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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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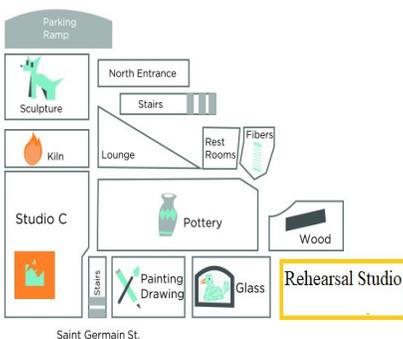
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MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Rehearsal Studio . (see map)

Meetings are held in the [Paramount Center For The Arts](#) (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.

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](#) .



Next Meeting Saturday May 11, 2019

Meeting will start at 10:00 social time at 9:30

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President Letter

Finally a day over fifty-five degrees, the Red tailed hawks are circling high in the sky and the buds on the maples are starting to break open all signs of spring and it's arrival. As we leave winter behind much has happened in the last month or two.

Empty bowl while off to a slow start yielded close to 100 bowls. In the fall someone from empty bowls will come and talk to us giving us a better scope and grasp of what Empty bowls does locally and worldwide.

At last months meeting it became known to all that Albert Keppers entered an assisted living home. Albert is dealing with dementia . During the time that I have known Albert I have learned a lot form him one of them being if you are from Avon you can't be all bad,.Albert grew up on a farm in none other than Avon.

It was great to see your bowls that you cut in half to either make wall sconces or some other creation or bowl from a bowl. For next months presidents challenge it's what can be made from the crotch of a tree I look forward to seeing what you come up with. Remember these challenges are to provoke your thought process and encourage others to do the same.

Bill Baker will be doing May's demo on thread chasing so make time to come and learn something new. And for the month of June we will be having a top turnoff this will test your skill on turning something within a certain size and weight More info to follow so stay turned.

See you at the May 11th meeting.

Jerry

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MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from April 13, 2019

We had two visitors at today's meeting, Sarah Jacobs from St. Joe and Ellen Starr from Hutchinson. Welcome!

We are saddened to hear that Albert Keppers is suffering from dementia and has moved to a memory care facility. He has sold his home and all his woodturning tools along with everything at his farm. He is at Legacy Pines, 902 15th St. NE, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. Stop by to visit or drop him a card if you'd like.

Jerry Wervev briefly discussed that the club has a large balance in our treasury and we need to think about ways to wisely spend some of the funds for the benefit of the club. If you have any ideas please share them with members of the Executive Board or Jerry Wervev. It will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

We will be having three lathes doing demos today. Mark Scholer will demo making a "12 cent pen" from Captain Eddy Castelin, Guy will demo making an ornament he got from Gary Mrozek and Jerry will be showing how to make a hand mirror that was a demo several years ago by a visiting pro turner. Jerry asked club members what types of demos they would like to see in the future. The following ideas were shared. How to use the bowl gouge, modeled after our skew demo. Using the indexing system on a lathe. The basics of carbide tools. A demo on sharpening tools (include forstner bits). A demonstration on hollowing without closing your eye and looking in a mirror, according to Dan 😊. Somethings for advanced turners. More information on segmenting. A demo on turning finials. If you have any other ideas please share with Jerry.

Sharing time.

Guy Schafer shared a maple bowl cut in half mounted on a Florida Rosewood board. He also had 4 magic wands he turned.

Bill Langen had an apple-wood covered box that started out round and then he cut a section out of the middle to make it an oblong shaped box.

Lenny Merdan had three segmented pieces that had domed tops on them. They were made of lilac, walnut, hickory, choke cherry, white oak and cherry.

Gary Mrozek had a 9 inch butternut bowl that he removed 4 ½ inches from the middle and put it back together to make an oblong bowl. He put 4 soft maple round balls he turned painted with a metal reactive paint in the bowl.

Gary Thole had a tall boxelder vase with spectacular color.

Duane Lembcke had a small buckthorn platter with a cedar foot.

Jerry Wervey had a butternut bowl that he cut in half and then put together end to end and mounted it on cherry legs.

Eddie Och had some glued up boards turned into vases.

Dan Monson had two maple bowls from a tree from his sons yard.

Sarah Jacobs shared her pens. She has been turning for about 6 months and has some beautiful pens in her collection.

Bill Baker talked about the library. He was searching for a few missing items and informed us (me) that there was no longer a \$1.00 fee to check items out. If you have ideas for new items for the library let him know.

The MMAW had several items to give away. Everything but the air filtration system was taken or disposed of. If anyone is interested in the air filtration system let Jerry or Guy know. Gary Mrozek could maybe answer any questions you have about how it works.

We purchased a PA system and we will use it at the next meeting.

Tom Harlander won \$12.00 on the 50/50 drawing.

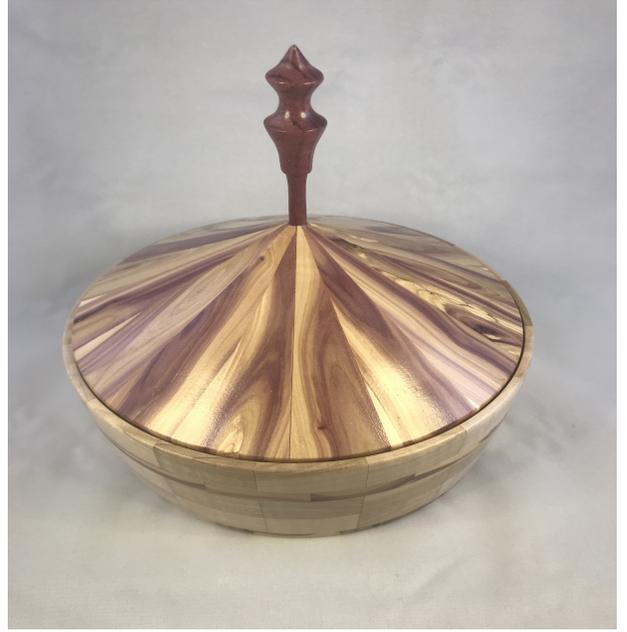
After the meeting adjourned the three lathe demos were done by Jerry Wervey, Mark Scholer and Guy Schafer. If you want more info please talk to them. The pen info can also be found on line by googling [Captain Eddie Castelin 12 cent pen](#).

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Instant Gallery







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Safety tip

While in the process of sharpening, use a light pressure on the tool against the wheel. Let the wheel do the work. Forcing the tool against the wheel in an effort to increase material removal is dangerous. It will significantly increase the heat of grinding, and worst case, can damage the wheel, even causing breakage.

From the AAW Safety Guidebook.
<https://www.woodturner.org/page/GuestPublications>

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

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For the pictures of the Instant Gallery at the meeting we will have the photo booth set up. We would like you to bring your piece to the booth and we will take 2 pictures. One of the piece alone and one with your name tag. You can then put your piece on the table. This will help us get done faster and help to see that we get photos of all the pieces brought in. If you would like to use the booth to take your own pictures please feel free to do so.

We are also looking for more help with setup, taking photos and take down. We would like to rotate the task every month or so. Training will be provided.