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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.



WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

The next meeting is scheduled for

March 9th

Meetings are held in the [Tech Site](#) 248 33rd Avenue South Waite Park, MN 56387. There is parking in the front and rear of the building (driveway is on south side). Entrances are in the front and back.

Our March 9th demo will be an informative discussion/demo about how to use epoxy in our woodturning.

Mike Fanslau

will share his experiences with the use of different types of epoxy for different purposes.

This should be good!

The [MMAW](#) is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](#).

Membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month.

Socializing with fellow members starts at 9:30AM, coffee is 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. They are encouraging everyone to wear a mask while in the buildings.

Hello members

I hope you all enjoyed the last meeting with Kirk DeHeer. This is the link to his recording of our meeting.

[YouTube recording](#). **Please check it out. It will only be available for a limited time.**

The shop orientation/safety class went well. The goal was to start the processes of safely working on the machines at the tech site. The plus was thinking about safety in your own shop. We had about a dozen people in them. If you would like to take this feel free to contact me. We will look at starting another class.

We are always looking for volunteers. I have only one person who would like to help with the history of the club and I could use more. We also have some lathes that could use some maintenance. If you see something that needs attention or you would like to see done let some one from the board know.

The schedule for meeting day starts at about 8am when I arrive and get the doors open. Please feel free to arrive any time to help with the setup and socializes. I am planning on being around after the meetings until 2PM or so. If you need help with anything or would like to turn please stay. We would like to see the facility and tools used. John Caye will be here after the March meeting to help with tool sharpening.

Your friend in turning. Fred

Wood Raffle

We will be having another wood raffle at the March 9th meeting.

If you have an abundance of wood at home, bring in a piece or two or three that you think another club member would like and that you are willing to donate to the club.

Any size, shape or species is good.

Anyone that donates a piece of wood will get a raffle ticket.

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each, buy as many tickets as you like and you do not need to donate wood to buy a raffle ticket. At the end of the meeting we will pull numbers. When your number is pulled you will be able to pick out a piece of wood from the donations.

End Grain Sealer for sale

The MMAW still has some **Anchor Seal** end grain sealer for sale for \$20.00 a gallon.

We can sell you half a gallon if you want. Talk to Bill Baker at the next meeting or give him a call at 1-320-333-6374.

Come and check out the Open Shop on March 7th and the 12th from 6 to 9.

This is an opportunity to do some turning or get help with some flat woodworking.

MMAW Meeting – February 10, 2024

President Fred Schmoll (Fred) opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. There were no guests in attendance.

Announcements

Fred announced that the meeting would be brief to allow enough time for the day's interactive demonstration. Everyone was encouraged to view the pieces club members brought for the instant gallery, but we would not review them during the meeting.

Fred stated the Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association (CMWA) would be hosting training sessions on February 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Instruction on how to use the equipment in the Tech Site shop safely will be presented. Contact Fred if you're interested in taking part in this opportunity, or to discuss the possibility of future alternative dates.

Check the membership list at the back of the room for accuracy of email and phone contact information.

Fred stated that we have a history of the club from 2007 to 2016 and he is looking for people to volunteer to bring this record up to date. Barb Peterson has offered to assist with this project, but more people could make the task easier for everyone. Contact Fred if interested.

Open Shop is the first Thursday and second Tuesday of the month. The next open shops will be March 7th and the 12th from 6:00 to 9:00.

The AAW's Annual International Woodturning Symposium is May 23rd to 26th in Portland, Oregon. The 2025 symposium will be held in St. Paul. This will provide volunteer opportunities for club members.

Bill Baker has end grain sealer available for purchase. Contact him if you need some.

The March meeting will include a demonstration on incorporating epoxy into your woodturning by club member Mike Fanslau. John Caye will stay after the meeting to help anyone with sharpening tools.

The meeting ended and members directed their attention to a remote interactive demonstration by Kirk DeHeer on surface enhancements.

50/50 Drawing was won by **Robert Palmquist**

March Demonstration

Mike Fanslau is a mix of artist, lathe turner, sawmill operator and mad scientist. He will show us how he has used epoxy to build/turn a variety of items on his lathe. He will explain the different types of epoxy and the issues you might run into, and how he's used it to create unique pieces, as well as salvage pieces that were next to impossible to turn. His experiments will save you time and \$\$ if you chose to go down this road.



Meet the Turners

Robert Palmquist

My name is Robert I am the oldest of 6 kids. I have 2 kids, 5 grandkids and 2 granddogs.

I have been a firefighter for 35 years and heavy haul truck driver.

I started woodturning off and on 45 years ago. My favorite things to make are segmented bowls.

I also enjoy camping and steam thrashing shows.



Robin Palmquist

My name is Robin I am the youngest of 2. I have two dogs.

I have wood turned a handful of times when time and dogs have allowed.

I don't yet have a favorite thing to turn.

Some of my other hobbies include knitting and steam thrashing shows.

John Caye will be staying after the March meeting to help anyone needing their tools sharpened or in need of a lesson on how to sharpen their tools.

So if you have the need, please bring tools to the meeting and he can help you out after the meeting.

Gallery

Bob McClintick

turned this hollow Maple bowl/form
with bark inclusion and turquoise epoxy



Tyler Smith turned this
Elm bowl

a ring bowl from Brazilian
Rosewood
and this box from Walnut
and Black Ash



Guy Florek Shared this
Paper Birch hollow form



Mike Fanslau
turned this
cup/tumbler
with a variety
of wood and
epoxy



Eddie Och shared
this miniature bowl
turned from Oak





Our illustrious leader **Fred** getting things started!



Kirk DeHeer seems to have everyone's attention during his IRD, our first attempt at an Interactive Remote Demonstration.

Be sure to let our Executive Board know how you felt it went and if we should schedule more of them.

Tool Swap/Sale coming at the April meeting

Is it time to take inventory of the tools in your workshop!

If you haven't used a tool in awhile, maybe someone else in the club can/will!

At our April meeting we will have a **Tool Swap/Sale**.

No tool will be too small, too big or too old for this, just so someone else might be able to use it.

Label the tool with **your name** and what you'd like to **sell** (\$) or **swap** it for (wood, a tool, a bowl....) .

If you have any questions contact Tyler Smith at 1-541-930-9192, or

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