

# SHAVINGS



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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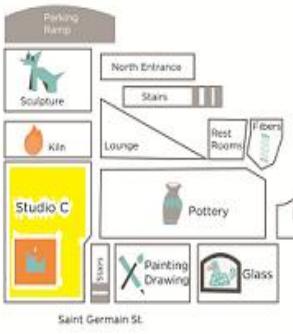


**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

**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 October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

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Presidents letter – October 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed their time and energy to make our group successful. Especially to Gary Mrozek for his years of keeping up the web site and to Nadine Nelson for her time in putting out the newsletter. This year Melinda Doubek has volunteered to take responsibility for both of these tasks. We need to give Melinda all the support she needs to maintain the quality of the Web/newsletter we have become accustom to.

There was a question on the September ballot regarding suggestions/comments on what the membership would like to see to improve our group. There were nine comments out of twenty seven ballots. I was disappointed that we didn't get a better response because the board would like to give the membership meetings that are interesting and helpful to make us all better turners. The first two meetings this year will cover two of the comments that were made regarding chucking and finishing. We are looking into having turners come in from other Minnesota groups to present different and interesting demonstrations. Let me know if there are any of you that would like to do a demo for the MMAW and we will get you on the schedule. There are several of us that do demonstrations but we need to get some new blood. We would also like to bring in professional turners but we are limited to how much we have in the treasury. For this year, we may have to keep it local and shoot for a big name demonstrator next year unless we can hook up with other Minnesota groups and get something going. The programs we have been having on Thursday evenings are demonstrators the Minneapolis group is bringing in and they are willing to come in a day early to do a demo for us. It would be fun to have someone come in to St Cloud and do a three day program for us. Let's make that a goal for the MMAW!

I would again ask all of our members to think about what you would like to see at our meetings to make them a good experience. We need good, positive suggestions on what direction you would like to see the board take us.

Hope to see you at the October meeting and have fun turning.

Bill Baker

## MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from Sept. 10, 2016

1. George Zahn from St. Cloud was visiting the club today.
2. The club Craft Supply USA order will be turned in after the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be a 10% off, free shipping and no sales tax. Contact Bill Baker with your order or bring it to the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting if you haven't turned it in yet.
3. Bill Baker had members indicate if they were interested in buying Anchor Seal at a reduced rate.
4. Ashely Harwood will be here on September 29<sup>th</sup> for a professional demo at the Paramount rehearsal studio from 6:00 to 8:30. The cost will be \$20.00. Sign up and pay today if possible. (15 people signed up)
5. Instant Gallery.....
  - a. Guy Schafer had a buckthorn covered box, a Florida rosewood bowl and a painted platter.
  - b. Tom Lillehei had a goblet made from an old basswood beam and a small spalted cup/bowl.
  - c. Jerry Wervey shared a segmented urn that he colored with aniline dyes. He used the Jerry Bennett's "seg-easy" system to cut the segmented pieces. He put sanding sealer on and then the dye over that.
  - d. Brad Knowles shared a segmented bowl with a zig zag ring.
  - e. Jerry Trobeck shared his first turning projects, two "Watusi" sticks.
  - f. Lenny Merdan shared a large segmented piece that will be a table pedestal.
  - g. Michael Doubek had a top with a string spinner for it.
6. Brad won the \$10.00 Craft Supply USA gift certificate.
7. Bill Baker talked about a burl log that the club purchased several months ago from a friend of Tom Lillehei. Bill and Denny Myer will go and pick it up soon and get it cut up for reselling to club members.
8. Melissa Gohman came to talk about the Turning Trees show. There were only 9 entries so the AAW has decided to not sponsor the show. The Paramount has decided to continue the show. She was here to encourage MMWA members to enter some of their turnings in the local show. She will be at the next meeting to photograph entries. Members may enter up to 3 pieces. There is a \$35.00 fee and prizes will be awarded. Deadline for entry is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Turn in deadline is Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Items may be marked for sale or not (NFS). If sold they Paramount keeps 40% of the sale price.
9. Guy Schafer gave a quick reminder about the Empty Bowls event. Turn in any finished bowls at any time. Arts Underground starts on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Guy, Jerry Wervey and Mark Scholer will be running the program. All club members are welcome to volunteer to help, the more the merrier.
10. Lenny Merdan reminded everyone that the Albany Pioneer days' event is the upcoming weekend. They have a new woodshop opening this year. Volunteers are welcome.
11. Jerry Wervey gave an informative demo on chuck maintenance. He uses denatured alcohol to soak the metal pieces in. Also, be sure the container will not disintegrate with the solvent in it. Remove the insert if there is one. Then remove the jaws, keeping track of the numbers and slots so it can be put back in the correct order. Put all the parts in the solvent and let sit. Then scrub with a brass brush or old toothbrush. Dry and reassemble, being careful to get the keys turning in the proper ways and spaces. Thanks Jerry, nicely done on short notice.
12. Next month's demo will be on finishing and sandpaper. Bring questions and examples of your finishes.
13. 50/50 was won by Guy Schafer. \$16.00 to the club and \$16.00 to Guy

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### *Due to a delay in the Newsletter last month here are the minutes for: MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from August 13, 2016*

1. Duane Lembcke of Waite Park, Joan Stokes of St. Cloud and Gary Thoel of St. Joseph were visitors at our meeting.
2. Jim thanked the turners who helped out at the Art Crawl on Friday Augsut 12.
3. Guy Schafer shared that there are lots of first turned maple bowls from Bud Becker donated to the club for our Empty Bowls project. Feel free to take one of more to finish turn and return for Empty Bowls.
4. Several members had items at the Paramount to have photographed for the upcoming AAW/Paramount Turning Trees Art Show. When they are sent in be sure to have them packed well for mailing.
5. Gary Mrozek shared that the AAW is encouraging non AAW members to go to the site and sign up for the AAW's 3 month free membership. He talked about a video on remote demos that the AAW is working on developing. Bill Langen mentioned that the AAW Gallery site is back up and working. He encouraged members to check it out.
6. Byron John, our treasurer and membership chairperson reported that he sent out 63 membership forms in the mail and only got one returned as an incorrect address. Of the 63 sent out 33 have been returned by members.
7. Melinda Doubek will be taking over the duties of Nadine Nelson and Gary Mrozek running the MMAW website and putting together the club newsletter. Our sincere thanks go to Gary for his work on the website and Nadine for her work putting our newsletter together.
8. We held our elections for the next year. There were no new nominations so ballots were passed out. The following persons were elected unanimously. Bill Baker-President, Dan Monson-Vice President, Byron John-Treasurer, Guy Schafer-Secretary, Roger Swenson-2 year Director, Pam Lillehei-1year director, Tom Lillehei-1year director.
9. The Instant Gallery:
  - a. Lenny Merdan had two goblets and a one piece wooden pencil blanks.
  - b. Mike Doubek shared a box-elder lidded box he made. It was his first box.
  - c. Tom Lillehei had an oak and a cedar bowl. He also had a basswood bowl turned from a 4X8 6 foot beam.
  - d. Guy Schafer shared a platter turned from a piece of Eucalyptus from Florida.
  - e. Jerry Wervey had some cedar bowls and a maple bowl.
  - f. Dave Kollman shared some of his fly tying bobbins and other accessories
10. Dave Kollman won the \$10.00 Crafts Supply USA certificate.
11. Gary Mrozek shared information about hollowing vessels. He will be offering a class through the Paramount using his hollowing tools that he made based on Lyle Jamieson's hollowing tools. He reported that hollowing started to take off after the AAW started 30 years ago. After Gary gets his vessels hollowed he uses different carving tools to add his own style to the outside of the vessel. Some of the tools he uses are an Automoch power carver with a flex cut blade (Ryobi just started selling a less expensive similar tool), a micro plane, and Stanley Sweetheart Rabbet plane. The following two websites will be informative for those interested in learning more about this. Gary can also be contacted. [www.microplane.com](http://www.microplane.com) and [lylejamieson.com](http://lylejamieson.com)
12. Thank you Gary for a very interesting demonstration.
13. Our wood Raffle was held.
14. Pam Lillehei won the 50/50 drawing. \$15.00 for her and the same for the club.



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*Executive Board minutes from August 31, 2016*

1. Bill Baker started the meeting out checking to see if Executive Board meetings can continue to be held immediately after our monthly meeting. It was decided to continue meeting after the monthly meeting.
2. Dick Beumer discussed concerns about the library having titles not being checked out and running out of room for some new items. It was decided that he and Bill Baker will go through the library and reorganize and inventory items.
3. Bill discussed demos for the year. He has a Demo scheduled for September on "chunks" Dick Beumer will do the presentation. If any members have unique or home-made chunks please bring them to the meeting to share. Bill is looking to have someone do a demo on "finishes and sandpaper" in September.
4. One of Bill's goals is to increase club membership this year. Putting posters up, newspaper info, other ideas were discussed. Guy Schafer will contact local schools to invite industrial arts/tech teachers to come to our meeting and to encourage them to advertise the "Arts Underground" program.
5. Tom Lillehei brought up the club buy of the "burl log" from several meetings a go. Bill and Denny Myers will pick the log up and decide how to cut it for maximum use. Be looking for this at the next meeting or October for sure. Chunks, sections or bowl blanks will be sold to club members to cover the cost of the log and gas money to pick it up.
6. Bill was wondering if anyone knew where the club's camera is. No one seems to know what happened to it. He will contact the Woodworker's club to see if they know where it is.
7. There was discussion about having some type of stipend for newsletter and website managers. Nadine was given a couple of Craft Supply certificates for the past years newsletter work. Guy Schafer moved and Jim Brodd seconded that we give Gary Mrozek a \$50.00 gift card for his service to the club managing the website for the past 5 or more years.  
This passed unanimously.
8. The Minneapolis Woodturners club informed Bill Baker that they have ordered wood sealer and are offering to resell some to our club members for \$10.00 a gallon. Bill will bring up the topic at the September meeting to see if there is any interest from club members.
9. Mike Hunter contacted Gary Mrozek to see if our club would be interested in having Ashley Harwood come to St. Cloud for a professional demo. Guy moved and Dan Monson seconded to have Ashley Harwood come to St. Cloud for a demo on September 29 at a cost to club members of \$20.00. This was passed unanimously.  
Her demonstration will be on "Push-Cut Bowl Turning."
10. Guy will ask Gary Mrozek if he will do two last e-mail blasts, one about Ashley Harwood's demo and about the upcoming Craft Supply USA club order at the September meeting.



## Awesome turning projects.....

