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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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OF WOODTURNERS

WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **The in-person meetings are on HOLD until further notice.**

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 March 13th meeting will be

"Turn an Egg

By [Craft Supplies USA](#)"

with instructor Kirk DeHeer



Next meeting will be a ZOOM meeting on March 13, 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, I hope this finds you warming up after our cold snap. Hopefully you had heat in your studio or shop so you could make some sawdust. I've been out in my shop every day lately for a couple hours or so. I got on an egg making jag after seeing a Craft Supply USA - Dale L Nish School of Woodturning video on turning an egg with instructor Kirk DeHeer. I had never turned an egg shape before and thought with Easter coming up I should give it a try. I enjoyed it and now have a bowl of beautiful eggs. We have decided to share the video at our next Zoom meeting March 13. This will give you time to create some eggs before Easter which is April 4th this year.

Hopefully you can pick up a few pointers from Kirk from this video.

Our February meeting was an IRD (interactive remote demonstration) with Ed Pretty. If you were able to join us I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. I got several positive feedback texts and emails from members who were with us for it. A link was sent to you to watch it on YouTube and should be available for a few more days. Contact Fred Schmoll if you missed the email or need the link sent again.

Mark Scholer and Bill Langen won \$10.00 gift certificates from Craft Supply USA on my Craft Supply USA challenge. To enter all you need to do is send me a photo with a short description of something you have turned so that I can post it on our Facebook page. It can be a new turning or something you turned before. The goal is to get more things posted on our page so that we get more traffic on the page and maybe get some more people interested in woodturning.

We are searching for another IRD for the month of May. If you have any ideas of a turner you'd like to see do a demo let one of us on the Executive Board know and we will check it out to see if they might be available.

I hope everybody stays safe and have or will be getting your vaccinations soon, most of us are in the target group.

Guy

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MMAW meeting of February 13, 2021

The meeting was conducted online via Zoom and opened as usual with the social portion at 9:30. Ed Pretty, who was scheduled for a virtual demo entitled "Beyond ABC", participated in the social exchange and showed examples of his work starting with a handle for a ladle that he had made at the age of nine. Eventually about 30 people participated in the meeting, including several members of the Twin Cities club.

Ed explained that the title "Beyond ABC" expressed his conviction that the ABC's, the basics, only work when understood and supported by the connecting techniques. Once a basic technique is understood and practiced in the context of body posture, tool angle and other relevant considerations, not only will the execution improve but the turner will be able to improvise variations to meet special circumstances.

Ed began his demo by insisting that the body is the real anchor of the tool, not the tool rest. Starting with this premise, he went on to explain the importance of stance and body orientation. As the demo went on he spoke about the actual meaning of "ride the bevel" in the broader context of the gouge angle to the work and the attitude of the flute-whether closed or open. Ed returned several times to central importance of the alignment of the load, force and rest.

The link to the video of the meeting including Ed's demo and his handout was sent to all members in an email blast on February 15. Title of the meeting.

His demo was very informative and quite detailed so members can review details by watching the video.

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Instant Gallery

Send some pictures of what you are turning to be included here!
midmnwoodturners@gmail.com



Ellen Starr New hollow lidded container of holly I just finished. I'm trying to see how small and delicate I can turn. Holly makes it easy.



Guy Schafer has been working on finials and hollowing small globes for ornaments, a baker's dozen so far....

A few more eggs using a video from Craft Supply USA as his inspiration.





Dave Pogatchnik made this segmented bowl using red oak, birch, black walnut and topped it off with a cherry rim.

Gary Mrozek is enjoying his new chuck
making oval bowls:





These bobbin holders
were turned by club
member Dave
Kollmann.,

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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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Phil McDonald
American Association of Woodturners

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Check out the newsletters from the [Minnesota Woodturners Association](#) they are very interesting.

Mini newsletter #49 is on the MWA website. It can also be accessed at the following url:

<https://www.mnwoodturners.com/cms-files/-mini-49-converted.pdf>

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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](#)
(click to open)

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 ?, 2021.

