

# 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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OF WOODTURNERS

*WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.*

**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **The in-person meetings for November 13, 2021 is on! We will be meeting at the Tech Site. The meeting will also be on Zoom!**

**The PCA (Paramount Center for the Arts) is requiring all folks in their buildings to show proof of vaccination or a negative covid test within 48 hours of the event. They are also requiring everyone to wear a mask while in the buildings.**

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

**Socializing** with fellow members starts at 9:30AM, coffee and treats available. 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. The MMAW is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](#).

**The topic of the November 13 th meeting will be demonstration will be making a Christmas ornament**

Next meeting will be a IN PERSON and ZOOM  
on November 13, 2021

Please check email for a invitation Meeting will start at 10:00  
AM social time at 9:30 AM



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## Presidents letter

Greetings woodturners, I hope this finds everyone doing well and making some shavings! I had been finishing up some long overdue non-turning projects but was able to get the lathe spinning on Monday. I re-watched Gary's video on making tops and then went at it. So easy and quick with something the grand-boys will like to share at school. Thanks again Gary Mrozek for sharing that demo with us during the height of the Zoom days. If interested it can be found on his YouTube page. Thank you again to Brenda Lodermier for sharing her wood burning knowledge and skills with us at the October meeting. I enjoyed it very much and am sure others did too with all the questions she had to answer. I even bought a burner and gave it a shot and was pleased with my first efforts.

Bill Baker, Denny Myers and myself went over the By-Laws and did some updating. The changes were mostly changes that were already made informally so we need to make it formal by voting to approve the changes or amendments. We will share the changes at our November meeting and we can discuss them then.

MMAW will be joining the CFMWA (Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association) for the open studio times on November 4<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to join in this activity feel free to come to the Tech Site between 6 and 9 on those days. There will be woodworkers and woodturners there to help you out if needed. Just remember that the PCA (Paramount Center for the Arts) is requiring all folks in their buildings to show proof of vaccination or a negative covid test within 48 hours of the event. They are also requiring everyone to wear a mask while in the buildings. The reason for this is that too many people are still getting covid. Two recent concerts at the Paramount had to be canceled because 4 members of the group preforming got covid prior to the event!

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing a big crowd at our November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to watch Mike Hunter, the tool maker Mike, (our Mike is a snowbird for a few months) use his hollowing tools to turn a hollow ornament and then watch Ellen do her magic with the finials!

Have fun, make some shavings and be safe!

Guy Schafer

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Minutes of the MMAW Meeting October 9, 2021

The meeting opened at 10:00.

New member Art Buse has a new Rikon and wants to learn how to woodturn.

Bill Sampson from Paynesville is back after a break. He now has a sawmill.

As of Nov. 1, the Paramount will require proof of vaccination or a negative test for admission.

Teen Night may not be held.

Guy has been visiting the Whitney Center Woodworking Shop and talking to their members. They have 8 lathes, various saws, planers and other tools. The public can have access to the shop for \$5.00/day or by joining. There will be a show of wood projects on display Oct. 21-23. Guy is hoping to recruit some of their members to our club.

The Central Minnesota Association of Woodworkers welcomes MMAW members to the open shop sessions at the Tech Center on the first Thursday evening of every month. If a MMAW member is unfamiliar with the operation of a certain tool, CMAW members will be happy to offer guidance. The CMAW is recruiting new members.

Guy and Mike Hunter attended the Oct. 1 conference of Shop Instructors and did a demo on pen making.

Guy announced that Fred Schmoll has agreed to run for President. Nominations for that office and others are still open.

Rudi Lopez will be in the Twin Cities in the spring -April/May- and could be available for a class or a demo. His specialty is tall stem green wood goblets. Members showed interest in inviting him for a demo.

MMAW dues will remain at \$25 annually.

Bill Baker has almost enough orders to qualify for the Craft Supplies USA discount.

Our meetings will be at the Tech Center with the exception of the April 9 meeting when the Center has been scheduled for another event. On that date we will meet at the Paramount downtown.

### Instant Gallery

Guy discussed how he turned several pieces from spalted birch and maple and then finished them with danish oil and wax.

Dave Kramer brought a number of vases he had made from 65 year old osage orange fence posts. Just to be on the safe side, the posts had been dried an additional 15 years after they were pulled from the ground. Dave observed that the wood was dry and hard.

Dan Dreveow showed snowmen he had made from pine scraps left over from bedposts. He also displayed several segmented bowls he had made from pallet wood.

### Demo

MMAW member Brenda Lodemier got into turning via woodcarving and woodburning (pyrography). She currently offers classes in pyrography and is a representative for Clowood woodburning equipment. In her demo she explained what she looked for in selecting a burning tool and offered her opinion on the advantages and disadvantages of various brands. Brenda focused on basic techniques used to produce effects and emphasized the role of perspective to create an illusion of depth and realism. Brenda frequently finds designs and images on Google, by typing in the name of the object ("tree" for example) and then the word "sketch". She will then print out the basic shape of the object and trace it onto her wood, being sure to use graphite paper-not carbon paper which will seep into the wood! Brenda pointed out that images burned into wood fade if left exposed to sunlight. Depending on a number of factors, she may be giving a class at the Paramount in the spring.

Meeting adjourned.

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## Instant Gallery

Send some pictures of what you are turning to be included here!  
[midmnwoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:midmnwoodturners@gmail.com)



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### Consider joining the AAW!

#### AAW Best of Woodturning Fundamentals Video

Hello Everyone,

**AAW is making available the "Best of Woodturning Fundamentals" video featured during AAW's Virtual Symposium in July. Click either of the links below to view. No AAW membership is required to view. And please feel free to pass the link along to all of your chapter members, friends and associates.**



[www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/...](http://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/...)

- [tiny.cc/AAWAffiliate](http://tiny.cc/AAWAffiliate)

Also, if you not already aware, any member of your chapter who is not presently an AAW member may now become part of the AAW community under our Affiliate member program. Joining as an Affiliate grants free access for 90 days to all of the same online benefits reserved for paid members. No credit card required. No long term obligation. Use the same link as above for more information.

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Phil McDonald  
American Association of Woodturners



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Please check out our [Facebook page](#) (click to open) Be sure to like and follow us if you are on Facebook

Photos Of Meeting on [Facebook](#)  
(click to open)

To make a post show up as a tag!

To get  
the



MidMinnesota Association of Woodturners to show up as a tag, I simply typed the @ symbol followed by MMAWoodturners. So it looks like this:

**Walnut on walnut: Equal halves of the same walnut log were used to create this 7-inch platter and 6-inch bowl. A special thanks to the @MMAWoodturners for the coaching and guidance you've provided over the past couple of years. I'm a better turner for it!**

The @MMAWoodturners is the tagging action recognizes the club's page on your personal post. When the tagged organization is selected as you write the post, it inserts the full club name--the blue highlighted text--into the post, which in turn publishes your personal post to the club's news feed.)

Thank you Bob McClintick for taking care of our Facebook page!

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## Teaching pen turning at the Minnesota Technology and Engineering Educators Association Conference

Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners members Mike Hunter in red and Jim Bridenstine joined Guy Schafer and Minnesota Woodturners Association members Linda Ferber in blue with Lee Luebke and John Campbell in helping teach pen turning at the Minnesota Technology and Engineering Educators Association Conference in Waite Park Friday. We are helping these beginner turners to get motivated to teach their students pen turning in the future. The event was held at the new wonderful Park Event Center in Waite Park Mn.

