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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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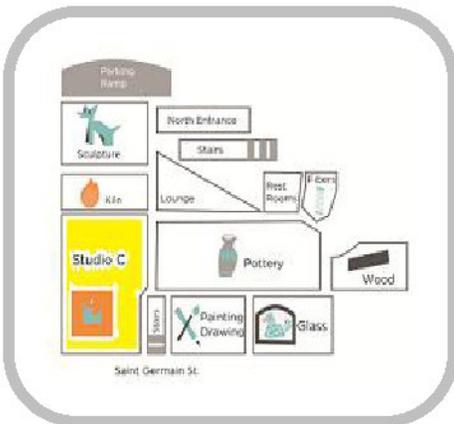


MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Located in Studio C. (see map)

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 September 8, 2018

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Presidents Letter
September 2018

Greetings MMAW Members'

The smoke has cleared out from the Canadian fires and the humidity and temps have changed for the better. As a result of the weather I haven't worked much in the shop.

As mentioned before, I attended the Symposium in Portland. While there I attended Cindy Drozoda's demonstration on how to make sea urchin ornaments. I have enjoyed making finials for some time and the techniques Cindy showed me how to take my work a step further. The reason I mention this is we are changing the club demonstration time to immediately following club business then the the instant gallery. I'm sure you will agree that demonstrations, regardless if they are presented by a club member or someone from another club, are a significant part of our education commitment. This will be followed by the Instant Gallery, another part of our education program.

Also, we are eliminating the President's Challenge due to a drop in participation.

We still have need of a motivated turner to volunteer and take over the Empty Bowls program.

The Art Crawl was a huge success. Thank you to all participants and club gratitude to Guy for bringing it all together. If you have any suggestions, regarding the Art Crawl, please talk to Guy.

We did not receive enough to complete a club order to Craft Supplies therefore there will not be an order. Maybe later.

Bill Baker and I went to the Tech Center and measured the length, width and depth of the storage space dedicated to the Wood turners. We also examined as much of the Woodworkers storage space as possible to assist with the design. Bill, will complete a sketch we can use to determine a materials list. Thank you very much to Bill.

I will not be attending the meeting on the 8th as that is Craft Fair weekend and I have had and continue to have a booth at the Shoppes of Little Falls and also assisting our youth group with a fund raiser. I have asked Bill Baker to manage the meeting.

Jerry Wervey will be demonstrating the techniques for coring. Should be very good.

Here is to making lots of shavings

Denny Myers
President

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MMAW Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from August 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Denny Myers.

Jake Weismann from Stillwater with a cabin in Rockville was a visitor.

Denny thanked John Caye for all the years he organized club members for the August Art Crawl. Thanks John! He also thanked Guy Schafer for organizing this year's August Art Crawl. The Art Crawl was a success with many volunteers and many people observing us as we turned. Special thanks to Gary Mrozek, Denny Myers and Bob Carlson who were there for the entire day. Guy commented that when e-mail blast are sent asking for volunteers that it would be helpful if people responded in a timely manner. Three blast were sent and there were few responses. Four people called Guy the day before the crawl to tell him that they would volunteer. Guy noted that it is very hard to set up a schedule if people don't respond in a timely manner.

We looked at this month's president's challenge, goblets. There were only a few to see. Next month's challenge is a bowl with some sort of embellishment added to it. Let's try to get lots of participants for this one.

Denny and Guy again asked for a club member to take over the organizing for the empty bowls event for next year. Guy said that he would still turn at the event but that he would not organize and encourage members to turn bowls and donate bowls for the Empty Bowls event. Another club members needs to take that job over if we are going to continue with this activity. **Any Volunteers?**

Denny continued with the topic of volunteers. As a club we need more members to step up and volunteer for different activities. It can't always be the same core group of people doing most of the volunteering.

There was discussion about how we do the Instant Gallery. The majority of members present liked the old way we did it with members sharing and discussing their item with the group during the meeting. Denny made the decision to go back to that format and so members shared their items with the group.

Denny Myers did a demonstration on hollowing using hand held hollowing tools. Denny uses a tenon on his hollow projects. Be careful to not attempt a vessel that is too deep for handheld tools. He said he has done up to 14 inches deep inches but never again, too dangerous. He turns the outside of the vessel to what he feels will be his finished vessel. He then drills a hole to the depth that he wants the vessel to have. He uses several different tools from bowl gouges to special hollowing tools. He has tools by John Jordan, Robert Sorby and Mike Hunter. Some are straight shaft tools and some are hook tools. When the hollowing is started always work your way from the opening to the bottom of the vessel. Finish the vessel as you go deeper, it is very difficult to come back to the top for more cleaning up or removing wood on the sides so finish as you go. Thanks Denny for a good demo. Feel free to contact Denny if you have questions.

Bob McClintick won \$7.00 with the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned.

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