

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

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**The next meeting is scheduled for**  
**January 14th, 2023.**

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 are 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 includes announcements, members sharing their turned creations, a demo or presentation related to turning, and oc-

**The topic for the January 14th meeting will be a Safety talk by Don Peterson of the Central Minnesota Workers Association. Don will discuss safety in the shop, including some of the tools used in the CMWA shop.**

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!

Well, winter is here! We had enough snow to get the tractor and snowblower out. I am very glad that we have that! With the subzero cold I am also very happy that I have a heated shop. In the shop I was able to make some toys for the grandchildren but have not turned much.

I would like to announce the results of the elections;

**Fred Schmoll - President**

**Ellen Starr -Treasurer**

**Bill Langen - Secretary**

**Sharon Giesfeldt - Director at Large**

**Appointed**

**Bill Baker - Membership**

**Guy Schafer - Newsletter**

Thank you Sharon for serving on the board for the next two years. I would like to thank Bill for his service as Director at Large and for continuing to work with the membership. I would also send out a thank you to Guy Schafer for doing the newsletter and all the other things that he does for the club.

We are coming along on the upgrades to the Tech Center. I would like to thank those that put up the wall and painted. I am planning on getting the TVs up the week before or after the New Year. I will be sending out a note about asking for helpers. We may be able to use the TVs for the January 14th meeting. For that meeting we will be having a talk on shop safety by Don Peterson. He is a member of the MMAW and the CMWA.

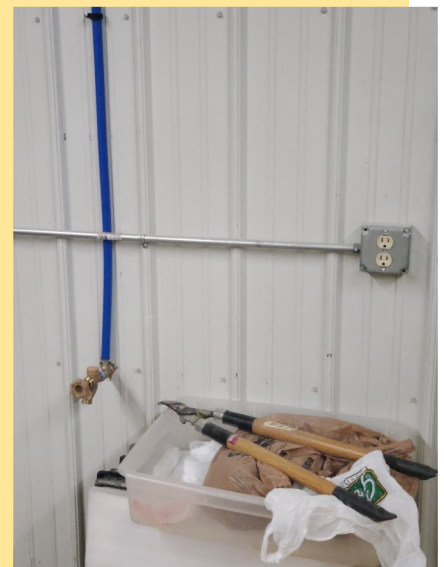
Turn Safe

Fred



Thank you Michael Gamades for donating flex pipe and materials so the water hose could be removed from our tool crib.

A big thank you to Fred and Michael for doing the installation. There is now a real water line for the clay area with a faucet.



## Minutes MMAW Meeting December 10.2022

Meeting opened at 10:20

New members: Mike who is from near Rockville and Corbin who is new to woodturning.

Announcements:

A new wall has been built in the Tech Center. It divides the floor space in half. The club has two large TVs that will be mounted on this wall. Volunteers are needed to help with painting of the wall.

The club is trying to come up with members who would be willing go to the open shops and assist new turners. Contact Fred, Bill Baker or Guy Schafer if you are interested in helping.

Paramount classes and Arts Underground activities are going well.

As a result of our recent elections, our current officers will continue. 31 ballots came in and the club has 45 paid memberships.

The AAW Symposium will be held in Louisville, Kentucky in 2023.

Information and announcements can be sent either to Fred Schmoll or Guy Schafer to be posted on our Facebook page.

In lieu of a demo Fred showed several videos including one showing the steps in making a pepper mill.

The business meeting adjourned at about 10:50 whereupon members focused on the large array of delicious options laid out on tables. Members definitely did justice to all the food.







On Monday the 12th Skip Kmitch, Mark Scholer, Fred Schmoll, Sharon Giesfeldt and Guy Schafer painted the wall that was constructed at the Tech Site. The two TVs will be mounted on this wall along with a speaker system. Stay tuned, more to follow!

Mark and Skip did the ladder work.

Sharon and Mark thinking about starting the second coat.



Mark and Skip also patched the holes that were in the ceilings of the tool cribs, they obviously had fun doing it.



Another one of Sharon's many talents is painting the **WALL !**



We've been moving this bucket of paint around for years, and it's still good.



The Central Minnesota Association of Woodworkers built the wall. They ordered a bit too much wood though!



## Instant Gallery



Mike Fanslau has been experimenting with cutoffs from some of his flatwood projects with some resin pours. Nice work Mike, keep it up!



Guy Florek turned this interesting bowl from a piece of spalted red oak burl wood. Nice!

Ellen Starr made this ornament. The finials are made from redheart and the center is from holly. This was featured as the picture of the day for "**World of Woodturners**", Congratulations Ellen and very nice work!



Mark Scholer made this apple bowl and these 3 ornaments. The centers were made from koa, boxelder and maple with walnut, butternut and cherry finials. Nice work mark!



# Meet the Turners



Denny Myers here.

I had a career in the military: Marine Corps and Army National Guard. I graduated from Vermilion Community College and Bemidji State University.

After leaving the military I worked at the Camp Ripley Environmental Shop and at Crow Wing County as the Zoning Administrator before retiring.

Roxanne and I built a 60'x40' two story shop "Sawdust, Shavings and Glass".

I was inspired to turn by Gary Mrozek during a wood expo. I watched Gary turn, then went home and turned a vessel. I used the wrong tools and my techniques were awful. Didn't watch that closely I guess. I continued to attend MMAW meetings, learning from folks like Gary, John, Bill and so many others until my skill level improved. I have had serious health issues and have not turned much in the past several years. However, I do love to turn hollow forms with bark inclusions, riotous grain and figure. Finishing has been a source of great satisfaction using shellac and polishing materials.

I hope my health improves enough to allow me to turn at my previous level.



Sharon Giesfeldt-van Ruiswyk: I taught Art history and studio art at several universities in southeastern WI until I retired to Grand Marais a few years ago. My studio courses were fiber arts, jewelry and metal smithing and bookbinding. I was the Studio coordinator for the print studio at the Grand Marais Art Colony. My specialty in Art History was architectural history. My intention was to do restoration work. ( I finally have a vintage home here in St. Cloud.) My grandfather and dad built homes in their spare time, so I was around woodworkers all my life. My dad and I share a love of turning- our goal was to make a chess set for my son and my dad to play. I was going to make the metal pieces- he would make the wooden ones. It's still a work in progress, but now there will be a new generation to play since I will be a grandmother in June.

I love old technology and things made by hand. When I'm not working in my studio or the woodshop- I'll be doing my radio shows at KVSC.

I love to draw and create wood engraving, do letterpress printing and book binding. I learned to do leatherwork for book covers and that has expanded into other useful objects. I quilt and knit in the winter and garden in the summer. I love to bake- but since I can't eat gluten- I learned to make cheese since it is just as complicated as bread baking, but I can enjoy the end products.

My first experience on a lathe was making hydraulic motor housings when I was working as a machinist almost 50 years ago. I got back into turning but this time in wood about 10 years ago to make pens, especially fountain pens since they were so hard to find. I like making useful things - pens, fiber arts tools, small boxes and bowls. (I'm a bit hesitant on the larger bowls but I am intrigued by segmented ones). I'm currently working on a series of turned non-functioning Nutcrackers. Hopefully I will have them ready to show at a meeting this year.

