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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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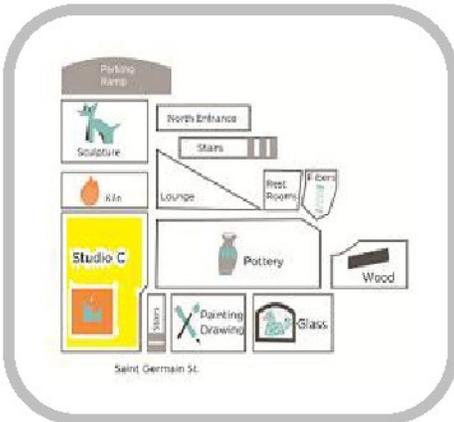


MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

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 December 9, 2017

Presidents letter

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Remember our club Christmas party is coming up. Be sure to bring a tool, jig or whatever for sake, something for the wood raffle, your spouse and a friend.

Also, we need potato salad, baked beans, assorted cheese, chips, dip, desert and anything else that sounds good.

Our entrees will be pulled pork and chicken.

See you soon

Denny Myers

REMINDER

Our December meeting will be the club Christmas party. The club will provide a meat dish but hope you will bring a food item.

Also, we are having a club tool garage sale, so bring item(s) a price and your name. There will be a wood raffle and 50/50 drawing.

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MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from November 11, 2017

We started the meeting thanking all of our veterans in the group for their service. Thanks VETERANS!

Meeting called to order by Denny Myers. He welcomed new member Geoff Bertin from Big Lake.

The craft Supply order will be sent in On Wed. Nov. 15 with appx \$1300.00.

There is a workshop titled Tree of Life Carved Piercing Embellishment with Mark Laub on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 at the Tech Center. Cost is \$175.00.

After today's meeting members can stay to discuss how to utilize storage space here at the tech Center. The MMAW is being being allowed to use this space for permanent storage.

Our Dec. meeting will consist of our Christmas party with a pot luck. The MMAW will supply meat (sloppy joes?) and beverages and members may bring other items to share (salads, desserts, breads, vegis,...) There will also be a wood raffle and member's excess tool sale/swap. Please bring your spouse, partner, or an interested friend who might like to learn more about the MMAW.

We still have about 30 former members who have not renewed their membership. Denny and Roxanne will send out a reminder letter to these people.

There was a request for the MMAW to do a demo for a church/school group on 11-17-17. Jerry Wervey and Gary Mrozak volunteered to do this. Thanks!

Instant Gallery:

Guy Schafer had two turned pendants made into necklaces and a pen made from some apple wood harvested from one of his family's apple trees about 40 years ago.

Jim Beste had a large bowl made from butternut, and it had no cracks!

Lenny Merdan had a small bowl made from left over teak from a stair rail and a dizzy bowl. He said a section blew off as he turned it but he was able to seamlessly reglue it.

Bill Langen had two boxes he made with Michael Gamades. One was

made from osage orange that had some design challenges that had a design that looked like planetary orbits with planets. He cut a curved pattern through the blank on the band saw and glued veneer in the cut and redid that 3 times. He then rough turned the box and drilled holes to add colored plugs in to create a planet orbit look to the box. Very neat!

DEMO

Rollie Johnson gave his demo on how to get better use out of our band saws and how to get it set up for proper usage.

He started out talking about blade selection. The main takeaway for a wood turner cutting bowl blanks is that a half inch 3 TPI hook blade would be a good all-purpose blade. Two good brands are SuperCut and Carter. Carter makes a blade specifically for green wood. He suggested that you keep the blade label attached or taped to the saw so that you know what size/type of blade you have on the saw.

Once you have your blade picked out you need to put it on the saw. (Rollie suggests that you set the saw up using the widest blade you have first and then you can put other blades on) move all bearing and guides away before installing the blade. He uses spring clamps to hold the blade on the top wheel so it doesn't come off as he puts the blade on the bottom wheel. REMOVE the clamps when the blade is on. Be sure the blade is running on the center of the top wheel. Then be sure the blade is center and square to the table side to side, up and down and any other way you can center it. After that set the thrust bearing. It is King according to Rollie so get it set correctly. Set the tension but do not put too much tension on the blade. There should be about 1/4 to 3/8 inch deflection when you push on the blade.

Rollie suggests you check the thrust bearing every time before starting a new sawing project, "five seconds now could save hours later on".

Acetone and 120 sandpaper can be used to help tune up your wheels. Blades can be cleaned using a brass brush and applying camellia oil.

The following information and much more can be found in Rollie's book, Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide to Bandsaws by Roland Johnson.

Thanks for a great job Rollie!

Meeting adjourned.

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Executive Board minutes from November 11, 2017

We started by discussing needs for the Arts Underground program. Different items are needed such as drive centers, lighting, spindle gouges, Jacobs chucks,... Guy will talk to Bob Johnson at the Paramount to see if they will purchase some of these supplies. Guy will e-mail his response to the Ex. Board. And then we will decide if we will make some of these purchases.

Roxanne reported that we have \$6259.35 in the treasury. Some discussion on club needs. Any suggestions are welcome.

Gary Mrozak gave a short report on what the Paramount is trying to do with their programming. The focus is Entertainment and EDUCATION. The goal is to have classes taught monthly with instructors being paid and to bring in some professionals to put on workshops. We/they will continue to work on this. Any input is welcome.

We spent a little time talking about the storage space that we will have at the Tech Center. Lenny Merdan and (? Jim Preusser) will spearhead the planning and construction of the walls, shelving and doors for the space.

Meeting adjourned.

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Instant Gallery



Jim Beste large bowl made from butternut



Bill Langen box



Lenny Merdan dizzy bowl



Guy Schafer turned pendant

