt. The meetings can still be found in our YouTube channel for those who miss them. We had several new members and guests in attendance for our demo on making bowls with a Ring Master.

Many people were quite interested in this machine- and I am happy to say that we will actually have one available- courtesy of the SCSU art department's wood shop.

Tyler is looking for feedback on club swag- we still have some T-shirts left if you are interested. We may order some patches in two sizes and possibly some stickers.

Our next meeting is Valentine's Day! The February 14 meeting will feature Dan Larson's delayed demo and March will feature Gary Mrozek's band saw boxes.

We will need volunteers for Snow Daze demos- fortunately, Tyler and Guy will talk about pens and finishes just before the conference- so we will all get a refresher just in time to show the wood carvers how to turn!

Keep the wigstands coming- Coborn's Healing Center was thrilled to get such nice examples last month.



Instant Gallery



Mike Heneghan with one of his segmented coasters



Guy Schafer with bowl and a lidded box he made from some burl he got from the wood pile at the Tech Site



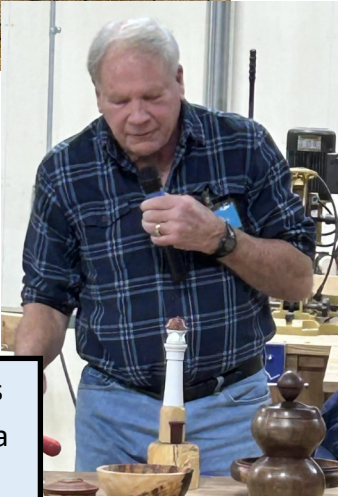
Eddie Och and the lighthouse he made with a light installed



Carl Reule with a few of the items he shared at the meeting



Dave Johnson and his lighthouse, also with a light installed



Gary Mrozek and two of his segmented pieces



Instant Gallery



Mike Rothstein's branch glue up bowl, he used his router to square up three sides of the branches



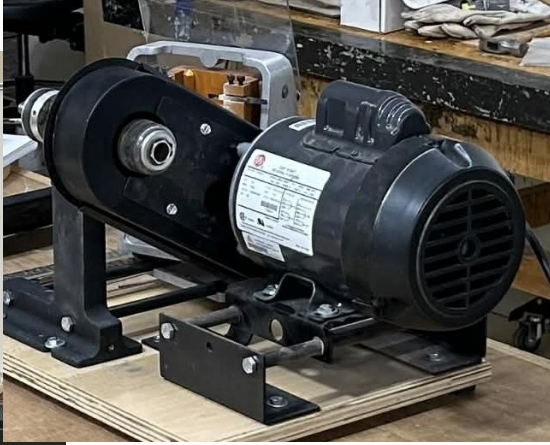
Earl Felling's Ring Master Demonstration



Earl Felling and some of the many items he made using his Ring Master



Link to a video about the [Ring Master](#)



Meeting pictures



Our new in-training media crew!
Karen Maier on the computer
Josh Mumme and assistant on the camera

A Challenge....

Gary Mrozek, Jerry Wervej and Guy Schafer have turned bowls and plates for Pattie Goke for classes she teaches through the Paramount Center for the Arts.

A little history on Patti....

“Patti Goke of Saint Cloud, Minnesota, has been rosemaling for over 35 years and has taken many classes with American and Norwegian artists. One of her rosemaling experiences was painting in the Raftevold Hotel in Hornindal, Nordfjord, Norway. Patti is a Vesterheim Gold Medalist,* (an artist who has achieved the highest honor in Norwegian-American folk art by accumulating enough points through blue ribbon wins in the [Vesterheim National Norwegian-American Folk Art Exhibition](#) “

She is looking for someone/people that might be interested in turning some bowls, platters and plates that she could use with her art and the classes she teaches. Check the pictures below and the link above to see some examples of what she would like turned. She prefers plain wood with little grain, Basswood, Aspen and similar woods are great. If you are interested in turning for her, you can contact her at pattigoke@gmail.com or 320-266-0167.

Patti says, “The truth is, rosemalers are always looking for wooden ware”

