

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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MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **The in-person meetings for May 14th, 2022 is on!**
We will be meeting at the Tech Site. The meeting will also



be on Zoom!

Paramount Center for the Arts have announced that they will be dialing back their Covid mitigation strategies. Proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test will no longer be required. Out of concern for those who may be immunocompromised or have underlying health concerns, the mask requirement will be changed to "Masks Strongly Recommended."

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 14th meeting will be
Bill Baker will demonstrate marbeling

Next meeting will be a IN PERSON and ZOOM
on May 14th, 2022
Please check email for a invitation Meeting will start at 10:00
AM social time at 9:30 A



Hello Members

It was great to see so many of you at the last meeting. We had a many pieces for sharing. There is a lot of talent in our club and we appreciate all who are willing to share.

I am trying to get out of the vacation mode. Getting ready for spring has started and I am shifting from woodworking to gardening. I came across a turner, Robin Dalziel. He as a website called [Turning for Profit](#). In it he has many projects and some advice. Like what to think about making in order to make a profit with your turnings. I invite you to check him out.

Please remember that the May 14th meeting will be back at the Tech site and Bill will demonstrate marbling!

For the June meeting we are going to do a sharpening demonstration. We have a couple of people lined up to show us how they sharpen their favorite tool. We would like a couple more demonstrators. Please bring any tools that you need help with and they will help you learn how to sharpen them. The club has two sharpener stations. One has two CBN wheel's and the other has one CBN and a stone wheel that can be used for shaping the tool.

Please check out the [Paramount's Classes for Woodworking](#). We have a number of our members that are teaching. 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, please drop a note to myself or Guy. You can send them to the club email at midmnwoodturners@gmail.com also.

Keep turning and think spring!!

Fred

Minutes of MMAW monthly meeting April 9, 2022

Fred Schmoll welcomed new members Jeff, Rob and Robin

Announcements:

The MMAW will hold workshops in August of this year.

The AAW Annual Symposium will take place June 23-26, 2022.

The Chicago area woodturners will hold their Conference July 29-31.

Instant Gallery:

Bill Baker showed his osage orange pillbox.

Guy Schafer displayed small boxes turned from hackberry.

Ellen Starr showed her walnut sculpture with a finial embellished with owlite as well as three ebony earrings with pearls and gemstones.

Jay Olson brought a walnut bowl and a pen turned from burl.

Dan Monson showed three bowls cored from a large walnut blank. He gave the group a detailed description of his finishing process.

Dale Field displayed three bowls and a funnel.

Suggestions for the future:

Members showed considerable interest in organizing a tour of a forest focusing on tree identification and information.

Demo: Bob McClintick on turning scoops

Bob told the group that he got interested in making scoops during his recovery from a motorcycle accident. He has used walnut and buckthorn for these projects. He said that he uses hot glue to attach the workpiece to a mounting block. Once the scoop is turned, he loosens it from the block by heating it in the microwave.

Bob has a special configuration for the mounting block so that the handle will end up off-center. To hollow the bowl of the scoop, he prefers the Hunter tool.

Anchor Seal:

The club will be purchasing 10 gallons of Anchor seal. Members who need the product will be able to purchase it in one gallon lots provided they can bring their own one gallon jugs. There will be an email blast with details.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

April Instant Gallery

Consider joining the AAW!



Bill Baker
made this
small
Osage orange
pill box



Jay Olson
made this
walnut bowl
and a pen
from a from a
free burl scrap
from Rockler



Bill Lange made
this mystery
wood bowl and
this book-
matched walnut
lidded box



Here is one of
Dale Fields 3
bowls and his
lidded box

2 more of
Dale's
Boxelder
bowls

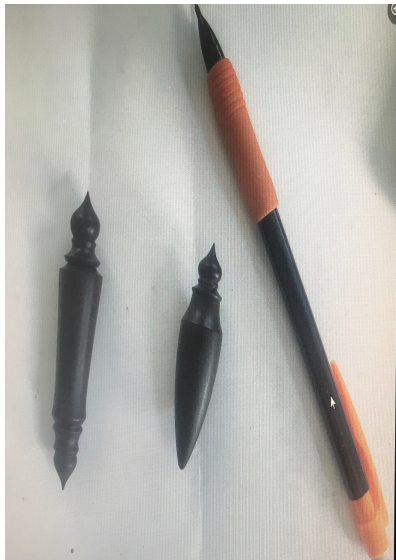
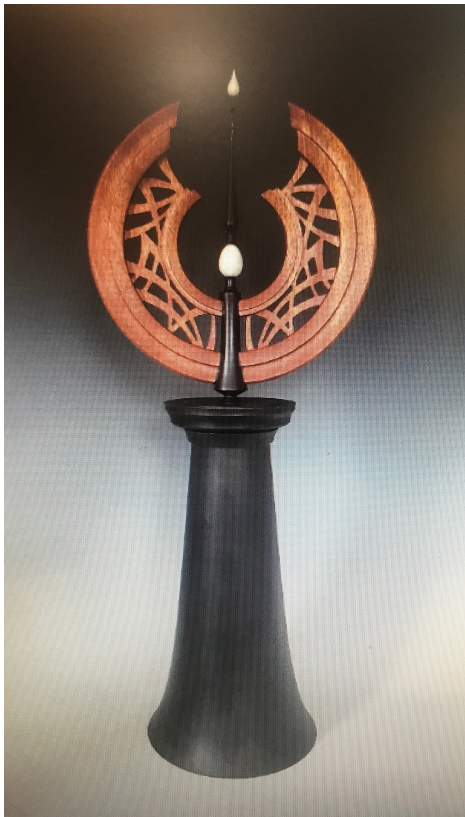


GuySchafer
made these 2
bowls from
some very
wet
Hackberry





Ellen Monson made
these walnut
bowl from a tree she
own in his backyard.



Ellen Starr made this
turned and carved
sculpture from African
Mahogany and walnut
and these miniature
hollowed pendants (the
pencil is for scale) she
will turn them into
necklaces.

Anchoeseal now available.....

Bill Baker and Guy Schafer went to Corcoran last week to Lee Luebke's place and picked up 10 gallons of Anchorseal. The Minnesota Woodturners Association (**MWA**, Lee is the current president of the club) were kind enough to sell us these at \$10.00 a gallon, which is a bit under their actual cost. Guy has a list of 4 people that ordered some so they will get first chance to purchase it. If anyone else wants some it will be first come first serve for the rest of it. If you would like to buy a half gallon, bring a half gallon jug along and we can split a gallon.

White glue watered down a bit so it is paintable is also an option for sealing endgrain in logs and turning blanks.

While talking to Lee he mentioned that the **MWA** may be offering many more classes in the near future. He stated that several of our members are members of their club already and they would love to have more of our members join their club and or take some of their classes. Membership would not be a requirement to take classes. We will keep you informed as things develop.

AAW membership benefits.....

Please go to the AAW website at <https://www.woodturner.org/> and do some exploring. Click on the banner inviting you to **Check out the benefits of AAW membership here**. It is amazing all the information and help they have to offer woodturners, from beginners to experts. Also, go to the membership tab on the right side of the main page and click on membership. Then click on **Click here to join today!**, then click on **Sign up for an Affiliate membership**. This will give you 3 months of free membership to let you explore what the AAW has to offer you. Give it a try, what do you have to lose but some time! This will give you THREE free months of full membership in the AAW to see if it is right for you. Good luck and enjoy the explore!