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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.

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WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **The in-person meetings for June 12 is on! We will be meeting at the Tech Site and by Zoom!**

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.

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 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. The MMAW is an affiliate of the American Association of Woodturners.



The topic of the June 12th meeting will be

Next meeting will be a IN PERSON AND ZOOM meeting on
June 12, 2021
Please check email for a invitation Meeting will start at 10:00
AM social time at 9:30 AM

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Presidents letter

Greetings woodturners from your esteemed President:

Remember, you too could be the esteemed president or other MMAW esteemed office holder. We will need to elect several new office holders in December and it is never too early to start recruiting. Let someone on the executive board know if you are interested in running or if you want to nominate someone.

We had 20 people show up for our first in person meeting on April 10th at the Tech Site. Another 4 or so joined us via Zoom. We had a few issues with the Zoom portion but have worked the bugs out for our next in person meeting set for May 8th. Everyone present at the meeting was vaccinated and we social distanced with the big doors open to get lots of fresh air. It was great to see everyone and we had some good sharing with members bringing things they have been working on.

We will have an in person demo from one of our great members at the June meeting. Not sure what it will be but it will be great I'm sure. Remember to bring items you are working on also to share with us again.

At the meeting we had several folks say they would like to go to **Pont's Logging and Lumber** to check out his selection of exotics he has shipped in. An email blast was sent out with all the details. I called the people who don't get email blasts. The trip is/was set for Wednesday at 6:00. Don't know for sure how many made it but we will share what we saw and thought at the May meeting.

Keep sending me pictures that I can post on our Facebook page and to be eligible to win a \$10.00 gift certificate. It is a great way for people to see what we woodturners do and hopefully get some new folks to join us in our hobby.

Finally, the **Empty Bowls** event is scheduled for September 18 so start looking through your collection of bowls that you can will donate to the cause. They don't need to be your best work, just a wooden bowl turned by you. In past years we have been able to donate around 100 bowls from the MMAW. Let's see if we can hit that 100 mark again this year.

Happy turning, and there is still some apple and cherry wood at the Tech Site if anyone needs a chunk of wood.

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MMAW minutes of Meeting of May 8, 2021

This was our first in person meeting since Covid restrictions were introduced. The meeting was simultaneously available on Zoom.

Bob McClintick reported that the club has had a 240% increase in Facebook activity. Guy has been especially active in this surge. Bob reminded members to like, share, comment and tag, with a special recommendation to tag Woodcraft and the Paramount.

September 8 is the date for Empty Bowls this year. Turned bowls have been very popular in past years and need not be masterpieces to be highly appreciated.

Dick Beumer has a 1 1/4" wide Timberwolf bandsaw blade he wants to unload.

Gary Mrozek recommended that the club hold a garage sale, and he will be sending out more information about this idea.

Members have discussed the interest in the club for an evening visit to Greg Pont's lumber operation.

After the matter was discussed, members expressed their support for bringing the big lathe from the Paramount to the Tech Center. In that connection and as a general matter, the club needs to clarify what the club owns and what the Paramount owns.

Denny Myers recommended that we appoint a group in charge of maintaining our tools.

Guy brought a load of cherry and apple wood.

Gary and Guy offered to stay after the meeting so that anyone who wanted could stay and use the tools.

Instant Gallery

Guy Schafer made a maple box with an mahogany ornament.

Gary Mrozek made several walnut and aspen elliptical pieces with his Vickmark device and has been selling them on Etsy. He used milk paint and a crackling product. He also brought in a lidded box.

Tom Lillehei made several candleholders for his daughter turning different size holders from walnut and maple.

Guy Florek displayed several very thin maple bowls.

Dale Field brought a candleholder.

Larry Sampson show us a small bowl he had turned from a box elder burl.

Fred Schmoll made several small bowls from fir and walnut.

Ellen Starr displayed her tiny hollow forms, one inlaid with milliput, a very small goblet, a lidded vessel with laser cut designs and several finials.

The club welcomed new member Larry Miller.

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Instant Gallery

Send some pictures of what you are turning to be included here!

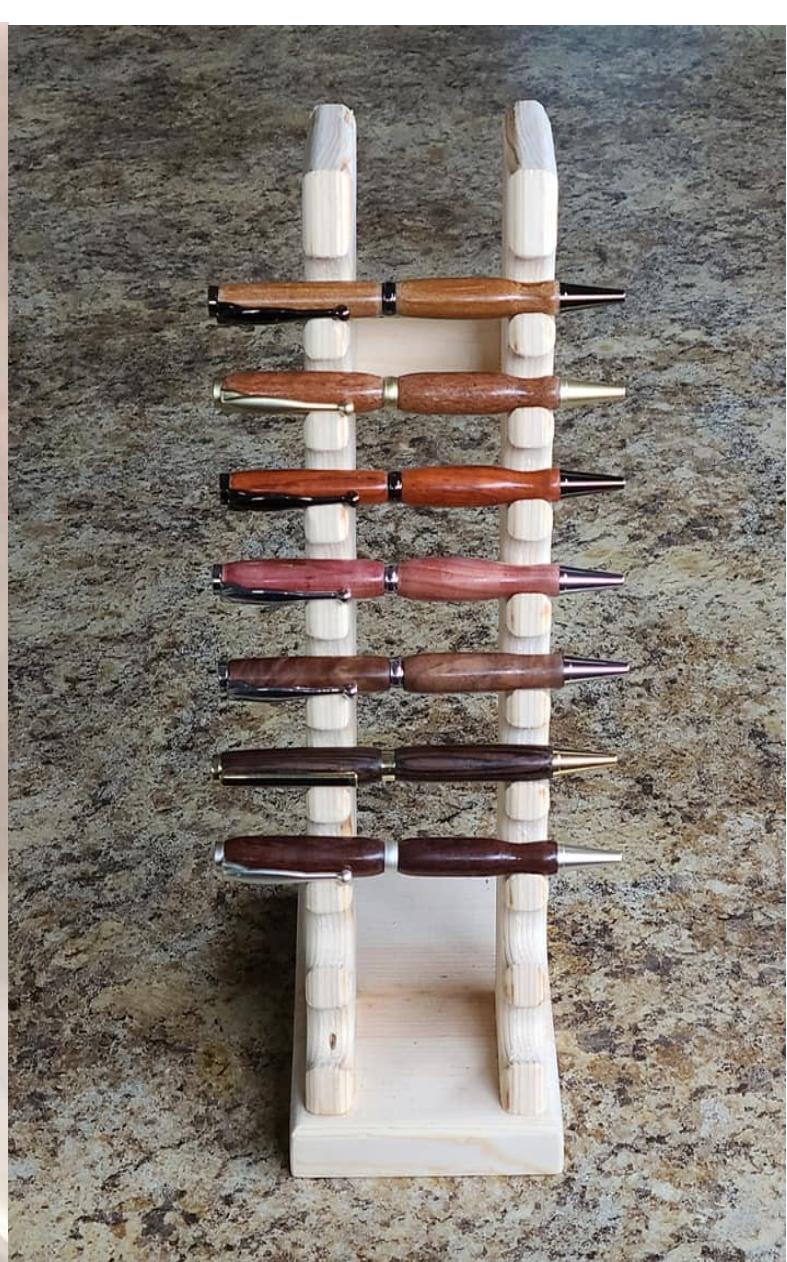
midmnwoodturners@gmail.com



I'm working on a project that requires a bunch of finials, each one different. Took me most of the day, but I got these so far. Ebony, rosewood, Holly and I think bloodwood. The bottom pegs will be cut down and used to set them into a larger piece.



Bill Baker turned this great walnut vase. It is about 9 inches high.



13 year old Evan Yorek pens he made

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In person meeting May 8, 2021

We finally got to have an in person meeting on May 8th. We had 20 members show up to visit, share ideas and some things they have turned since we last met almost a year ago. Several people also joined us via Zoom. We will be meeting in person again on June 12th at 9:30 am at the Tech Site in Waite Park. Stay tuned for more information about the upcoming meeting.





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Consider joining the AAW!

AAW Best of Woodturning Fundamentals Video

Hello Everyone,

AAW is making available the "Best of Woodturning Fundamentals" video featured during AAW's Virtual Symposium in July. Click either of the links below to view. No AAW membership is required to view. And please feel free to pass the link along to all of your chapter members, friends and associates.



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Also, if you not already aware, any member of your chapter who is not presently an AAW member may now become part of the AAW community under our Affiliate member program. Joining as an Affiliate grants free access for 90 days to all of the same online benefits reserved for paid members. No credit card required. No long term obligation. Use the same link as above for more information.

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2021 AAW Virtual Symposium

July 17-18, 2021

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Plan to join us!

You'll have a front-row seat for the programs you've come to know and love – and be able to enjoy them from the comfort and safety of your own home.

AAW will use an enhanced virtual event software platform to offer multiple concurrent live demonstration tracks, panel discussions, special interest topics, a trade show, Instant Gallery, live and silent auctions, drawings, and more. You'll have opportunities to engage with other attendees face-to-face, plan your sessions, or skip around – you decide. The only thing missing will be the handshakes and hugs from old and new woodturning friends!



More information coming soon! This webpage will be updated regularly. Schedule, program details, and more are coming soon.

Cost

The cost of admission is \$45 for AAW members and \$60 for all others. With 12 feature demonstrations, that's only \$3.75 per demonstration. Wow, a great value! And, you get many other event elements included with the price of Virtual Symposium admission.

Replay

Even if you're not able to participate in the complete two-day online experience, registered attendees will have access to recorded replays of featured demonstrations and panel discussions. You'll be able to watch them on your own time.

Register Below

2021 AAW Virtual Symposium

When 7/17/2021 10:00 AM - 7/18/2021 6:00 PM
Eastern Daylight Time

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Registration ends 7/16/2021 12:00 PM
Eastern Daylight Time

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It was a cool evening but 11 club members had a great trip to Greg Pont's, Pont's Logging and Lumber, on Wednesday evening. Greg started the tour by telling us about the exotic woods he ships in from Costa Rica. There was a 19 foot purple heart slab he cut into thirds that caught everyone's eyes right off that was very impressive. Then as we looked around there were more slabs and rounds of all species and sizes. One had \$1100.00 written on it, a bit much for us woodturners who are used to using FOG wood. As we continued the tour we saw saws and logs and slabs and lumber and more logs and lumber and slabs. He has almost every species of trees that grows in Minnesota in either logs, slabs or lumber: hickory, red and white oak, cherry, cedar, walnut, pine, maple, basswood, butternut, birch..... A pile of log end cutoffs gathered lots of attention from us, cheap and almost like FOG wood. We continued on to the firewood end of his operation where there were mountains of logs and split firewood. At the end of the tour a few members purchased some cherry and aspen. If anyone is in need of some turning wood at very reasonable prices please contact Greg or talk to Gary Mrozek as he knows Greg very well and could help you with a purchase. Thank you very much Greg for a wonderful trip and to Gary for contacting and arranging this tour with Greg.



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Please check out our [Facebook page](#) (click to open) Be sure to like and follow us if you are on Facebook

Photos Of Meeting on [Facebook](#)

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To make a post show up as a tag!

To get
the



MidMinnesota Association of Woodturners to show up as a tag, I simply typed the @ symbol followed by MMAWoodturners. So it looks like this:

Walnut on walnut: Equal halves of the same walnut log were used to create this 7-inch platter and 6-inch bowl. A special thanks to the @MMAWoodturners for the coaching and guidance you've provided over the past couple of years. I'm a better turner for it!

The @MMAWoodturners is the tagging action recognizes the club's page on your personal post. When the tagged organization is selected as you write the post, it inserts the full club name--the blue highlighted text--into the post, which in turn publishes your personal post to the club's news feed.)

Thank you Bob McClintick for taking care of our Facebook page!

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Empty Bowls

Bill and Guy with some of our bowls made for the Empty Bowls event rescheduled to September 18, 2021.

