

# 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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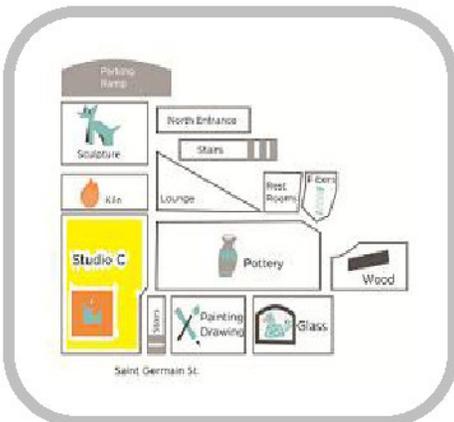


**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

**Socializing** with fellow members starts at 9:30AM, coffee and treats available.

Meetings are held in the **Paramount Visual Arts Center (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.

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. (Click on the above Paramount marquee for a link to their website.) The MMAW is an affiliate of the AAW. (Click on the above AAW marquee for a link to their website.)



Next Meeting Saturday January 12, 2018

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Past Presidents Letter  
January 2019

Greetings MMAW Members'

Just a short note to our membership thanking all for the great year serving as your club president. Thank you.

Working with the Executive Board and appointees was very gratifying. Your innovative ideas, bringing special talents to use on behalf of the club passion for wood turning and willingness to step up and further the needs of the club were terrific. Thank you.

There are two people I would like to single out for special comment. Bill Baker our 2018 Past President was of invaluable assistance working through stuff and keeping me on track. Whenever the club needed something done you stepped up. Thank you Bill. The other is Jerry Wervey: Jerry, you stepped up to take over as Vice President when that position needed to be filled. It is always difficult to volunteer but you did not hesitate. Thank you. Now you are the 2019 Club President. I have no doubt you will receive all the support necessary to make your tenure great.

We, MMAW members, are no different from other clubs. Volunteering is difficult with so many commitments and requirements demanding our time and talents. Please take a couple of minutes during the clubs monthly meetings to thank all who work so diligently for our success.

Here is to making lots of shavings.

Denny Myers  
Past President

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President Letter  
January 2019

As the new year arrives and the old departs let me first say thank you to all that have made 2018 a very successful year. With help and encouragement 2019 will be a year that you as club members will have a sense of pride in its' accomplishments

For you that may not know me, I have been a member of this club since the winter of 2012. I have been active on the board in various ways serving as vice president, president and member at large. When I first joined the club I new very little. I just wanted to turn. I sought to improve my skills by staying after the meetings when mentoring was available. Back then people like Gary Mrozek, John Caye, Lyle Knopp and Denny Myers along with many others were there to help. All are still very active members of the club. Although my skills have vastly improved I still consider myself a rookie and will always be learning.

In the coming year we once again have the opportunity to make improvements such as the addition of wood turning equipment and lathes at the Paramount satellite. Sight, sound and video production projects with a photo booth for the instant gallery. Having demonstrators both professional and from other clubs show us new methods or how to make something with a new twist. Demonstrating our commitment to the community by participating in the Empty Bowl Project, the Art Crawls, the Arts Underground and classes at the Paramount. To implement these and any other ideas club members may have takes time and commitment from the membership. There would be no better way to get to know your fellow members than to be part of a team that completes a project that the club and the community would benefit from.

I look forward to the New Year, the opportunities, challenges and comradery within this club.

Jerry

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### MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from December 8, 2018

Welcome to the following visitors for our Holiday party. Joy Knapp, Joan Drevlow, Joan Och, Darlene Schmoll, Ted Schafer, Connie Sandmann, Peggy Carlson and Barb Rebischke. We are glad you came.

Our December meeting was called to order by Denny Myers.

Ballots were passed out and members voted for new officers for the 2019 year. The results are as follows.

President	Jerry Wervey	27 votes
Write in	Bob Carlson	1 vote
Vice President	Bill Langen	13 votes
Write in	Guy Schafer	1 vote
	Jim Preusser	1 vote
Board Member		
At Large	Gary Mrozek	28 votes
Board Member		
At Large	Bob McClintick	28 votes

Congratulations to the new Officers members.

Denny announced that the **MMAW** has entered into an agreement with the **Paramount Center for the Arts** to lease any woodturning tools and equipment owned by the MMAW. This agreement will allow for better use and liability insurance coverage for our club and club members as they teach classes or work with the Arts Underground program. If you have any questions please contact one of the Executive Board members.

The MMAW is investigating the possibility of purchasing a audio system to be used during meetings and presentations. More info to follow.

Denny presented Eddie Och with a gift certificate to Menards for heading up the “tool shed” construction at the Tech Center. Eddie, Bill Baker, Gary Mrozek and Guy Schafer helped in the construction phase and special thanks to Faye Mrozek for helping out with the painting.

The Jim Jacobs Skew Class on February 9<sup>th</sup> is filled.

The following people had special items to share with the instant gallery.

Gary Thoele shared a walnut tray and an ash natural edge bowl.

Lenny Merdan had one of his dizzy bowls.

Guy Schafer had several Christmas ornaments to share.

Bob McClintick had a flowering crab bowl with inlaid and a walnut natural edge bowl.

John Caye had a huge pine root bowl and a large pine burl bowl.

Jim Preuesser had a bowl with brass tacks added as embellishment on the rim.

Dave Pogatchnik shared a scrub oak bowl.

Fred Schmoll had 2 oak bowls to share.

Joshia Skeate shared a footed square bowl he turned at Arts Underground.

Bill Langen had a goblet made of maple, buckthorn, walnut and gem stones modeled after a hundreds of years old bowl found buried in an Irish field.

Denny Myers had a tall maple bowl with dental drill piercings and a covered maple bowl.

Duane Lembcke had a candle holder or light house, depending on who describes it.

Josh Mumme won \$42.00 in the 50/50 drawing. \$25.00 was added to the pot from the coffee fund.

A great Holiday feed was enjoyed by all. Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

Gallery







