

# 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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OF WOODTURNERS

*WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.*

**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **The in-person meetings for May 8th 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 May 8th meeting will be**



Next meeting will be a IN PERSON AND ZOOM meeting on  
May 8, 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

Greeting Woodturners,

I hope this finds everyone doing well and able to make some shavings and sawdust in between yard work and other household duties. We have been working hard on some new and old flowerbeds here. I have been able to get to the shop (studio) a little bit now and then. Whistles were/are my new adventure. I need to do more research so that they are easier for 2 and 5 year olds to be successful when trying to make the whistle whistle 9. I'm sure it has something to do with the size of the dowel/reed. I'll explore as time goes by. We had a good meeting on April 10 with about 16 folks signed in. Gary Mrozek made a very informative video on turning a natural edge bowl that he shared with us. It covers the topic from cutting the blank to balancing the blank on the lathe till finally drying it in the microwave oven. If you missed the meeting and would like to watch it Fred will post a link with the password in the newsletter. If you just want to watch Gary's video you can view it on YouTube. Gary has a YouTube channel or page so just go to you tube and type Gary Mrozek in the search line and it will give you a list of his videos.

Bill Baker won the Craft Supply Gift Certificate give away for sharing pictures of his marble colored bowls. Thank you to all you members who have been sharing pictures of your work. We have been having lots of traffic to our Facebook Page to see what has been posted there. I'll have Bob McClintick share a little about the traffic at our next meeting. (Got that Bob, and thanks in advance 9) Keep the pictures coming with a short description of the size and wood type. For May I will be giving away two Woodcraft \$10.00 gift cards to two members who share a picture of something they have turned or made (like Bill Langen's beautiful mountain luthier).

I talked to Bob Johnson from the Paramount and it looks like we will be able to meet at the Tech Site. I won't know for sure till late April or early May but it looks promising. If we do meet there we will also run a zoom meeting at the same time. I will need some help setting that up as we'll need to move the camera and TV there and then figuring out the zoom meeting part. If anyone can help with the logistics on this let me know. Also there is some cherry and apple wood at the Tech Site that people can have for a small donation to the MMAW.

Hope to see lots of you in-person on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Guy

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Minutes MMAW Meeting April 10, 2021

The Social portion of the meeting opened at 9:00 A.M. via Zoom .

10:00 A.M. Guy Schafer opened the business portion of the meeting. An offer had been made to give a walnut trunk to anyone who would cut down the tree and haul it away. Upon inquiry it was decided that to have a tree service handle the job would be too expensive.

It is still uncertain when it will be possible to hold our meetings at the Tech Center.

Guy Schafer announced that he is cutting down an apple tree and offers sections to members in exchange for a small donation to the club.

Guy renews his request for members to send in pictures of their turnings for the club gallery and our Facebook channel.

Bill Baker was the winner of the Crafts Supplies certificate.

Tom Lillihei showed a candle holder he had turned and darkened with a propane torch.

Bob McClintock showed a bowl that he had turned and inlaid with turquoise. Members suggested alternative material for inlay.

Make-It-Max is a new business on Clearwater Road where for a fee one can use a number of woodworking machines and tools such as a bandsaw.

Greg Pont has received another shipment of Central American hardwoods. If members are interested, they can simply show up and view what's available. Greg Pont prefers not to do business or respond to inquiries over the phone.

Gary Mrozek would like to work on a venue for turners to have their work critiqued and to get suggestions.

Bill Larson spoke to the host of radio station WJON's show It Matters. Kelly Cordes, host of the show, indicated she would be happy to have a club member come on the show to describe the club and promote our activities.

Gary Mrozek provided the demo in the form of a video he had made on turning a natural edge bowl. This video and others that Gary has made are all available on his YouTube channel and can be viewed simply by typing his name in the title box at the top of the page on YouTube.

Gary discussed the relation between the size of the blank and the ultimate shape of the bowl. A smaller log will produce a V shaped bowl. Once he has the log blank cut in half lengthwise, Gary considers the stability of the bark, looking for nicks or weak spots to strengthen with glue.

He drills a hole in the bark side to center the spur drive in the bark and mount the tail stock in the pith side where he will turn the tenon. With the bowl turned, Gary dries it in a microwave oven. For this he uses an infrared thermometer, a scale and a ziplock bag. With the microwave set on the defrost function and the bowl in the ziplock bag, Gary runs the microwave for 8-10 minutes aiming for a temperature of between 130° and 140°. He then takes out the bag, notes the temperature and the weight of the bowl, dries out the bag and repeats the process, this time for 8 minutes. When there is little weight loss, he assumes the wood is dry. There is more information on microwave drying at [VirgilTreeArt.com](http://VirgilTreeArt.com).

Meeting adjourned.



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**Instant Gallery**

Send some pictures of what you are turning to be included here!  
[midmnwoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:midmnwoodturners@gmail.com)



Club member Michael Gamades turned this 6 inch by 2 inch bowl from (he thinks) persimmon.



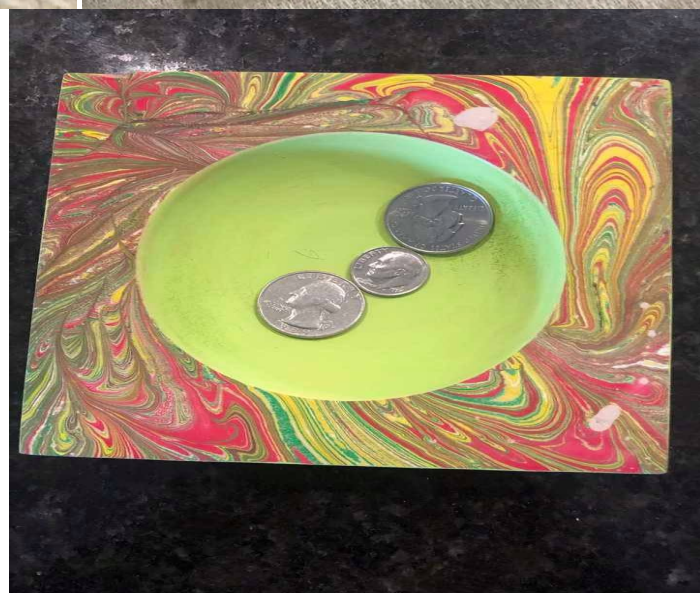


Club member Bill Langen is not only a woodturner, he also makes instruments. Here he is with his granddaughter Cecca and the mountain dulcimer and case that he made for her. Bill and Cecca did some turning together too.





Club member Guy Schafer turned some throw away wood into useful items.



Club member Dale Field turned this bowl. We'll call it FOG wood, found on ground.





Club member Tom  
Harlander turned this  
maple bowl





Club member Bob McClintick recently completed several bowl projects, including a spalted elm bowl (8.5 x 3 inches); a natural-edged apple bowl (6.5 x 3.5 inches); and an elm bowl with epoxy-filled voids (7 x 3 inches).





Ellen Starr is still experimenting with her miniature turnings.



Started a new turned hollow container made from Holly. I used my laser to cut a design into the top and used black milliput epoxy to fill it in. The design ended up being a little smaller on the top than I like but I really like the look of the crispness of the design done with the laser. I'm still trying to decide on what to do for the lid. The piece is about 1 1/2" high.

Club member Tom Harlander turned this heart shaped bowl out of a piece of walnut.





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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.**



[www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/...](http://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/...)

- [tiny.cc/AAWAffiliate](http://tiny.cc/AAWAffiliate)

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

**SHAVINGS****Tips**

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>

Mike Rohrer  
MWA Newsletter Editor

**TOOLS EXPLAINED**

**DRILL PRESS** : A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL** : Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh\*t'

**DROP SAW** : A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS** : Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**WISE-GRIPS** : Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**ADJUSTABLE WRENCH:** aka "Another hammer", aka "the Swedish Nut Lathe", aka "Crescent Wrench". Commonly used as a one size fits all wrench, usually results in rounding off nut heads before the use of pliers. Will randomly adjust size between bolts, resulting in busted buckles, curse words, and multiple threats to any inanimate objects within the immediate vicinity.

**BELT SANDER :** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW :** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**TABLE SAW :** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**BAND SAW :** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER :** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER :** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**HOSE CUTTER :** A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER :** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.



UTILITY KNIFE : Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

Son of a bitch TOOL : Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a b\*tch' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

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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.

