

# SHAVINGS

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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.



*WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.*

**The next meeting is scheduled for**  
**March 12**

Meetings are held in the **Tech Site** 248 33rd Avenue South Waite Park, MN 56387. There is parking in the front and rear of the building (driveway is on south side). Entrances are in the front and back.

Our March Demo will be done by  
Gary Mrozek .

Gary will present a high-level presentation on

**Segmented Made Easy**

The **MMAW** is an affiliate of the  
[American Association of Woodturners.](#)

MMAW membership meetings are held  
the second Saturday of each month.

**Socializing** with fellow members starts at 9:30AM, coffee is available. The membership meeting starts at 10:00AM (most meetings are about 1.5-2 hours long including the social time) and includes announcements, members sharing their turned creations, a demo or presentation related to turning, and occasionally other activities such as a holiday celebration or

The PCA (Paramount Center for the Arts) is no longer requiring all folks in their buildings to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 48 hours of the event. They are encouraging everyone to wear a mask while in the buildings.

Apologies to Dan Butkowski who was incorrectly identified in last month's newsletter as Dan Drevlow. Dan Butkowski helped install the TVs, not Dan Drevlow. So, Thanks Dan Butkowski for helping with hanging the TVs on the wall!

Hello members.

March is coming soon. My wife and I are going on a cruise to the Mexican Rivera. I am looking forward to a week of good food and relaxation. I like to spend my time in port looking for what people are turning. There is usually a wide variety. I will try to take some pictures to share.

We are moving along with the video project. Last month we recorded the meeting and made it available to view. If you have not looked at it please look it over. I sent email blast on Sunday February 12th that had a link to the recording. If you can't find the email contact myself or Guy and we can resend the email with the link to you. These recordings will be/are a work in progress to improve our recording skills.

By the time you read this hopefully we will be done with the electrical upgrade and installing some new lighting which is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday Feb 22nd and 23rd.

Next month (March) we will be having Gary Mrozek present a high-level presentation on Segmented Made Easy. Gary would like to talk to anyone who is interested in starting a subgroup for segmenting turning. I will be hosting an OPEN SHOP after the meeting. Please stay if you would like. We can get out lathes and turn (bring your own wood), sharpen tools, cut some turning blanks using the band saw, get help with a problem or discuss anything else you want. Bring a lunch if you would like. I plan on being around until 2 PM.

Turn safe

Fred



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## Need some turning wood?

There has been some discussions about where we turners can buy wood locally for turning so here a few options for green wood as well as some kiln dried wood.

**Mike Fanslau**, of **Renaissance Design Group**, might be able to help. He is one of our club members and has a sawmill and sells slabs and other options for wood. If you have a log he might be able to mill it for you. His phone number is 320-492-1637, his email [mikefanslau@gmail.com](mailto:mikefanslau@gmail.com) and he has a website [www.portablewoodworker.com](http://www.portablewoodworker.com)

Another option would be **Greg Pont**, some of us went on a field trip to Greg's for a tour of his operation. He has all the local wood types available as well as some exotics that he is selling. He can be reached at **Pont's Logging and Lumber** in Bowlus, MN. He has a new website, [www.Pontslumber.com](http://www.Pontslumber.com) his email is [Pontslumber@gmail.com](mailto:Pontslumber@gmail.com) and you can text/call him at **320-584-5573**

**Bill Sampson**, a former club member also has a sawmill and lots of wood at his place in Paynesville. If you have a log at least 4 feet long he can mill it for you or he may have some cut offs available. Bill's phone number is **320-557-5331**.

## Minutes of the MMAW Meeting of February 11, 2023

**Introduction of guests and new members:** Tim and Joy from Kentucky, Jerry Barrett, Frank Rob and Dan Benson and Jerry but we didn't get the last name.

### Announcements:

The Club has bought cameras, and tied them into the new monitors which gives us the capability to show demos from two different angles.

Open Shop is scheduled for the first Thursday and second Tuesday of each month, come and use the tools.

After this meeting help with tool sharpening will be available. Also, anyone who wants to use the lathes and turn can remain. Fred will stick around till 2:00 if anyone is interested.

There are plans to offer a workshop on building a trestle table, contact Tom Harlander.

Tyler Smith's shop in Glenwood is attracting lots of customers, and he invites any turners who would like to put pieces up for sale. He has lots of shelf space so don't hesitate to contact him. His share of sales is approximately 20%. His phone number is 541-930-9192 if you want to contact him about his shop.



### Demo

Phil Holtan from Egan specializes in turning bowls from burl. He started his demo with a review of his Ten Commandments of Woodturning, advice for safe and efficient turning. Phil discussed and demonstrated several sorts of cuts, explaining the posture and hand position for each cut and the way they were used to produce a pleasing shape and a smooth surface, one that would require a minimum of sanding.



Here are a couple of his burl bowls.





We had a good turnout for the meeting, over **30** people with several new members and some folks looking to maybe join our club.

Phil had the lathe and all his materials all set up and ready to go. The new computer, camera and TVs were working too.



People gave Phil their undivided attention during his demo.



It is also nice to see more females at our Meetings.



### **A note about next month's demo....**

Often, Traditional Woodturners state they have no interest in the presumed tediousness of segmenting. Some might say they don't have the patience or temperament. Ask an accomplished Segmented Woodturner why they do it and they might say, it gives them unlimited control in design and predictable outcomes with an ease of shaping that Traditional Woodturners don't experience. Gary Mrozek will explain design, planning and execution of constructing a segmented piece. This presentation will be a seg-way into forming a special interest subgroup of the MMAW, specifically for Segmenting.

## Instant Gallery



Dan Monson shared two bowls he made. One is live edge walnut bowl and the other made from oak.



Dale Field is working on this twisted goblet made from maple from his yard. Still lots of sanding left to do. Nice job Dale.



Guy Schafer shared two lidded boxes he made to share at his lidded box class. One was from apple. The other was from elm that he added a garage sale earring on the lid as an embellishment.



LeAnn Kemper made this little walnut lidded box. She modeled it after Cindy Drozda's interpretation of a lidded Umeke box. It is finished with Doctor's Woodshop Pens Plus finish.



Gary Mrozek turned this bowl from some white Oak that he got from Greg Pont. It was a first cut off of a log that had a branch coming off of it. Gary thought it would add some character to the bowl, and it did.







## Meet the Turners

Bob Kmitch here, I have a wonderful wife named Linda and an equally nice daughter also named Linda.

I was a carpenter at the VA Center to pay the bills. I did some freelancing as a carpenter when not working at the VA. So that was pretty much my hobby other than woodturning.

John Caye was my neighbor and introduced me to woodturning. I turned in his shop as well as my own.

I like turning a little of this and a little of that with no real favorite thing.

Name is David Pogatchnik and I worked as a Pharmacist first at the U of M, then St. Cloud Hosp, and the VA med center, also Health partners, and Pt Barrow Alaska Eskimo health. I got around over the years.

I have 3 children and 6 grand children and live just north of Sartell.

I served in the Navy during Vietnam, then in the Air Force Reserves for 24 years with 3 deployments ( Vietnam, 1st gulf war to Spain, and the 2nd or Iraq War at Kuwait/Iraq border).

My hobbies are mostly adventure travel. One was I drove a small junky car from London to Ulaanbaatar Mongolia 11,000 + miles. I then got into Mt climbing, Mt Fuji, a volcano in Guatemala, Mt Kilimanjaro, Mt Rainier, base camp Mt Everest, Mt Aconcagua in Argentina and Mt Blanc in France.

Now I'm into sailing the 7 seas on a 3 mast sailing ship my first trip was Holland to Spain, then Holland to Canary Islands, then to the Antarctica and upcoming to Rio De Janeiro.

Also, I was into running marathons, I did 2 Twin City marathons and 1 Grandma's marathon and a bunch of half marathons all after I turned 60.

My woodturning started between classes at the U of Minn. I like segmented wood turning with special designs. My dream would be to make real wooden gear clocks that work.



The public has a good appetite for woodturning classes. Most of the classes offered by the Paramount Center for the Arts (PCA) have been selling out. The PCA is inviting more MMAW members to consider teaching a woodturning class. The PCA is beginning to plan the for Fall 2023 classes now. They'd like to have all the details by April 15th to begin designing the fall brochure and mailings. This is not a volunteer activity, rather it comes with a generous stipend/compensation plan. If you have the slightest interest, you can contact one of the current instructors, Lyle Knopp, Guy Schafer, Ellen Starr or Gary Mrozek. They are there to support you and answer questions about what is involved. You can also contact Derick Segerstrom direct at **320-257-3128** or **dsegerstrom@paramounts.org**. Gary would also invite you to stop by the Tech Center on March 6th to shadow him in his **Two Bowl** class from 6-9pm.