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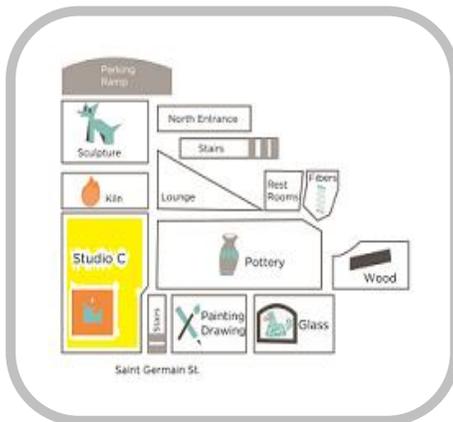


The Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners (MMAW) is a member based not for profit organization, providing an environment of interest and activities dedicated to the enjoyment of woodturning activities and to promote woodturning to the local community through education and charitable events.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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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 January 14th, 2017

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Presidents letter January 2017

If you're reading this, congratulations, you have made it another year. In 2016, I lost two cousins (my age) to cancer so I try to appreciate each day and try not to be negative. I hope to serve the MMAW to the best of my ability and can make some progress in moving our group along. Remember, were all in this together.

Our group has supported the empty bowls project for many years and I hope we can continue to do so. Please look through your inventory of bowls and see if you can come up with a couple items to donate.

I think we can come up with a reasonable amount of bowls to give to this worthy cause. We don't need to give up our favorite pieces so look around and bring them to the January meeting.

The Kirk Deheer class on Jan 13th is sold out but you can still sign up for the Thursday evening demo but you will need to go to the Paramount web site and pay for the demo. A link to the page is below. A description of the demo will be on the web site. I sincerely hope Kirk will be a success and we can bring in other turners in the future.

I would also like to invite our members to consider doing a demo for our meetings. We have added many new members and some not so new that I'm sure have skills and talents they could share with the rest of us. Let me know is you would like to do a demo or if you know of turners who would demo even if they are not a member of the MMAW.

So, HAPPY NEW YEAR and try something new on the lathe.

Bill Baker



Demo in January – Natural Edge Bowl
John Caye

MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from December 10, 2016

Visitors today were Bob McClintick from St. Cloud and Jim Bridenstine from Osakis.

1. Bill called the meeting to order and stated that we would have a short business meeting and then go over to the Gallery Germain to check out the **Turning Trees** show.
 2. Instant Gallery:
 - Dick Beumer had a metal bell that he turned.
 - Tom Lillehei had several ice fishing jig stick handles from wood scraps.
 - Josiah Skeete had a unique walnut rectangular bowl with lid
 - Fred Schmoll had a basswood bowl.
 - Larry Sampson had a small end grain bowl.
 3. Gary Mrozek shared some info on the Kirk DeHeer visit. He is a Craft Supply USA employee when he is not giving professional woodturning demos around the country. There will be a 2-hour program on Thursday from 6 to 8 Jan. 12 at the Paramount for \$20.00. Then on Friday at the Tech Center he will be doing an all-day program for \$95.00. There are still openings for the Thursday program. (Check your e-mail blasts for more info on the all-day program.)
Also if the Kirk DeHeer demos go well we may have Mark Legger coming in February for another pro demo. Stay tuned for more info.
 4. Bill Langen shared that he likes the "New Look" of the newsletter, "Good Job!"
 5. Gary Mrozek put a plug in for more teachers and classes from our group at the Paramount.
 6. Jim Brodd had some 3 M gift bags that were added to the 50/50 drawing. Lenny Merdan won \$20.00 on the drawing and Bob McClintick, Dick Beumer, Dave Pogatchnik and Gary Mrozek each won a 3 M gift bag.
 7. Wood raffle was held.
 8. The meeting was adjourned to the **Turning Trees** show across the street.
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Upcoming Events

The Kirk DeHeer Demonstration on January 12th will highlight the process steps of creating Kirk's El Diablo plate. Kirk will cover mounting the blank, rouging cuts on dry face-grain, finish cuts, airbrush basics, and stencil basics. Please sign up via the Paramount Website <http://www.paramountarts.org/events/wood-turning-demonstration/> as soon as possible. We need your support to continue our traveling professional program in the future.

For the January 13th, hands-on workshop, students will need:

- a 3/8" bowl gouge with fingernail grind (a 1/2" gouge will work too)
- Texturing tools if you have them, but not required.
- Face shield
- Students will need to have their own wood for the class. A 12" round X 2" thick piece of face-grained light colored wood like maple or birch. The wood must be DRY with not pith and NO CRACKS,

Wood can be purchased the day of the class. Cost is \$10 for kiln dries birch and must be pre-ordered through Gary Mrozek at gary@treesremembered.com before January 6th.

The workshop is currently sold out. It's limited to 10 students due to our limit of 10 lathes. We can take more student but we would need more lathes. If you have a midi lathe such as the Delta 46-460 with a chuck (prefer a larger set of jaws), Woodworm screw, Screw-center face plate or faceplate and screws that will work with the faceplate and would be willing to bring it to the class, we invite you to contact **Derick Segerstrom** [\(320\) 257-5928](tel:3202575928) dsegerstrom@paramountarts.org You can also contact Derick if you would like to be put on a waiting list.



Kirk DeHeer first started woodturning in Jr High school where Dale L. Nish had mentored his shop teacher. After years, away from woodturning he bought a used lathe and started turning soon beginning to sell his work through Art and Craft shows.

Due to Holidays and Work Schedule, Sorry about the delay in the Newsletter.

Melinda Doubek