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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.

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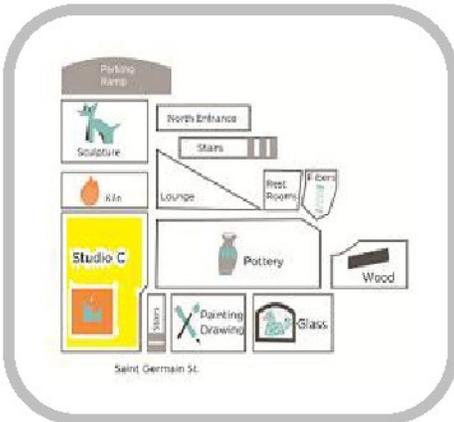


MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

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 April 8, 2017

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The ice is out on Big Fish Lake, the days are longer and it's warming up so I am desperately hoping for an early Spring. Haven't been able to turn for a month due to shoulder surgery and I'm stuck with a sling for another two weeks so am anxious to get back in the shop.

We sold all of the end grain sealer last month but I think Guy Schafer is trying to pick some up in time for our next meeting. Let me or Guy if you want to reserve a gallon.

The April 8th meeting will be presented by professor Bill Garcia from SCSU. He will do a presentation on the elements of design. I don't ever recall having a presentation on the subject so it should be interesting. I'm sure he will be open to questions to come prepared to ask questions.

The 2017 Wood Expo has been canceled. The committee voted to cancel/postpone the Expo due to a lack of vendors and a few other complications. We can address any questions at our monthly meetings.

We need to line up a few demos for the coming months and it would be great to get some feedback from you on what you would like to see. It's difficult not to repeat demos from the past but not necessarily a bad thing due to the new members in our group. We want to keep the meetings interesting and informative so let the Board know what you want.

Thanks

**Bill Baker –
Pres.
MMAWa**

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**2016 Wood Expo
Beneath the Bark
Wood Expo
April 16, 2016
Sports Arena East
Benton County Fairgrounds**

CANCELED

12TH ANNUAL
Wood Expo
Artistry in Wood Turning, Woodcarving and Woodworking!

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Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners
Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association (CMWA)

EVENTS AND FESTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY: soap carving, stage demonstrations by local wood artists, spin toys, quilting, quilting class 9AM-3PM, used tool sale, marquetry demo, and many woodworking vendors

**Saturday,
April 15, 2017
9 am - 4 pm**
FOOD VENDOR ON SITE

Sports East on the Benton County Fairgrounds
1410 3RD AVENUE, SAUK RAPIDS, MN 56379
Admission Price: \$5.00 | 12-under free

For show information, display tables, vendor space, or club membership contact our website at woodexpo-MN.org

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MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from March 10, 2017

1. Greg and Karen Row from St. Cloud and Chris Swenson from Holdingford were visitors at today's meeting.
2. Mark Johnson from St. Cloud is a new member to the club.
3. Instant gallery.
 - Tom Lillehei had 4 bowls he shared from the black ash burls that the club purchased and resold to club members.
 - Jim Peusser had a bowl from some Norfolk pine, a black ash burl bowl and a bowl embellished with a cooper band and brass buttons.
 - Guy Schafer had a \$2.00 screwdriver from Menards that he made a handle for as an example of a possible project for Arts Underground.
 - Willie Allhouse had two birch burl bowls.
 - John Huseh had had a segmented bowl from some birdseye maple, and a bowl made from a bamboo cutting board from Menards and a crazy bowl.
 - Eddie Och had a travel mug that he turned.
 - Lenny Merdan had a party tray that he made from several types of wood, as usual☺

Eddie Och won the drawing for the Craft Supply USA certificate.
4. Eddie Och talked about the upcoming Wood Expo being held on April 15. He passed around sign-up sheets for working at the event. If you have an item you want to be put on display in the display booth please have it at the next meeting. Pack it in a box with your name, the type of wood and the finish used on the object. There will also be a table with more objects on display. Again, list the wood type, finish used and your name. None of the items will be handled by the public, look only. There will also be a tools for sale table so if you have any items you'd like to sell bring them to the Expo labeled with your name and a price.
5. We are working on updating our library. If you have any areas or selections you'd like to see added please let Leann Kemper know.
6. Jim Pruesser shared with the club that he has been using WEN Air Filtration System that he purchased at Amazon. He said they were very quiet and cost about \$125.00. Give Jim a call if you want more information about this.
7. Guy Schafer shared with the group a handout on woodturning safety. This is the same information that is shared with the Arts Underground participants. There was a general discussion about safety with club members related to safety.
8. Guy Schafer talked about teaching a woodturning class sponsored by the Paramount Center for the Arts. They would like to get more people teaching more classes in the community and using the woodturning studio more. Guy discussed how he and Gary Mrozek got prepared for teaching their classes. He passed out a packet with information that he e-mailed to the people that took his class to get them prepared for taking the class. It also included a lesson plan or step by step directions for turning a small vase and a bowl. If anyone is interested or wants more information please contact Guy or Gary.
9. A vote was taken to gage the interest in having a MMAW summer picnic. The Executive board will discuss it and set a date.
10. Duane Lemke won \$19.00 with the 50/50 drawing.
11. Meeting adjourned.

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Executive Board minutes from February 11, 2017

1. Discussed improving the contents of the library, Jim Brodd said he would put a list together for board approval.
2. Guy Schafer requested permission to borrow a club lathe to do a demo at the Empty Bowls event on March 25. The board voted and approved the request.
3. Denny Myers said he knows an individual who will do a demo on the elements of design. He will attempt to get him to come to our April 8th meeting.
4. The board discussed having a member's only section on our website. No action was taken but we need to discuss this with Fred Schmoll who has taken over the website responsibilities.

Members in attendance: Bill Baker, Denny Myers, Roger Swenson, Tom Lillehei, Pam Lillehei, Jim Brodd and Byron John

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Executive Board minutes from March 10, 2017

1. Jim Brodd is working on a library list. Bill Baker will contact Jim and make a final list and send it out to Board members for approval.
2. Denny has arranged for Bill (William) Gorcica will be at our April meeting to discuss **Elements of Design**.
3. Bill Baker moved and Denny Myers seconded that MMAW allow club lathes to be used at the Wood Expo on April 15. The motion passed. Guy Schafer will investigate some DVD woodworking sets as part of a grand prize to be given away at the Expo. Denny Myers will find a turned object to include with that prize. He is authorized to spend \$150.00 on the item.
4. The MMAW picnic was discussed. The August meeting will be at Roxanne Wyatt and Denny Myers' house/shop. There will be a pot luck meal with the club supplying the meat for this and everything else will be supplied by members. Guy Schafer will do a demo on pen turning in their shop. More information will be supplied at future meetings.
5. Fred Schmoll had questions about the MMAW website and e-mail account. Guy moved and Pam Lillehei seconded that the club president, vice president, past president and website manager will have access to the passwords for the club's g-mail account in the future. We will continue to discuss how the website should/will be used. Fred will investigate how to set up a member's only section on our website. Other parts of the site will be discussed at future meetings.
6. Guy shared a business card with the Executive board. Bill Baker moved and Denny Myers seconded that we print 500 of the cards. The motion passed. Guy Schafer will get them printed by the next meeting.
7. Meeting adjourned.

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Arts Underground information

The PARAMOUNTS CENTER FOR THE ARTS Arts Underground program meets every Thursday from 6-9pm and is a great way to experiment with a variety of mediums. There are mentors in the ceramics, handbuilding, painting & drawing, woodturning, and fused & stained glass studios to offer hints and tips on participant's area of interest. All materials are included in ceramics (clay, glazes & firing), painting & drawing (paints, brushes, paper, pencils) and woodturning. Fused Glass artists are asked to pay \$1.00 per pendant they make to help offset the glass expenses. No registration required. Adults (21+) \$10.00 Youth (20 and under) \$5.00. With the help of MMAW members the woodturning studio has had the following numbers of participants for the year so far.

A total of 44 people signed in with 23 being male and 21 being female which averages out to be 4.7 people per evening.

We had a total of 98 people sign in on those 21 evenings. Of those signing in 16 females signed in just one time with 4 females signing in twice and one female was there 4 different evenings. There were 13 males that signed in one time, 2 males signed in 2 times, 2 signed in 3 times, 2 signed in 4 times, 2 signed in 6 times, one signed in 9 times and one male signed in 18 times.

Of the 44 people that signed in the ages ranged from 59 to 13 years old. Nine people were over 35 years old, we had one 20 year old, one 19 year old and the rest (33) were 17 – 13 years old.

People came from 14 different communities. 9 came from St. Cloud, 7 from Sartell, 4 from Foley, 3 from Clearwater, 3 from Waite Park, 2 from Albany, 2 from Rice, 2 from Cold Spring and 2 from Nowthen, 2 from Sauk Rapids, and 1 from Becker, Bowlus, Princeton, and Browerville.

Club members are welcome to come and observe or participate in the Arts Underground program on Thursdays. Contact Jerry Wervey, Mark Scholer or Guy Schafer if you have any questions.

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Place of Hope Ministries provides over 7200 meals a month to those who are hungry and in need. **Empty Bowls** is their annual fundraiser to help them provide these meals.

Participants enjoy the following:

- Soup from area restaurants (choose a handmade bowl to take home as a reminder that someone's bowl is always empty)
- Music (Blue Grass, Gospel, Piano & Violin)
- Craft Vendors
- Face-painting
- Clowns

On Saturday March 25, Jerry Wervey, Mark Scholer and Guy Schafer turned bowls at the Empty Bowls Event. This is the third year that they have turned bowls at the event. Many people watched as bowls were turned and finished and added to the bowls given away at the event. The MMAW has been donating wooden bowls for this event for several years. This year we donated 72 bowls plus the few that were turned at the event.

