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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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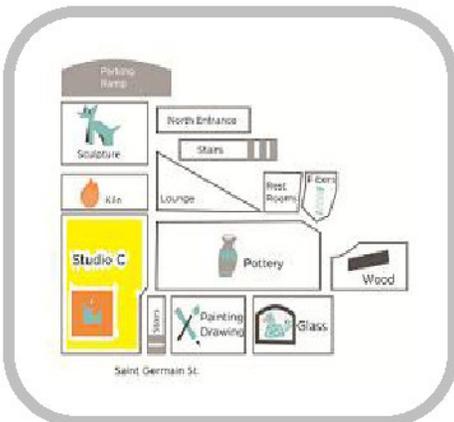


MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

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 10, 2018

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Presidents letter

March 2018

Greetings MMAW Members'

Are our days getting longer? Is it spring yet? I'm ready.

I hope you enjoyed Gary's demonstration last month. It was very interesting and the technology does make the inside walls of the vessel a consistent thickness. I had a difficult time finding the reverse chucking system until I was informed it was not Rubber Ducky but Rubber Chucky. Some interesting stuff comes up online under the Ducky heading. Thanks Gary. Well done!

The Club's March demo will be; "Using a Vacuum Chuck, by Denny Myers with John Caye providing technical insights. Should be interesting. Also, there are updates to the Club's 2018 Demonstration Schedule. Check the web site.

Just a couple of comments regarding the vote on our By-Laws changes. If you had a dissenting vote, please talk with me. I'm very much interested in your thoughts and concerns. Regardless, our majority vote stands, but your opinion matters to me. Let's talk.

Guy has graciously volunteered to be our Art Crawl Coordinator for 2018. This means he will coordinate and we will participate. This is part of our obligation to the Paramount. Thanks for helping out.

We are looking for club members to mentor new turners or those wishing to learn new techniques. Fred will send out an e-mail blast sign up. Your name will be on the web page with access for members only.

Our "Members Gallery" on the web page is being updated. We need you to submit photos of your work to Fred for inclusion in this very important area representing our public personality. By submitting photographs you are contributing to our membership efforts and community mission. TYVM!!

Here is a great "To Do" for all: "101 Bowls" on display at the American Swedish Institute located at 2600 Park Ave. S., Minneapolis. The show runs thru April 8 and admission is \$7 to \$10 for non members. "Skol"

Please remember that our Club's **April** meeting will at the **TECH CENTER**, at the regular time and date.

Denny Myers
President

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MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from February 10, 2017

Brook Hoffman and Noel Jones were visitors at this month meeting. Welcome and come again.

Denny discussed a grant that is available from the AAW. Information will be on the MMAW website.

We voted on three by-law changes.

1. Remove reference to president's name, address and other personal information. Also remove reference to number of members. This passed with 32 yes, 2 no and 1 blank.
2. Change fiscal year from September 1st. to Jan. 1st. This passed with 32 yes and 3 no.
3. Change voting quorum from 51% of membership to 51% of members present that are voting. This passed with 33 yes and 2 no votes.

The April 14th meeting will be held at the Tech Center because of a conflict at the Paramount. Same time.

Gary Mrozek talked about the Paramount wanting to do workshops for woodturners. The pay to be an instructor will be approximately. \$50.00 an hour. The Paramount is looking for instructors and ideas for workshops. If any club members are interested in doing this please contact Gary Mrozek or Denny Myers for more info.

Gary Mrozek demonstrated his take on hollowing a turned vessel using a system inspired by Trent Bosch's visualizer system. Using Trent's hollowing system and tools (appx. \$300.00) his visualizer system costs appx. \$700.00. Using a hollowing system such as Lyle Jamieson's, Gary's system can be duplicated for appx. \$60.00 and a computer monitor. Gary did a great job of showing how the system works and discussed it with many members after the meeting. He also mentioned the Rubber Chucky, high speed steel for cutters, and M2T twist bits. I'm sure Gary would welcome any questions you might have. Great job Gary!

Fred Schmoll shared information about the MMAW web page. He is working on a members only section on the site that will be password protected. Stay tuned for more information. He will send out e-mail blasts to keep us informed as things progress.

Instant Gallery.

Guy Schafer shared 3 turnings from Florida Oak

John Caye had a pinion pine bowl titled Just Firewood and nested set of bowls from an Ash Burl. He used his Oneway boring system.

Tom Lillehei had a locust bowl from some wood raffle wood and a red pine bowl from the big Brainerd storm of a few years ago.

Bill Langen had a lidded box with an antler knob on the lid and banksia pod box with a bloodwood finial.

Fred Schmoll had 2 small lilac bowls donated to Empty Bowls and a spruce bowl.

Geof Bertin had 2 square mahogany platters.

Jim Preusser had a bowl from a big leaf maple bowl and a bowl from iron wood titled One Tough Customer because it was so hard to turn.

Brook Hoffman has some of her pens that she shared. She started turning pens in 7th grade and fell in love with it.

Jerry Wervey had a tall hollow vessel.

Gary Mrozek had a hollow form that he is carving a macrame pattern on.

Dan Butowski won \$22.00 from the 50/50 raffle.

Meeting adjourned.

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