

A Publication of the Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners



# SHAVINGS



The Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners (MMAW) is a members 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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## Attention!!!

**The June Membership Meeting Date was changed at the May meeting.**

**June's meeting will be Saturday, June 18. Same place, same time!**

**Please Note: no Board of Director's notes in this issue due to no May Meeting was held.**



MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **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 Paramount marquee for a link to their website.)

**Saturday June 18 is the next membership meeting.**



**The MMAW is an affiliate of the AAW. Click in the middle of AAW logo to reach the AAW Site.**

# Reflections

## From the MMAW President

The May meeting was well attended with 6 visitors even though it was opening weekend of fishing. Denny Myers gave an update on the Wood Expo. Attendance was good and there were many good comments about the MMAW's booth. Thank you to all that donated gifts to the expo. There is a "Jimmy Clews" demo sponsored by the Lake Superior Woodturners on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The membership voted to move the June meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday because of the interest shown. A special email will go out to the members prior to the Clews demo. The instant gallery had a very nice selection of members' work this month. Keep making those projects to display at next month's meeting. Jerry Wervey gave an informative demo on scoops and the different type of homemade jaws used for work holding.

The June meeting will be held on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. One week later than normal with social time starting at 9:30 AM and the monthly meeting at 10:00 AM. Please bring a turning for our instant gallery and a chunk of wood for our monthly wood exchange.

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## Membership Meeting Notes May 15

Josiah and Todd Skeate, Mark Johnson, Mabel Field, Mary Nunke and Jerry Trobec were visitors at today's meeting.

1. Denny Myers gave a positive report from the WoodExpo.
2. There was not much interest in having Avelino Samuel come to do a demo. More lead time is needed in the future to let members know of these types of programs.
3. Guy Schafer reported that Bud Becker dropped off a large group of once turned maple bowls that can be finished for next year's Empty Bowls program. Many of them are too big to be finished with our lathes. We separated the ones our students can finish and the rest are available for club members to take home to finish for next year. Feel free to take as many as you think you can finish.
4. The Arts Underground (formerly Teen Night) has ended for the year. Jerry Wervey, Mark Scholer and Guy Schafer were there for almost all of these evenings. Here are a few facts and figures from this year's program. A total of 168 people signed in over the course of 28 nights. There were 71 different people who participated, 52 were male and 19 were female. They ranged in age from 13 to 63 years old. Ten people showed up 5 or more times with one person showing up 14 different times. Participants came from 18 different local communities.
5. Jim Brodd shared information about the upcoming AAW Expo in Atlanta on June 9 – 12. Also, **June 11 – 14, 2016** - [Lake Superior Woodturners](#) - Duluth, Minnesota will be hosting Jimmy Clews. Several members commented that they were having trouble navigating the AAW website. Jim reported that he had called about it and that they are in the process of revamping their website. He asked members to call the 800 # if they continued to have trouble with the site.

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## MMAW Business Items

**Beginning Balance** \$2690.51

**Expenditures** \$19.68

**Income** \$132.00

**Ending Balance** \$2803.04

## Calendar

### Next Meetings:

Sat. July 9

Sat. August 13

### Demonstrations:

### Other:

*30th AAW Symposium June 9-12 in Atlanta*

## 2015-2016

### MMAW Board of Directors

**Jim Brodd** President

**Denny Myers** Vice President

**Guy Schafer** Secretary

**Byron John** Treasurer

**John Caye** Past President

**Dan Monson** Director - 2 years

**Albert Keppers** Director - 1 year

**Jim Preusser** Director - 1 year

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5. cont. It was moved by Guy Schafer and seconded by Willie Althouse to move the June 11 meeting to June 18 to allow some members to participate in the Jimmy Clews visit without missing our regular meeting. The motion passed.
6. Jerry Wervey talked about having a pass code on our website to keep our membership list private but to allow members have access to the list. He will keep us informed.

### 7. Instant Gallery.

Bill Larson shared his covered vessel.

Jerry Wervey had a natural edge bowl.

Byron John shared a rectangular platter he made from some butternut he got from Bill Larson.

Guy Schafer shared applewood, crabapple and walnut bowls.

Lenny Merdan had 2 segmented bowls and a guitar stand. He also shared a great pen that Nadine had given him for some pen blanks he had given her.

Mike Doubec had several bowls, a spalted maple platter, and a light house.

Tom and Pam Lillehei had several bowls and platters and a gobblet.

Pam and Lenny received the gift certificates from Crafts Supply.

8. Jerry Wervey gave an interesting demo on making scoops. He shared some of his adventures trying to make jigs and chucks to hold the scoops, discovering that simple is sometimes best ☺. Thanks Jerry.

9. We made \$20.00 from the wood raffle.

10. Jim Brodd won the 50/50 drawing. He donated his winnings back to the club. A total of \$29.00 was raised this time.

## MMAW Mentors

### John Caye

Mentor on an as needed basis for all levels from beginner to brushing up on forgotten skills. One week notice is preferred. 320-253-2875

### Lyle Knopp

Covering the basics and advanced level turning. Please give a 3-4 day advanced notice. 320-980-3466

### Albert Keppers

Willing to help improve skill levels from basic to advanced levels. One week notice preferred. 320-252-6118

### Denny Meyers

Will work with you at his shop on all levels from entry and beyond. Denny's knowledge of finishing techniques can help make a good project look great. One week notice preferred. 320-360-0784

### Larry Sampson

Willing to share his shop to help anyone wanting to improve their basic skill set. 3-4 days notice is preferred. 320-259-5372

### Jerry Wervey

Willing to work with you to improve your skills from entry to intermediate level; those with advanced skills are welcome to stop over as I am always learning as well. 3-4 days notice please.

## New Fiscal Year is Nearing

The MMAW's year starts with the September meeting. That means election of officers and Board members for the new year occurs at the August meeting. Dues for the new year are also collected. Please consider volunteering for any open spots that will be announced by the club president soon.

## Woodturning Clubs

Listed below are a number of woodturning clubs around the US. You may be interested in viewing their sites and seeing what other clubs are doing related to woodturning. Click on the underlined word and you will link to the group's website.

-**Minnesota Woodturners**

-**Nor-Cal Woodturners**

-**San Diego Woodturners**

-**Central Texas Woodturners**

-**Gulf Coast Woodturners**

-**Dallas Area Woodturners**

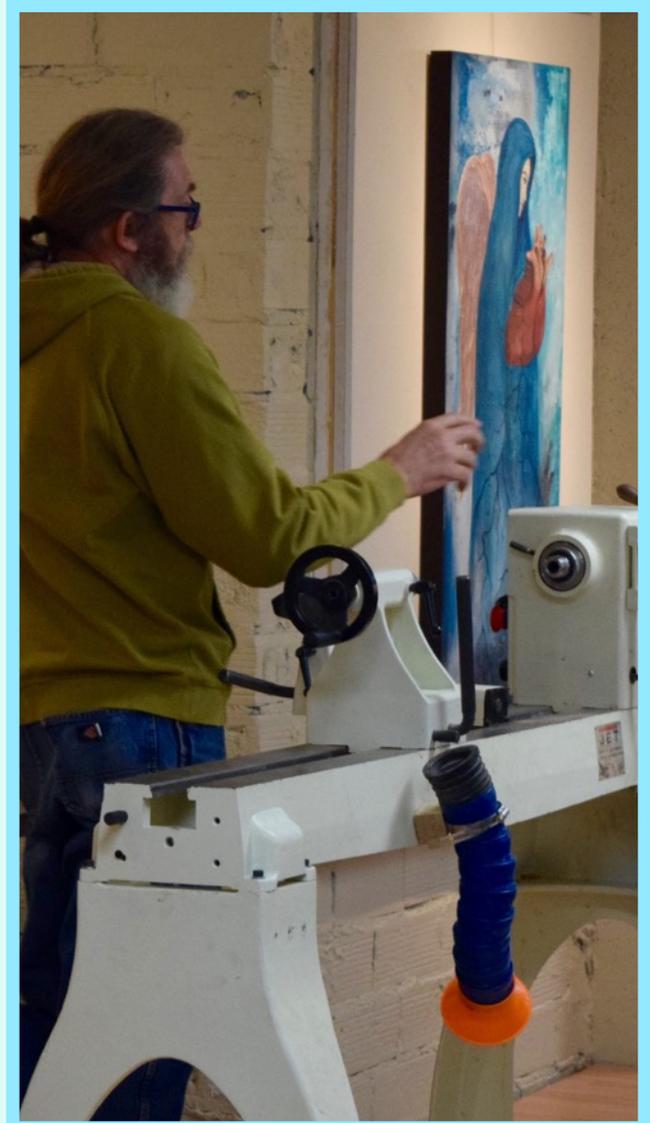
-**Golden Triangle Woodturners**

-**Northeastern Oklahoma Woodturners**

**If the above specific clubs aren't enough, here's a link to a list that was put together by a Florida woodturning club. Click HERE.**



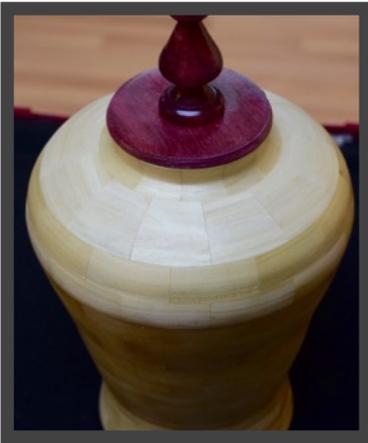
**Thanks to Jerry Wervey for his demo on turning scoops and the jigs he has used when turning them.**



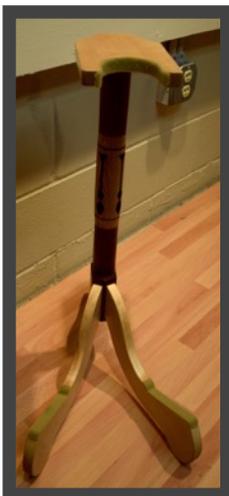
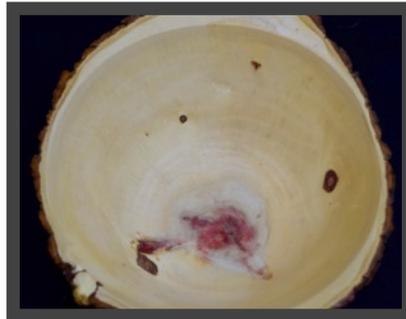
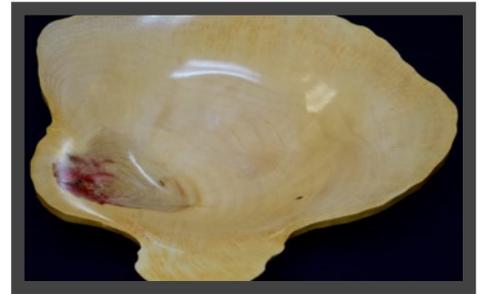
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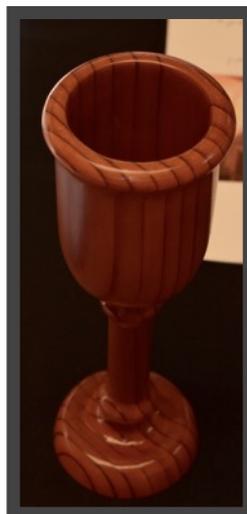
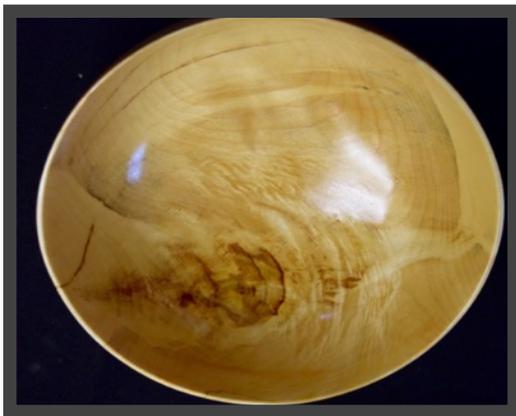
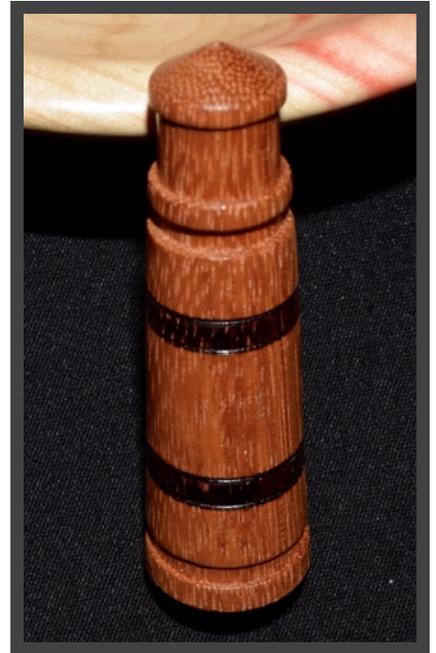
And last but not least, "BE SAFE" in your woodturning. Always wear a face shield when turning and a dust mask when sanding.

*Jim Brodd*



**MMAW Instant Gallery**  
Thank you to all members who shared their creations at the May 15 membership meeting. More photos page 7.







### Reflections of Wood Scoops From Around the World

