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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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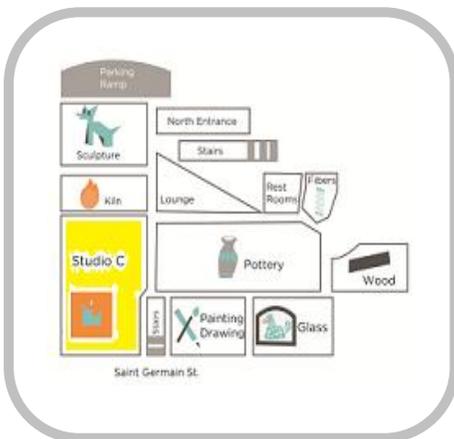


MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

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 above Paramount marquee for a link to their website.) The MMAW is an affiliate of the AAW. (Click on the above AAW marquee for a link to their website.)



Next Meeting Saturday December 10th, 2016

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Presidents letter – December 2016

I hope all of you are in the holiday spirit and shavings are flying off of your lathe. I'm the original Grinch so I have a bit of away to go.

The crafts supplies order went well and I didn't have to chase anyone down for information. They are easy to deal with and would encourage those who have certificates to use them up before their expiration date, or turn them back in to the club for someone else to use.

The empty bowls event will be here before we know it and I would ask each member to donate a bowl or two for this function. I'm hoping one of our members will step up and help organize the collection and distribution of bowls. It's a worthy cause and our members have always done a good job donating to the cause.

Kirk Deheer from Utah will be demonstrating in January. The Paramount will be sponsoring this event so they will do all the promotion and selling of tickets. There will be a demonstration on Thursday, January 12 in the evening. The cost will be \$20.00 and we are shooting for a minimum of 20 participants. On January 13th, there will be a hands on class at the cost of \$95.00 per student with a maximum of 10 students. From the show of hands at the last meeting I don't have any doubt about filling out the classes. A description of what he will be demonstrating will be coming soon.

Hope to see everyone at the Dec 10th meeting.

Bill Baker



Merry Christmas

MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from November 12, 2016

Dave Carl's from Ramsey joined our group today, welcome Dave

1. Bill told everyone about the burl log that was cut up and is for sale today. Make your bids on the silent auction slips and at the end of the meeting we will sell the burls.
 2. Bill reported that 14 people ordered about \$2700.00 worth of material from Craft Supply USA. The club made appx. \$160.00 on the sale.
 3. There is a call for woodturning teachers from the Paramount. The Paramount would like to have more woodturning opportunities for community members to come and use the wood studio with the new lathes. The Paramount will pay \$25.00 per hour of class time to the teachers. Any MMAW members that would like to teach a class or if you want more information contact Derick Segerstrom at 257-5928 or Gary Mrozek.
 4. Melinda Doubek (newsletter editor) has requested that anyone not getting club e-mail blast to please give her your correct e-mail address. It can be sent to midmnwoodturners@gmail.com
 5. The Duluth, Minneapolis and MMAW are working on bringing Kirk Deheer to the state to do workshops for the three clubs. If it happens Kirk will be here on Jan. 12 for a 2 hour evening demonstration and on Friday the 13 for an all day class for 10 people. There was an e-mail blast sent about this. The Paramount may end up sponsoring this activity here in St. Cloud. Stay tuned for more information.
 6. Bill Baker had some printed information about the AAW and encouraged members to check out the AAW. There is a large amount of information from the AAW on line along with the wonderful magazine they print.
 7. Instant Gallery.
 - Bill Baker had a small burl bowl and a small box that he tried some painting on as an embellishment.
 - Eddie Och had a bowling pin that he turned into a toilet tissue holder for his camper.
 - Bill Larson had a burl bowl he shared.
 - Willie Alhouse had a large maple bowl that had holes in it from spikes used for maple sap collecting.
 - Denny Myers had a small bowl and a small box.
 8. The mobility system from the large Jet lathe is for sale. **Make an offer.**
 9. The **Turning Trees** art show starts Nov. 18 and runs through Jan. 15 at Gallery Saint Germain. Come and see what some of our club members entered into the show.
 10. Guy Reminded people to keep Empty Bowls in mind. Any extra bowls you want to donate are welcome, good ones and not so good ones welcome.
 11. Denny Myers led a discussion on finishing our turned items. He share the titles of three books that he has found very helpful. **Wood Finishes** by Jeff Jewitt, **Foolproof Wood Finishing** by Jerry Masachi and **Understanding Wood Finishing** by Bob Flexner. Gary Mrozek shared info on the website of the finishes that Ashley Harwood uses. The website is <http://doctor.r2pwebsites.com> (it was misprinted in the last newsletter) Many members shared their ideas and asked questions with lots of discussion on the topic after the meeting. Thanks Denny and all who shared ideas and questions!
 12. Leann Kemper will take over the duties of the library.
 13. Michael Demeules won the 50/50 drawing.
 14. After the meeting all of the burls/wood was sold to the highest bidders.
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Executive Board minutes from November 12, 2016

1. Bill Baker and Dick Beumer purchased the old Jet Lathe mobility system for \$20.00.
2. Bill Baker will talk to Melissa Gohman to let her know that there seems to be lots of interest in the Kirk Deheer demos for Jan. 12 and 13. We will still need to see if the Duluth club is interested in it as well.
3. We have a Delta duplicator that was donated to the club a year or so ago. No one seems to want to use it or buy it. Guy Schafer will check into listing it on Craig's List and see what happens.
4. Bill Baker is looking for someone or a group to be in charge of lining up demonstrators for our monthly meetings. No one at the meeting volunteered but some ideas were discussed. We will bring it up again at future meeting. Along with this discussion was the idea of getting a better video set up (cameras or we-cams) for these demos and other group activities. Jerry Wervey and Bill Baker will investigate this further.
5. Denny Myers needs another person to help on the Wood Expo committee. Jerry Wervey said he will help. Bill Baker will take care of keeping track of the finances.
6. It was moved by Bill Baker and seconded by Tom Lillehei that the MMWA allow Denny Myers to use one of the club's Delta lathes for a demo he is doing for the CMWA. Motion passed.



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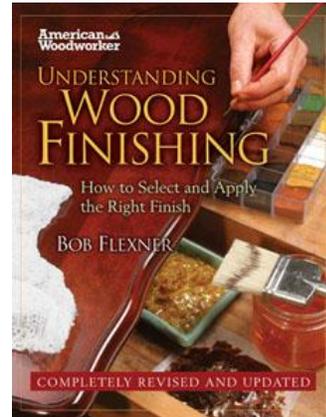
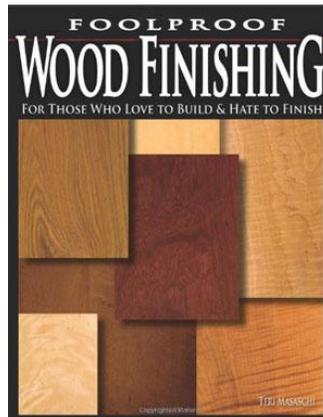
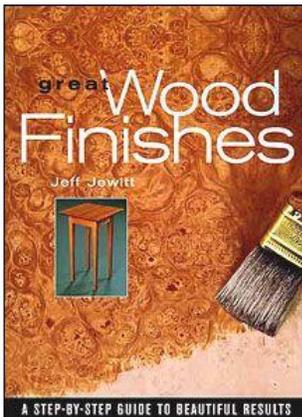


*Notice to all MMAW members:
Please email midmnwoodturners@gmail.com so that I can get everyone's emails up to date. This way if I am missing anyone I will now be able to add you to the list. Thank You*



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Awesome turning projects.....and a FYI on finishing



On Nov 24, 2016, at 8:28 PM, Gary Mrozek asked David Ellsworth a finishing question:

David,

I'm a member of the AAW and the founder of the Mid MN Association of Woodturners (our local chapter of the AAW). Our November meeting topic was finishes. You were quoted from your book that you do not use wax due to an experience with mold. I was curious if that situation was wax over raw wood or was it wax over a finish such as oils or Shellac? The root of my question is that my preferred finish is Waterlox Original and after a week or more I will use the Beall buffing system; typically the Tripoli only for a satin finish or the Carnuba wax higher luster top coat. On utilitarian pieces. I will often use Mike Mahoney's walnut oil and a Carnuba wax/walnut oil paste as the maintenance coat.

Understanding that you might prefer not to comment on specific products, I'd appreciate your thoughts on wax as a top coat and your mold experience that I could share with our group.

Many thanks, Gary Mrozek

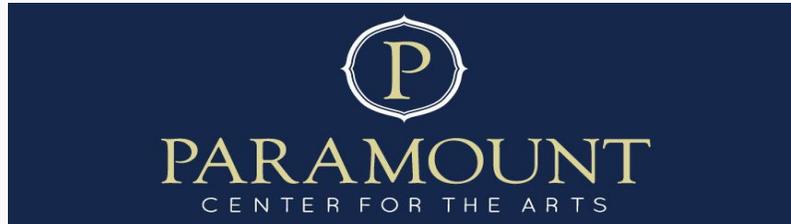
From: David Ellsworth

Hi Gary...Happy Thanksgiving

I also use Waterlox, although I use a 6" diameter stitched buffing wheel and brown Tripoli to work down the bulk of the oil when dry. That is followed by a non-stitched 6" clean buffing wheel to balance out the finish and let me see what I've missed. The Tripoli has lanolin and waxes in it to hold the aggregate together, so it's important to clean the non-stitched buff so that you don't simply re-introduce more wax from the Tripoli to the surface. Waxes look great in the beginning, but they do drink moisture over time and become dull...which no customer likes or wants to deal with. The only wax I know of that won't dull out is Renaissance wax. I personally don't use it because it doesn't quite fit with my personal aesthetic and doesn't give me the "look" I'm after. But when appropriate, it works very well and it does last.

I hope this helps...David

Upcoming Events



Turning Trees Reception Rescheduled

Please join us Thursday, December 8th from 6-8pm At Gallery St. Germain for an opening reception.

The Paramount Center for the Arts, Mid-MN Association of Woodturners and the American Association of Woodturners are proud to present Turning Trees a Statewide Juried Exhibition. This exhibition features artworks made from at least 50% wood turned on a lathe from artisans from around the state of MN. The exhibition includes works from artists: Bill Baker, Bob Carls, John Caye, Linda Ferber, Mike Hunter, Lyle Knopp, Lenny Merden, Dennis Myers, Gary Mrozek, Jim Preusser, Guy Schafer and Jerry Wervey.

The exhibition runs from November 18 and is open for public viewing Wednesday - Fridays 11am - 5pm and Saturdays 11am -2pm until January 15th at the Paramount Gallery Saint Germain. The Gallery is located in the Regency Plaza located across the street from the Paramount Center for the Arts. Please note Gallery St. Germain will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and December 24, 31.