

SHAVINGS

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 March 12, 2022 is on! We will be meeting at the Tech Site. The meeting will also be on Zoom!**

The PCA (Paramount Center for the Arts) is requiring all folks in their buildings to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 48 hours of the event. They are also requiring everyone to wear a mask while in the buildings.

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 12th meeting will be

Ellen Starr will be demonstrating Flexible Shaft Carving

Next meeting will be a IN PERSON and ZOOM
on March 12, 2022

Please check email for a invitation Meeting will start at 10:00
AM social time at 9:30 A



Hello members.

I was very happy to see all the people at the February meeting. We had 28 members and guest. We had about 12 people share their work. It was a wide verity of creations.

Thank you Guy for your demonstration on bottle stoppers. I did not realize how many different types there are.

We are continuing to work on our video set up. I think we have the base setup done but still have a few clinks to work out. Like how the picture got inverted on the TV but was alright on the Zoom recording.

Please check out the Paramount's classes for woodworking. We have a number of members that are giving classes. You can use the hot link above or cut and past the following link.

<https://paramountarts.org/art-classes/>

If you would like to submit pictures for the Web page, newsletter or Facebook page drop a note to myself or Guy. You can send them to the club email at midmnwoodturners@gmail.com.

I am happy to report that the part for my heater showed up! I got it installed and it worked. It is nice to have heat again. I started to turn some black walnut that I got so we will see what comes out.

I hope to see you all on March 12th. Ellen will be giving a demonstration on using a flex shaft carver.

Keep turning and warm

Fred

Minutes of the MMAW Meeting, Feb. 12, 2022

President Fred Schmoll opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M.
There were 28 people at our February meeting.

New members: Art Buhs, Dick Bitzan, John Menning

Tech Center tool shed update: Guy Schafer reported that the door to the tool shed has been painted and mounted. Six lathes are now available at the Center. Classes will be conducted at the Center and details for the classes will be posted on the Paramount website.

Fred noted that dues for AAW membership will increase soon so MMAW members wishing to join the AAW should join immediately to avoid the dues increase. The AAW will hold its annual Symposium in Chattanooga this year.

Eddie Och is getting rid of some extra tools and wood. He has prepared a notebook with the items he is giving away.

Instant Gallery

Fred Schmoll won a \$100 prize in a Hunter Tool contest.

Guy Schafer shared a red elm burl bowl. Gary Mrozek, Lyle Knopf and Guy got some beautiful red elm burl in Iowa last year. Guy purchased a Hunter Viceroy tool, which he loves.

Dan Monson made a Walnut bowl, and some hackberry bowls that he cored using his Oneway coring system. He also shared some wooden glue block chucks he made.

Guy Florek made a bowl and a pot from green ash.

Jim Preusser made bowls from a cherry burl, big leaf maple and a dark asian wood.

Gary Mrozek described the process by which he acquired a large maple burl, cut it into slices, dried the boards and then cut segments from which he made a vase.

Art Buhs made some fruit from green buckthorn and a tool handle.

Eddie Och made a small bowl and showed a piece of wood appropriate for cutting segments. He has lots pieces of oak and maple and some cherry which he will give away as part of his workshop clean-up effort. Call Eddie if you are interested.

Bill Langen showed a segmented vessel with a walnut lid and stone pull.

Bob McClintick had three scoops that he made, coffee anyone?

LeAnn Kemper shared a small bowl she had died green. ***If anyone has pointers about using dyes contact LeAnn.***

Fred Schmoll showed an ornament that he made the finials for. The body was turned by Mike Hunter and embellished by Linda Ferber.

Hopefully we didn't miss anyone, if we did we are sorry!

Guy Schafer did a demo on making the tops of bottle stoppers. He recommended the stoppers as an easy project and a good way to use small scraps. The actual bottle stops are available commercially made from various materials such as stainless steel or silicon and at a range of prices. To make the top or pull for the stopper or insert, Guy first makes a jam chuck. He then mounts a second blank, turns it to round and drills a hole to receive the insert. He then mounts the top in the jam chuck and does final shaping.

Ellen Starr will be doing a demo at the March meeting on using power tools and bits for carving. She is also going to be teaching a class at the Tech Site after our regular monthly meeting. Call Ellen if you have any questions about her class or check the Paramount Center for the Arts website for class information.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00

Interested in Endgrain Sealer?

Several people have asked me if our club has any Anchorseal to sell. We do not but we can purchase it from the **Minnesota Woodturners Association** by the gallon. We will need to supply gallon containers to replace the ones we purchase. Their club buys it in 55 gallon drums and bottles it into gallon jugs. They sell it for \$10.00 a gallon and right now have about 30 gallons available. I will go down and pick some up for our club. I will have to charge something for gas but it will still be way less than the \$27.00 a gallon Amazon sells it for. If you don't want a full gallon we can fill up 2 quart milk jugs for you. It will be available to pick up at the March meeting. If you are interested or have any questions contact Guy at 320-420-5119 or email at guyandted@charter.net. Another option to Anchorseal is Elmer's white glue or Titebond Original glue. I have watched some videos and read a bit about people using glue to seal their blanks. Most of the comments were positive and people found it worthwhile to use. I know Gary Mrozek has been using it so I asked him what his thoughts were so here is what Gary had to say. "I've been using Elmer's white glue. I thin it a bit with water through trial and error. I'm guessing about a pint of water per gallon of glue. One attribute I like is you can apply multiple coats, at all stages of drying. With Anchorseal it repels additional coats" Gary said the thinning was mainly to allow for ease of application. An FYI for you is that Home Depot has Elmer's glue or Titebond Original for about \$17.00 a gallon.

Instant Gallery



Art Buhs homemade carbide tool and handle



Bob McClintick's scoops front and back



Bill Langen's segmented vessel with walnut and stone pull lid



Art Buhs green buckthorn fruit



Guy Florek's green ash shallow bowl



Guy Florek's green ash hollow vessel



Two of the nested hickory bowls made by Dan Monson



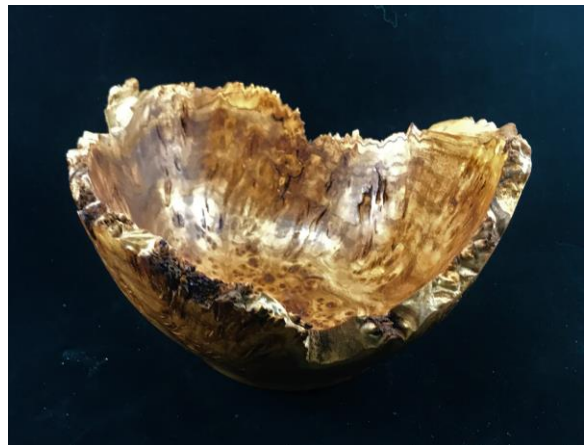
Gary Mrozek made this segmented vessel from maple burl wood he cut into lumber and dried



Eddie Och made this bowl from red elm burl scraps from Gar



Fred Schmoll made this ornament from a hollow form turned by Mike Hunter and embellished by Linda Ferber. Fred turned the finials



Red elm burl bowl by Guy Schafer



LeAnn Kemper's dyed bowl



Dan Monson also made this natural edge walnut bowl above and the walnut bowl below.



Jim Preusser made these 3 lidded vessels

Consider joining the AAW!

The **free** Affiliate membership offers access to the complete collection of AAW online resources, including the *American Woodturner* journal, for a **full three months**.

And please feel free to pass the link along to all of your chapter members, friends and associates.

www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/...

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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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