

A Publication of the Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners



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The Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners (MMAW) is a members 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. **Socializing** with fellow members **starts at 9:30AM**, coffee and treats available. Meetings are held in the Paramount Visual Arts Center (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. 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. (Click on the Paramount marquee for a link to their website.)

Saturday May 14 is the next membership meeting.



The MMAW is an affiliate of the AAW. Click in the middle of AAW logo to reach the AAW Site.



Reflections

From the MMAW President

The April meeting was well attended and a lot of interaction with 7 visitors in the audience. The club decided to continue through the summer months with the normal 2nd Saturday of the month meeting. We also had an update on the Wood Expo scheduled for Saturday April 16th. "Post Note" The Wood Expo was well attended and the club had a very good showing with members and "Teen Night" people demonstrating and the gallery of beautiful turned works. Bill Baker gave an excellent talk on "SAFETY" and had handouts for the club.

The May meeting will be held on Saturday the 14th with social time starting at 9:30 AM and the monthly meeting at 10:00 AM. Jerry Wervey will be giving the demo this month. Please bring a turning for our instant gallery and a chunk of wood for our monthly wood exchange.

And last but not least, "BE SAFE" in your woodturning. Always wear a face shield when turning and a dust mask when sanding.

Jim Brodd

MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2016

Visitors attending: Michael and Melinda Doubek from Grey Eagle, Jerry Morton from Rogers, Fred Schmoll from Hutchinson, Tom Gearhart from Coon Rapids, Lynn Kull from Royalton, Ed Loesch from Brainerd and Charlie Gunderson, the president of the woodworkers club.

Guy reported that the club donated 84 finished bowls for the Empty Bowls event. Mark Scholer and Guy Schafer gave a bowl turning demo at the event from 11:00 to 4:00.

John and Bill shared information about the upcoming Wood Expo. John has a display case to share turned items, there will be two lathes there with student turners and club members turning and the club will have the T.V. there showing videos. Most of the set up will take place Friday after 5:00.

There was a vote concerning our summer meeting schedule. It was decided that we would continue our regular Saturday meeting schedule for the summer months.

Instant Gallery....

Jim Brodd shared a curling stone he made out of cedar with 8 shot glasses on the inside, a traditional "shot rock".

Jim Preusser had a large cherry burl wall plaque and a claro walnut bowl.

Jerry Wervey had 4 square bowls made from spalted birch.

Guy Schafer shared some of his mini-weed pots, inspired by Nadine Nelson pots.

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MMAW Business Items**Beginning Balance** \$2431.91**Expenditures** \$14.88**Income** \$301.00**Ending Balance** \$2690.51**Calendar****Next Meetings:**

Sat. June 11

Sat. July 9

Demonstrations:**Other:****30th AAW Symposium June 9-12 in Atlanta****2015-2016****MMAW Board of Directors****Jim Brodd** President**Denny Myers** Vice President**Guy Schafer** Secretary**Byron John** Treasurer**John Caye** Past President**Dan Monson** Director - 2 years**Albert Keppers** Director - 1 year**Jim Preusser** Director - 1 year**April Meeting Notes cont. from p.2**

Tom Gearhart shared a covered segmented bowl.

Lenny Merdan had 2 segmented goblets, a red cedar covered cup, a hollow vessel and vase, 2 off center turnings and segmented poplar vase.

Guy won the Crafts Supply certificate.

Bill Baker led an interesting discussion about safety in the workshop. He shared a handout with everyone. If you did not get a copy and would like one talk to Guy Schafer.

Mike Demeules won \$11.00 from the 50/50 drawing.

**Executive Board Minutes from April 9, 2016**

1. Byron reported the club has a balance of \$2404.39.
2. Jerry Wervey will give a demo on making a coffee scoop at the May meeting.
3. The Wood Expo was discussed and it looks like everything is set to go.

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Why no names? When photos are printed in the newsletter, you may have noticed there are no names listed for the teen turners (and many others) who attend Arts Underground. Someone recently asked me why I am not attaching their names and ages. One reason, I do not get their names, but most importantly, if I did, because there are laws/policies about using names and/or addresses of underage persons in publications including on-line (with/without permission). The newsletter is available on-line to anyone, anywhere, who has internet access. By limiting names/addresses in the newsletter we are protecting the underage turners and others, as well as the club's interests. Hope this answers the question: **why no names?**

Wood Raffle

Please remember our May Wood Raffle. Bring a piece or two (or more) of wood to the May meeting for the raffle.



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4. For the May meeting, members are asked to bring any questions and/or concerns that they have about the possibility of moving the club meetings and activities to the Paramount Tech Center. Jim Brodd will invite Bob Johnson to be at our May meeting to discuss and share ideas and information with the club members.
5. We will get more member applications, brochures, and info cards printed.
6. Jim Brodd, John Caye and Jerry Wervey were named to a nominating committee. We are in need of a vice president and board members.



Cartoon posted by an IAP Member
on the penturner's site



MMAW Mentors

John Caye

Mentor on an as needed basis for all levels from beginner to brushing up on forgotten skills. One week notice is preferred. 320-253-2875

Lyle Knopp

Covering the basics and advanced level turning. Please give a 3-4 day advanced notice. 320-980-3466

Albert Keppers

Willing to help improve skill levels from basic to advanced levels. One week notice preferred. 320-252-6118

Denny Meyers

Will work with you at his shop on all levels from entry and beyond. Denny's knowledge of finishing techniques can help make a good project look great. One week notice preferred. 320-360-0784

Larry Sampson

Willing to share his shop to help anyone wanting to improve their basic skill set. 3-4 days notice is preferred. 320-259-5372

Jerry Wervey

Willing to work with you to improve your skills from entry to intermediate level; those with advanced skills are welcome to stop over as I am always learning as well. 3-4 days notice please.



Novice turners, who have attended Arts Underground, posing with their turnings.



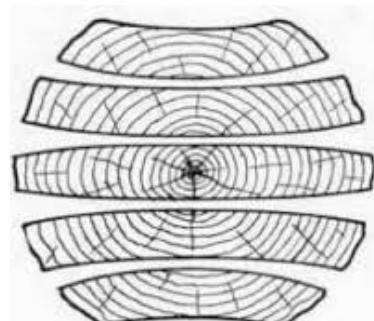
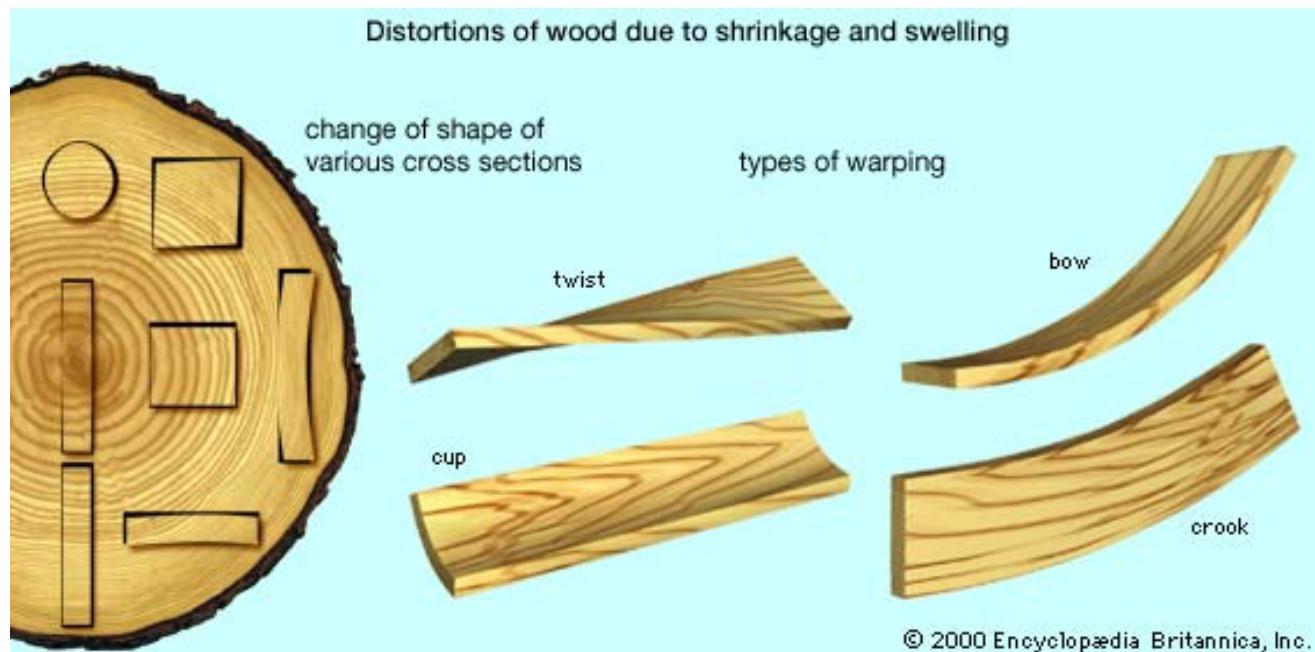
More Arts Underground Participants and Their Creations



**Arts Underground
attracts all ages of
persons interested in
learning to turn**



How Wood Distorts As It Dries





Thanks to Bill Baker for sharing his insight on safety at the April membership meeting.



Thank you, Guy Schafer, for taking photos for this month's newsletter.



**MMAW Instant
Gallery**
Thank you to all
members who shared
their creations at the
April 9 membership





Reflections of Flowers From Around the World

