

# SHAVINGS

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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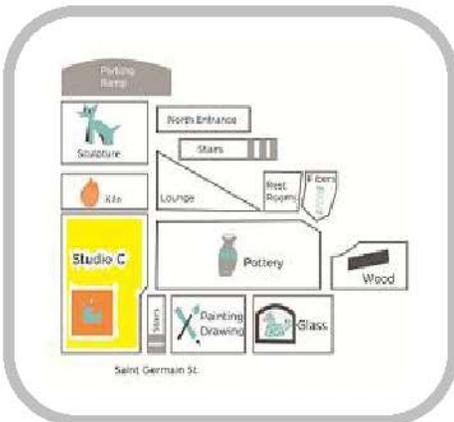


**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

**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.)



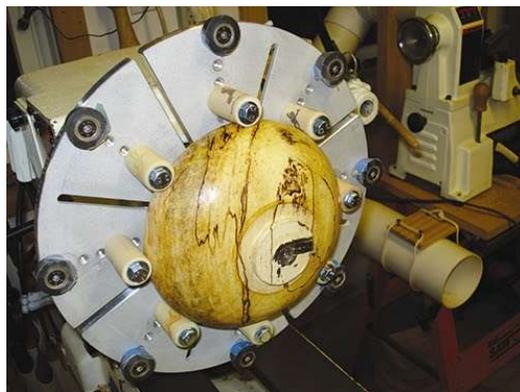
Next Meeting Saturday November 10, 2018

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### AAW TIP OF THE WEEK

#### Buttons for Jumbo/Cole Jaws

"Sometimes when using my jumbo/Cole-type jaws to finish the bottom of a bowl, I find the standard buttons are not tall enough. Looking around for something else to use, I noticed synthetic wine corks and decided to try them. I drilled through them on my lathe, held in a set of small spigot jaws. I added some M6-1 × 50mm bolts and the new, longer buttons work super. I have since discovered a commercial product similar to my idea, but mine uses something that would otherwise be thrown away, is fun to obtain (drink responsibly), and costs about \$2. Also, they leave no black or other colored marks on the surface of the wood." ~ Don Orr Schenectady, NY



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MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from October 13, 2018

Jerry Wervev called the meeting to order at 10:00. Rich Stang from Sartell joined us today as a visitor. Welcome Rich.

Jerry discussed the upcoming elections. If anyone is interested in running for any position please make your feeling known. All positions are on the ballot so come and join the fun.

If you are interested in helping with the tool shed at the Tech Center please contact Denny Myer to help with ideas or construction.

We will be switching our membership to a January to January time frame so think about rejoining or recruiting new members.

Dave Kramer shared his exploding bowl experience with the group. A discussion ensued with many members sharing ideas about safe turning. Listen to your wood, wear face shield, put tape or shrink wrap around questionable wood.

### **Instant gallery:**

Gary Mrozek shared some textured vases that he had used different methods to bleach the wood.

Dave Kramer had a vase to share along with his discussion on the walnut bowl that came apart as he was turning. We're glad you are ok.

Willie Allhouse shared two tool handles that he made. He could put unhandled tools in either end of the handle.

Lenny Merdan had a pencil holder made from segmented bowl scraps.

Dave Lembcke shared a sewing kit that he had made a while ago.

Jerry Wervey brought his 3 piece abstract and talked about how you allow for the saw cuts when he made it.

## **Demonstration**

Our demonstration was done by Denny Myers. He shared how he makes "Sea Urchin" holiday ornaments. He shared many of Cindy Drozda tips and techniques on how this is done. He shared how to make finials for these ornaments and shared a couple jigs he made/uses for this project. He discussed how he glues them up and finishes them with many tips. If you have questions I'm sure Denny would be willing to help you out. Thanks Denny.

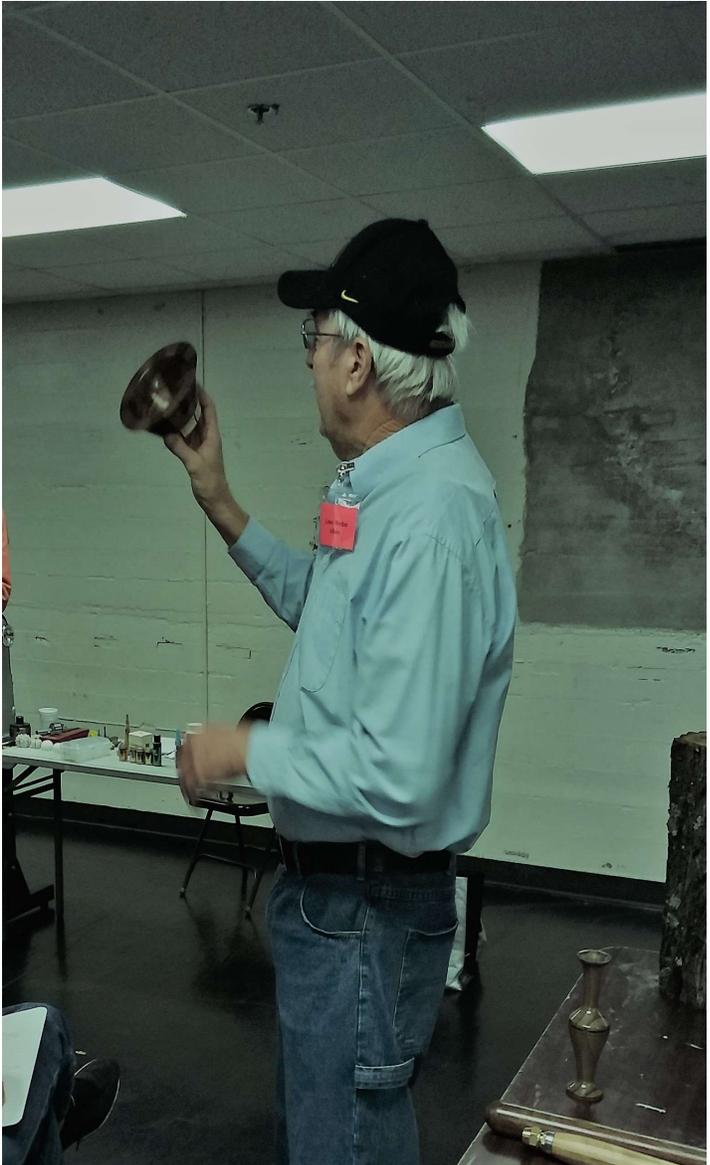
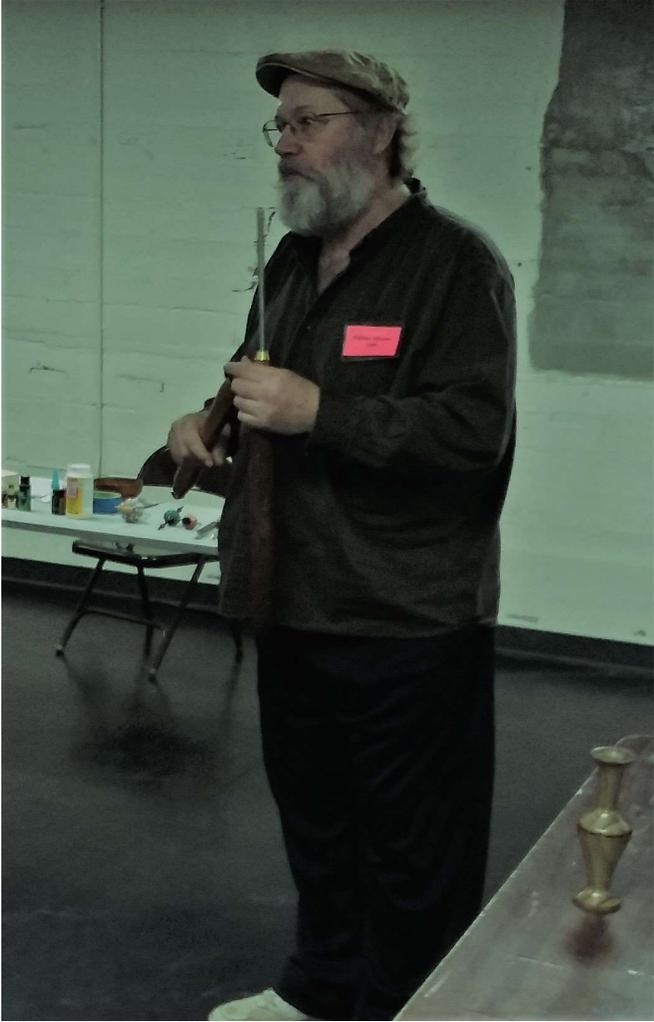
Jim Brodd won \$10.00 from the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned.

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Gallery





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Presidents Letter  
November 2018

Greetings MMAW Members'

It is October and the leaves sure are a pain in the back of something. The colors sure were nice last month but not so much now. Of course the rain hasn't helped my "tude" at all.

I hope all enjoyed the sea urchin ornament demo last month. It was fun for me to talk about. I wish I'd been able to hold the turning tools and do a bit more in depth demo.

The storage area at the Tech Center took a big leap forward with Eddy and Bill working on this project. Bill told me the door should be installed on Tuesday. Hope to have some pictures for our website soon.

We are still looking for someone to take over the Empty Bowls project. Help the Club, the community and the Empty Bowls organization by volunteering to take over this very worthwhile project

A square bowl. Can you believe it. Yea I know, what a concept. Well our very own and talented Bob McClintick will show us the magic in how this is done. This is not "it should be" it is going to be an exciting demo. Be there and be square.

November's demo will be a square bowl by Bob

December will be our annual Christmas party and election of new officers. Would someone like to take over the Xmas party organization? Let me know. Also, we need new Executive Board members. Someone is likely to call you soon.

Here is to making lots of shavings.

Denny Myers  
President