

# SHAVINGS

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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.

**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month.



*WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.*

### The next meeting is scheduled for

May 10

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.

The May 10 meeting will have

**Joe Flemming**

Demonstrating some

**Air Brushing Techniques**

[Check him out here](#)

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

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**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 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 1st Thursday and 2nd Tuesday from 6 to about 8:30 of every month is

**OPEN SHOP**

Volunteer to help or come to turn!

Shavings from the Prez,

A couple shout outs this month. The first one goes to Guy Florek for his demonstration on a natural edge bowl. Hopefully you have inspired more of us to forget about the banana bowl shape and explore other ways to incorporate a natural edge to our pieces. The second one goes to Guy Schafer in coordinating the tool sale for our former club member Mike Hunter. A ton of work went into listing what he had, and I'm sure Carla was grateful for the assistance.

This will be the last plug for the AAW Symposium. Please do not miss out on this opportunity. If you need assistance getting there, whether it's needing a ride or even financially, please let either myself or one of our board members know. We will be getting a count on the number of people going to see if it would be worth it to rent a van or a bus for the day. So keep that in mind as well.

Lastly I would just like to thank everyone that helps to set up and tear down each of our monthly meetings. It is greatly appreciated and I love to see everyone pitch in. "Many hands make light work."

Stay safe in the shop and keep your tools sharp.

Tyler

#### Minutes for April

Our April meeting was well attended. We now have 70 members. Our meeting started with show and tell and lots of turned boxes in response to Guy's demo last month. We also had live edge burl bowls, a knitting bowl and Ellen's newest creation. Keep bringing in the wig stands for donation. Bring your live edge bowls for show and tell at the May meeting.

We are still collecting bowls for Empty Bowls. They will be donated at the Symposium- last date for collection is our next meeting- May 10. Ellen Star will be the liaison to the Symposium for Empty Bowls.

Guy Florek demonstrated live edge/ green turning on an ash blank. He presented the steps from the turning to drying and sealing for later finishing. As the demo wound down, there was a lively discussion on tools and sharpening systems.

Still looking for volunteers for Open Shop on the first Thursday and second Tuesday of every month. Come in and finish your project while providing a place for others to do the same. Thank you!

Just a reminder that the first Saturday will now be a watch party with the Minneapolis Turners Club.

Doors at open at 9:00, video demonstrations start about 10:00.

Our next meeting is May 10 and will feature Joe Fleming's demonstration of surface design using airbrush techniques. No Meeting in June, hope to see everyone at the Symposium!

July is Tool swap/Auction and Wood Processing. August is our Summer potluck.

#### **There are three times we have open shop at the Tech Site for interested MMAW members.**

The first Thursday and second Tuesday of the month there is open shop along with the Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association (CMWA) at the Tech Site from 6 to around 8:30 or so.

The MMAW will also have open shop after every club meeting till around 2:00 or so. If you want some help or just access to a lathe feel free to come to take advantage of the opportunity. All you would need to supply is the wood to turn and any questions you might have.

#### **We had a great response to all of the Mike Hunter tools for sale.**

There were many happy buyers and Carla, Mike's wife, was very happy that Mike's tools were going to people that knew him and were from MMAW community. She sends good wishes to all and hope you enjoy his tools as much as he did!

Any tools that are not sold will be at the tool sale and swap at the July 12th meeting.



Some of Guy Floreck's natural edge creations.

- Maple platter
- Red Maple bowl
- spalted Birch bowl
- Black Ash burl bowl
- Black Ash burl platter



**Upcoming Meeting Activities**

There will be no June meeting because of the AAW Symposium in St. Paul

**July** we will have a **tool sale, wood exchange/raffle and wood processing** event.

**August** will be our annual **Picnic Lunch/Brunch**.

**October** we will have several **Seasonal Ornaments Demonstrated**.

**November** will see **Dan Larson** from the Minneapolis club demonstrate **Plates/Platters**.

**Instant Gallery**



Bob McClintick and his walnut natural edge bowl

Chuck Hunt and his yarn bowl



Ellen Starr and her 3 creations



Eddie Och and his segmented bowl of turned and colored



Mike Heneghan and the 3-D coasters he made



To see where Mike got his inspiration for these coasters, click on the following [video](#).



Mark Scholer with a lidded box and a wig stand he turned

## More Instant Gallery



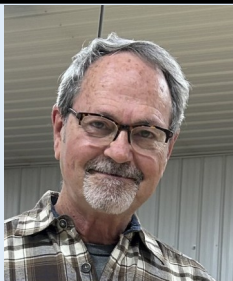
Earl Felling and his lidded boxes



Gary Thole and a 3 of his natural edge bowls. Above is Green Ash, Burr Oak and Sugar Maple



Two of Guy Schafer's lidded boxes, Cherry and Elm and two natural edge bowls, White Oak and Red Oak



My name is Mark Scholer. I am a retired elementary school teacher. I've been retired for 13 years after spending almost 35 years teaching 6th graders in the St. Cloud Public Schools. I'm originally from a small town in Southern Minnesota, Butterfield. After completing school at Southwest State in Marshall, I moved to St. Cloud where I met my wife, Connie Sandmann! We have two sons, Micah lives in New Zealand with his partner Steffi and two young boys, Sam and Charlie. Jamison and his partner, Andrea, just moved back to St. Paul in August from Southern California. Both boys are scientists; one studies birds and the other bees. Besides woodturning I also enjoy woodworking and woodcarving. I stay active trying to improve at golf and pickleball. When we're not at home in St. Cloud, we might be out camping or at the lake relaxing. I do enjoy fishing and canoeing, too. I started woodturning about 8 years ago after seeing beautiful turnings at the Paramount Craft Store and attending a woodturner's meeting. At that first meeting, I met a number of people who were very friendly and encouraging. Starting with my dad's old Shop Smith, I learned how to make something square-round. Attending club meetings, a few workshops, and helping out with Arts Underground at the Paramount have helped build my "turning confidence". I enjoy the process of turning a log into something functional/useful. I like working with spalted woods, unique shapes, and local finds.



Hello, my name is John Caye. I started working in the printing business while still in high school at a local newspaper. After a stint in the Air Force as a photographer I continued working for different companies in the printing business. The last part of my 40+ years in the printing business were running a couple local printing companies, Volkmuth and May printing. I am married to Roberta and I have two beautiful daughters. We live north of Sartell on the Mississippi River. I have many hobbies including hunting, fishing, golf and taking care of my tree farm. I also have a wonderful shop that I have made furniture and other things as well as turn on the lathe. I turned my first bowl at the age of 9. I had a neighbor 3 years older than me that was sort of my mentor. He would show me what he

learned in school and then I would go to my uncles and use his lathe and give it a try. Eventually my aunt gave me the lathe and the rest is history. My favorite thing to turn is an unusual piece of wood and then

Hi, Roger Swenson here. I grew up in Glencoe MN. After graduating from high school in 1962 I attended Dunwoody. My working part of my life was in the automotive industry, from mechanic to parts dept to service manager in two automotive dealerships. The last 22 years was selling SnapOn tools and I retired in 2006. My wife Jeanette and I were married in 1968 and have two children. Chuck lives in Avon and had a cabinet shop for 15 years and is now working for Tishler cabinets in Avon. Molly lives in Brainerd and works in the hospital. In the early 1990s I bought a Delta lathe that collected a lot of dust. Tried a few times to use it but it didn't turn out very good. In 2013 I told Jeanette I was either going to sell it or learn how to use it. Someone at the VA told me about the Paramount classes and MMAW. I signed up for a beginning turning class with Gary Mrozek and joined the club soon after. I was hooked. Ended up with a Powermatic lathe thanks to my friend Dan Monson. Probably bought too many tools but I guess you can never have too many tools. I like to turn different things, from pens to boxes to bowls etc. I also enjoy flying Radio Controlled airplanes. We have a club in Willmar.

