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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

January 13th, 2024.

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 topic on January 13th will be

Ellen Starr giving a demonstration on turning different types of jewelry. She will also cover ideas, tools and techniques for adding metal components for necklaces, earrings and bracelet closures.

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.

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.

Hello members

Well the year is over and a new one is beginning. I would like to take this time to thank the board members that are leaving Ellen Star, Dale Field and Bill Langen. You made a great contribution to the management of the club. I would also like to thank Guy Shafer for publishing the newsletter and Bill Baker for overseeing the membership. They both do many other things for the club and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you Sharon Giesfeldt (board member) and working with the audio visual area for your support this year. There are many others that help with the running of the club and getting things done and I thank you all.

This last year has been a challenge for me personally and all the support is greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to working with our new board members Tyler Smith, Tom Harlander and LeAnn Kemper. If you have any suggestions please contact us. We will be meeting in January and projecting what we would like for demonstrations, classes and upgrades for the next year. I have been struggling with the video and audio setup for the last few months. If anyone would like to help or knows someone who works with OBS please get in contact with me. I am planning on being around after the meetings until 2PM or so. If you need help with anything or would like to do some turning please stay, we would like to see the facility and tools used.

Your friend in turning.

Fred.

The topic of our demonstration on January 13th will be our own star,

Ellen Starr

giving a demonstration on turning different types of jewelry. She will also cover ideas, tools and techniques for adding metal components for necklaces, earrings and bracelet closures.

The demonstration for the February 10th meeting will be an

Interactive Remote Demonstration with

Kirk DeHeer on Surface Enhancements.

This program will include dyes, reactive metal paints and patinas, poor man's airbrush, airbrush and stencils.

Time to renew your MMAW membership if you haven't done so already!

Click the [Membership Link](#) to get the form.

Here is the link to the [MMAW](#) page.

Minutes of MMAW Meeting of 12/9/2023

President Fred Schmoll opened the meeting at 10:00 and showed members an inspirational video clip.

New members: Garret and Jaden

Announcements:

There is a supply of walnut which members can take free of charge.

Fred Schmoll revealed the names of the newly elected MMAW officers. There were 39 votes cast, all of which renewed their membership.

Fred will send out the link to our YouTube channel.

The club still has AnchorSeal available for purchase. The cost is \$20.00 per gallon.

For next month's demo, Ellen Starr will show how she makes a pendant.

Kirk DeHeer will do a remote demo in February on surface enhancements.

At 10:22 the regular meeting was adjourned and members directed their attention to tables loaded with holiday cuisine.



Everyone looked
so excited !

Reminder, the Open Shop scheduled for January 9th has been switched to January 10 from 6 to 9.

Same time, different date!



Meet LeAnn Kemper, our newly elected Secretary. She is taking over for Bill Langen who was our Secretary for the past 3 years. Thank you Bill and good luck LeAnn.



Tom Harlander is the new MMAW Treasurer. He is succeeding Ellen Starr who has held the position for the past 3 years. Thank you Ellen and good luck Tom.



Tyler Smith is the newly elected Board Member. He will be serving a 2 year term and is replacing Dale Field. Thanks Dale and good luck Tyler.

As we get ready to start a new year with some new MMAW officers, please give some thoughts to what you want the club to do or be for you. Also, what can you do for the MMAW?

What demonstrations could you do or would you like to see? Are there any classes you'd like to take? The more feedback and discussions we have, the better the club can be for all of us!



Some of the items from the gift exchange.

Instant Gallery



Bob McClintick shared a walnut bowl with some turquoise inlay.



Ben Frey had an applewood cup to share.

One of our newest and youngest members, Jaiden Schegel made this spalted basswood bowl at Open Shop. Nice Job!



John Caye had this Beech bowl to share.

Arts Underground for the year so far.



Some examples of some of the "pretty sticks" turned. They have to learn to make those beads and coves first! They evolve from there to other objects as you can see.



The MMAW's association with the **Arts Underground** program started out as **Teen Night** back in 2011 or so. Over the years many MMAW members (Gary Mrozek, Lyle Knopp, Eddie Och, John Caye, Bob McClintick, Mark Scholer, Guy Schafer, Nadine, Bill Baker, just to name a few and I apologize to the many members who didn't get mentioned....) have introduced many community members in the St. Cloud and surrounding area to the joys of woodturning.

This year in 13 nights, 44 different people came to the Paramount on a Thursday evening to give woodturning a try. 22 males and 22 females from the ages of 13 to 79 came. They came from 17 different towns and New Zealand. There were two people that came 9 different times and 2 others came twice. The other 40 people came one time which makes an average of 5 people a night with some nights having only 2 visitors and other nights 8 or 9. A couple visitors have already joined the MMAW with a couple others showing interest in doing so.