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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
November 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.

Guy Schafer will demonstrate turning a lidded box at the November 12th meeting.

Be sure to bring some of your great work to share for the Instant Gallery

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 wood exchange.

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.

Hello Members!

It looks like winter is on the way. I was able to get my garlic planted and the outside winterized before our first snow of the winter and it gets me thinking of getting back into the shop!

We had a work night during open shop. I would like to thank all that came to help. We were able to get casters on 5 of the lathes. It makes it very easy to set them up for class and gave us more storage space. We are now working on a tool storage rack. There are some things that we no longer need so we will be looking at getting rid of them. We also have an addition. When Byron John passed he gave us one of his cabinets full of miscellaneous tools and accessories. We will be going through them to see what the club can use.

I was very happy to see many members take part in Empty Bowls, the Technology Educators seminar and tuning lessons for the CMWA members. Thanks for all the help!

We meet with the other clubs that meet at the Tech Center and Bob Johnson from the Paramount. We came to an understanding of what we could do with the site to improve it. One thing that came out was that the building is owned by the City of St Cloud so we have to deal with them and the Paramount. We will be meeting again to set up what we are going to do and a timeline for doing it.

Elections are coming up please consider becoming involved with running our club. We have need for a **President, Secretary, Treasure** and one **Board member**. Please let myself or one of the board members know if you are interested. See you Nov. 12th, Turn Safe!

Fred



Club and Board member Dale Field saw this turned object at a shop a while ago. He is wondering if any members could make it or show him how to make/turn it. Not the coffee pot, the wooden object!

Important News!

To the members of the CMWA, MMAW, and CMWC. We are please to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board. It is a Legacy Fund grant for the purchases of video equipment to be used by the 3 clubs at the Paramount Technical Site.

The Legacy Fund is part of the **Sales Tax Revenue Amendment** that was passed in 2008.

We will be looking for equipment and purchasing it in the first part of 2023. Before then we will be working on the building to get it ready. We will be looking for help in removing some of the storage bays and building a divider wall that the TVs will be mounted on.

We are also going to pipe water to the back of the building. If any one has some $\frac{3}{4}$ in pex pipe (we need somewhere around 60 feet, pex fittings and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. ball vales 2 or 3. Let us know if you can help with this.

Here is the announcement from the Arts Board.....

Mid Minnesota Association of Wood Turners, \$4,999, for the purchase of technical equipment to enhance meetings, demonstrations and education courses at the Tech Center in Waite Park, MN.

Thank You,

Fred Schmoll MMAW

Don Peterson CMWA

Brenda Lodermeier CMWC

Minutes of MMAW Meeting Oct. 8, 2022

Meeting opened at 10:05

There were no new members present.

There was a report on the Empty Bowls event.

Fred reported on the Wood Expo he, Bill Baker and Guy Schafer attended. He reported that it was a good experience and that there is a possibility that new members were recruited for our club. Guy Schafer won one of the main give-a-way prizes.

Sharon reported on a class on penmaking for Tech educators.

Guy's Milwaukee M18 Fuel drill.

There was a joint meeting with Bob Johnson of Dave Glenn (he does the clay glazing and clay firing), MMAW and CMWA along with Paramount teachers to plan for building improvements .

The MMAW will be holding elections at the December 10th meeting. We will be voting on President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Board member.

There was a discussion of membership forms for next year.

Eddie Och has more wood to give away.

Gary Mrozak shared a walnut bowl for the Instant Gallery.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Gary Mrozak for the amount of \$35.

Gary conducted a demo of how to make a smoker, a device for imparting a smokey flavor to an alcoholic drink. He has posted a 2 part video of his demonstration on **You Tube**. Go to **You Tube** and then search for Gary Mrozek and he has several videos posted. Nice job Gary, and thanks for sharing with the club!



"Show us a man who never makes a mistake and we will show a man who never makes anything. The capacity for occasional blundering is inseparable from the capacity to bring things to pass."

**Herman Lincoln Wayland
(1830-1898)**

Some upcoming AAW events. Go to the AAW webpage to find out more and to register.

Registration is open!

WIT Presents: Helga Winter

Saturday, November 5, 2022

4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

This is free!



Registration is open!

AAW Presents: Trent Bosch

Saturday, November 12, 2022

3pm Eastern Time

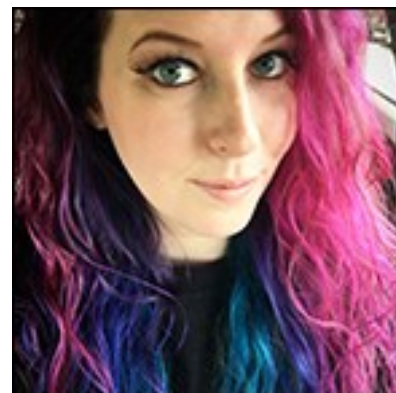
This costs \$10.00 for AAW members.

AAW Presents: Rebecca DeGroot

Saturday, December 17, 2022

3pm Eastern Time

More details coming soon.



AAW 37th Woodturning Symposium - Louisville, KY

June 1-4, 2023

Join woodturners from around the world for the valued symposium experience you look forward to. More than 100 compelling presentations and demonstrations over three-and-a-half days. Learn from world-class demonstrators. Evaluate and buy the latest equipment, tools, and supplies in the Trade Show. Make new woodturning friends!

[More information and registration coming soon.](#)



Gary Mrozek did some demonstrating at the October Art Crawl at the Paramount Center for the Arts on Friday, October 21. He said he had up to 10 people observing at times with lots of questions and maybe a total of 75+ people during the evening. He shared with them information about the MMAW, Arts Underground and the classes offered through the Paramount Center for the Arts. Thank you very much Gary for representing the MMAW and sharing information about our activities. He said he had a great time as I'm sure his observers did too.

Meet the turners



My name is Doyle Carroll. I was born in 1950 which makes me 72 years old if my math skills haven't failed. Mary and I live on the east side of Lake Carlos, about 10 minutes north of Alexandria.

I was born in Illinois, but grew up mostly in Colorado and Arizona. I spent 4 years in the U.S. Coast Guard with duty stations in New York, Southern California, and Hawaii. Hey, it was tough but someone had to do it! While I was in the service, my family moved to Anchorage, Alaska, so that's where I went after my discharge from the service. I graduated from the University of Alaska and went to work for the Anchorage Telephone Utility. I spent the next 35 years engineering, installing and constructing public switched telephone networks, fiber optic transmission systems and E911 systems in all the major cities between Juneau and Fairbanks. It was a most enjoyable career.

I got married when I was 30 and have two sons, two grandsons, and one granddaughter.

I got into woodturning about 10 years ago. Like most turners, I started with bowls and pens. Over the years I changed my focus to segmented turning, vases, bowls with design rings and various items with Celtic knot patterns. I have played with several kinds of wood, but prefer walnut, maple, cherry and alder. I occasionally use purple heart, padauk or others when I want contrasting colors.

Woodturning is a great winter hobby that gives me a lot of pleasure, especially when a piece of wood really comes to life.

Here are a couple of Doyle's turnings.





Hi, Dale Field here. I joined the MMAW about 4-5 years ago. I started turning 6 years after buying a cheap lathe at a restore business for \$50.00. No chuck or tools. I spent \$200.00 for a chuck and hand tools. I watched Captain Eddy online and started making chips.

We have 3 sons, two are married with a total of five grandkids.

My hobbies include motorcycles, astronomy, junking at used clothing and furniture stores, cutting wood for our fireplace. I get free wood for burning, I only had to buy a 4 wheel drive pickup and a trailer, chainsaw, wood splitter, log arch and a Honda 4-wheeler to snake the logs out of the woods the road. You can't beat free wood!

Airplanes are another hobby of mine. I built a homemade Vans RV 6A plane kit. I have flown it to the west coast; to Florida, Texas, New Mexico, Mexico, and Leadville Colorado (the highest airport in the USA at 9850 feet). Almost 200 hundred children between the ages of 8—17 have flown my plane under the EAA Young Eagles Program. The most fun I have had flying is seeing the smiles on their face as they tell their parents, "I flew the airplane!" and they are still a foot off the ground as they dance around with excitement.

I also built a small dozer from scratch and someday I may find a use for it.



Hello, my name is John Caye. I started working in the printing business while still in high school at a local newspaper. After a stint in the Air Force as a photographer I continued working for different companies in the printing business. The last part of my 40+ years in the printing business were running a couple local printing companies, Volkmuth and May printing.

I am married to Roberta and I have two beautiful daughters. We live north of Sartell on the Mississippi River.

I have many hobbies including hunting, fishing, golf and taking care of my tree farm. I also have a wonderful shop that I have made furniture and other things as well as turn on the lathe.

I turned my first bowl at the age of 9. I had a neighbor 3 years older than me that sort of my mentor. He would show me what he learned in school and then I would go to my uncles and use his lathe and give it a try. Eventually my aunt gave me the lathe and the rest is history. My favorite thing to turn is an unusual piece of wood and then go from there.

MMAW and CMWA members work together!

Wednesday morning (October 12th) found 6 Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association members at the Tech Site giving woodturning a try. Some of them had turned in the past, or had lathes at home but just haven't used them very often or they thought it was time to give it a try. As Mike Ross said, "It looks like fun!" CMWA members Charlie Meyer, Don Peterson, Mark Voigt, Tim DuBois, Mike Ross and Gail Ivers and MMAW members Doyle Carroll, Bill Baker, Gary Mrozek, Lyle Knopp, Guy Schafer, and Fred Schmoll worked together one on one at a lathe. We spent time asking and answering questions and turning some wood. One CMWA member had a rough turned bowl he turned in 2014 that is now a finished bowl. Several other bowls are well on the way to completion and hopefully they have a better understanding about woodturning and will continue the journey to another addiction to add to their woodworking addiction. Welcome!



The crew at work!



Maybe we can work something out where they can help us learn a little more about woodworking!

Parting Thoughts

Once again, a reminder that we will have elections soon and are in need of several nominees for the following positions, President, Secretary, Treasure and one Board member. If you, or you know of a member who would be interested in helping the MMAW out with your/their time and talents, please contact Fred or any of the Executive Board members.

No experience needed!

A woodworker's wife was getting on a bit, and he was beginning to worry about her hearing. So, he asked the doc if there was an easy DIY test for that. He was told to stand about forty feet away from her, speak in a normal tone of voice, and see if she could hear. If she didn't, then he was to move a bit closer and try again.

That evening, he was sitting in his favorite easy chair in the living room and she was busy in the kitchen. He figured she was about forty feet away, so he asked in a level tone what she was making for dinner.

No response.

He got up and walked across the room, and tried again, but there was still no response.

He walked into the hall and tried.

Nothing.

He walked into the kitchen, stood two feet behind her and tried once more.

She turned, started at him in frustration, and said: "For the fourth time, Harry, I'm making beer stew!"

Kevin, a potter and Paramount for the Arts employee, has a request from a MMAW member.

He has watched a few videos of people turning a bowling ball. He discovered that he had a bowling ball among his stuff and was wondering if anyone in the club would like to turn it for him. He would be willing to trade a piece of his work for it. If interested contact Kevin at 763-228-5357 for more info.