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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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Attention: The April 14, 2018 membership meeting will take place at the:

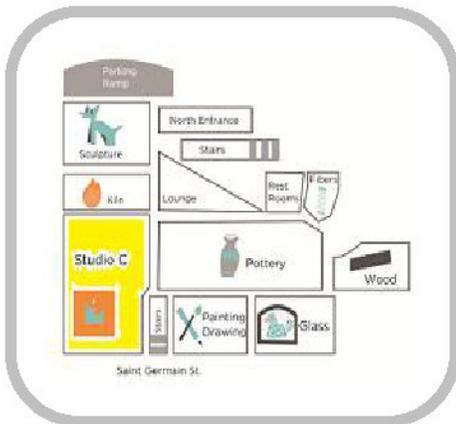
[Paramount Tech Site](#)
248 33rd Avenue South
Waite Park, MN 56387

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 14, 2018

Presidents letter

Presidents Letter
April 2018

Greetings MMAW Members'

Is it spring and it snowed. Kinda normal for us.

Soon we will have those green grass days with time to air out the shop from the past winter's shavings.

Our April meeting is at the Tech Center. Lenny Merdan and Bill Larson will demonstrate segmented turning. I have it on good authority that all will be able to do this when the guys are finished with the demo.

Guy is bringing some sample tee/sweat shirts for us to consider. They are to have the Club name and logo on.

We are going to restart the President's Challenge at the May meeting. Challenge:
A DRINKING VESSEL. Looking forward to a variety of talents and designs.

There will be a monthly tool sale table. If you have and slightly used tools, jigs, etc., please bring them in with your name and a price.

Also, we will implement the new Instant Gallery in May. The Information Cards will be by the IG table. It is anticipated the turner will complete an information card to place by the piece and be available for members to visit with.

Are you interested in teaching a class or demonstration but don't know how to organize it, Talk to me before or after the meeting. AAW has a great program to use as a learning aid.

The Club is looking for someone to be part of the AAW Women In Turning group. Please talk to me after the meeting if you are interested.

Denny Myers
President

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Meeting minutes from March 10, 2018

Brenda Lodermeier and Patti Turtle were visitors today, welcome.

Denny shared a bit about the planning meeting held on Thursday.

Guy Schafer passed out a sign-up sheet for the upcoming Art Crawl on March 23. Lenny Merdan, Bill Larson, Gary Mrozek, Tom and Pam Lillehei, Jerry Wervey and Mark Scholer signed up to turn that evening from 5:00 to 9:00. Thank you very much. The next Art Crawl is June 2nd.

There was a brief discussion about our Brochure. It was moved by John Caye and seconded by Bob Kmitch that we retain the original "old lathe" logo for the club. Motion passed on a vote of 23 yes and 7 no. We will add new photos to the brochure.

Bill Baker asked that members check their information on the membership list for accuracy that was passed around.

Denny suggested that we might change our Instant Gallery in the future to more of a pre-meeting sharing time. Members could talk to each about the items shared before meetings. Something to think about.

Michael Demeules had some carbide tools a friend of his makes for sale. \$50.00 for handled tools and \$40.00 for unhandled tools with cutters for \$9.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. If anyone is interested please contact Michael.

Guy mentioned that the Empty Bowls event is being held on March 24th. Jerry Wervey, Mark Scholer and Guy Schafer will be turning bowls at the event. The MMAW will donate approximately 100 bowls for this event. Guy Schafer will no longer be coordinating this activity. A new person or persons are needed to spearhead this event for next year. Contact Guy (253-2434) if you are interested in doing this.

If anyone is interested in being listed as a mentor on our website please contact someone on the executive board or Fred Schmoll.

Our April meeting will be held at the Tech Center with the demo being on segmented turning. There will be an e-mail blast sent out with directions.

Instant Gallery.

Guy Schafer had a white oak bowl from a wood pile and a redwood lidded box.

Tom Lillehei had an oak platter and goblet and a pine yarn bowl.

Jim Preusser had three lidded vessels one made from big leaf maple burl and 2 from black walnut.

Joe Beste had items that had personal connections for him. He had a small oak bowl made from a tree he planted, a cedar bowl he made from wood a friend gave him, an elm bowl made from wood he got from a nephew's tree and a bowl he made from pecan while he was in Texas.

Lenny Merdan shared a guitar stand that he made from walnut. He had share the turned part of the stand earlier and wanted to show the finished piece.

Bell Langen had 2 vases that he made for his daughter. She wanted 3 vases and she wanted them to be the same, but different. Bill did a good job so far of interpreting her wishes.

Jerry Wervey had two or three white pine burl bowls

Willie Allhouse share a large Longworth chuck that he made.

Jerry Wervey shared a backdrop he put together for taking photos of our turned items. He and John Huseth then took the gallery items and photographed them and will send them to Fred for the newsletter and website.

Denny Myers' demo was on vacuum chucks. He had his **Hold Fast** vacuum chucking system that he purchased from Craft Supply (page 54 of the current catalog). The cost is appropriately \$300.00 with everything you need. He shared how it works and set it up and turned it on for us to watch and see. He is very pleased with the system. John Huseth mentioned that he has a **Frugal Vacuum** chuck system that he uses, John Caye uses a **Oneway** vacuum system and Willie said he made his own system with a vacuum pump that he purchased at the **Ax-Man** surplus store (three locations in the cities area). Feel free to contact any of these four people if you have any questions about vacuum chuck systems.

Bill Sampson won \$22.00 with the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned.

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Instant Gallery













The Pill
by [unreadable]

Material
Acrylic paint
& wood