

SHAVINGS

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The Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners ([MMAW](#))

is a member based not for profit organization, providing and 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. MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month.



WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

The next meeting is scheduled for

November 8

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

The November meeting will have a

Demonstration by

Dan Larson,

(Dan is an active member of the Minnesota Woodturners)

He also does demos at [Woodcraft of Minneapolis](#)

Dan will be demonstrating turning **platters/plates.**

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 and treats 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.

Letter from the Prez,

We had to shift gears at our last meeting, but with all the mostly free wood, I hope everyone understands. There is still a ton more where that came from. Please take advantage of it while it lasts.

Next month we have a guest demonstrator Dan Larson who is going to be showing us how he does plates and platters. Why do we have this as a demo some may ask? Because during our Christmas gathering, if you make and bring your own plate or platter, you get head of the line privileges. Additionally, at our December meeting, please make something for the gift exchange.

We will have our elections coming up as well. It's not too late to throw your name in the hat to join as a board member. Please let me know if you would like your name put on the ballot.

That's all I have for now. I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks.

Stay safe and keep your tools sharp.

Tyler

October 11th Meeting Minutes:

Tyler called the meeting to order at 10 am- we had much to do at this meeting! We had lathes ready to turn small projects for the holidays.

Elections are the next priority for our November meeting. We are looking for more volunteers – please talk to Tyler if you are interested in a position so we can get you on the ballots. They will be mailed out with a yearly dues slip next month. Mail in ballots must be received by the Thursday a week before our meeting, dues can be turned in separately.

The MTEEA conference has been a good outreach for our club. Several high schools are interested in introducing it to their students. Thank you to the volunteers who help the teachers turn.

Sally Ault's workshops were well attended and enjoyed. The finished pieces were part of our show and tell.

We plan to have more national teachers each year.

Snow Daze- the local carvers get together is the last weekend in April and we may do make and takes, demos and a mini symposium to introduce the attendees to another way of making sawdust.

We can still make wig stands for the Oncology group at the Cancer center. There was some discussion that perhaps the new Women in Turning group might be interested in taking this on.

Next month: Dan Larson will demonstrate plates and platters. Make your own and be first in line for the Holiday buffet at our December meeting.

MMAW Elections coming soon to a location near you!

We will be having elections in November which isn't that far off.

Ballots will be sent out to you via snail mail after the November meeting.

We need to elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Executive Board Member.

Please consider throwing your hat, or someone else's hat, into the ring.

None of the positions take too much time from your day to day activities!

At our October meeting we had several club members doing demonstrations.



Sharon Giesfeldt demonstrated how to make a snowman.



Tyler Smith showed how he makes a winter snowperson.



Guy Florek showed how he makes a seasonal tree.

If you have any suggestions for future demonstrations, please contact one of the Executive Board Members with your ideas. We want to offer demonstrations that are meaningful to the MMAW membership. You can contact them via email at this [link](#).

Instant Gallery



One of the Arts Underground turners who has joined our club shared a bowl and a lighthouse that she turned at an Arts Underground session. Nice work Karen Maier!



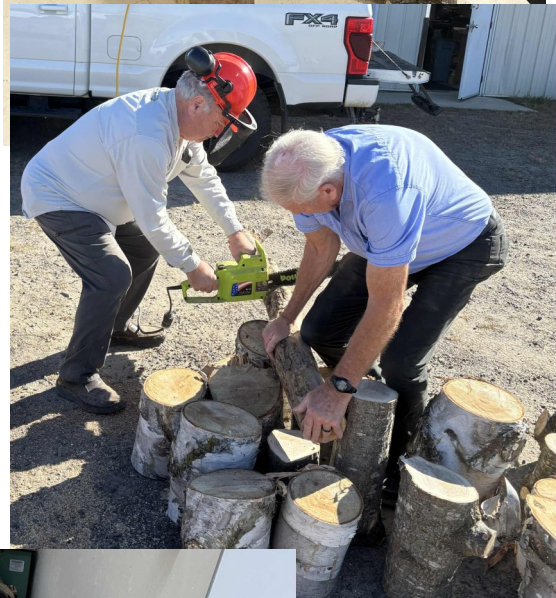
Bob McClintick shared some kitchen utensils, he turned the handles and sanded the shapes he wanted. He also shared his Lidded bowl

Ellen Starr had a couple lidded bowls she made after working with Sally Ault that she shared.



Gary Thole shared a large shallow bowl with some won-





The boards are all gone but there are still 5 slabs left from our cherry saw milling adventure. There are a few punky spots in the slabs, but lots of good turning wood left.

If anyone needed turning wood before the October meeting they should have left with plenty to work with. Pre cut blanks, burls, slabs, by the truck and trailer showed up. I hope you got what you needed. If you didn't just ask at the November meeting and we can probably help out.



I'm Mike Rothstein, I retired 4 years ago from a Plumbing & Heating business I owned for 35 years.

I live by Rockville with my wife Cheryl and we raised 4 boys.

My hobbies are wood working, gardening, golf, bee keeping, wine making, woodturning, and helping other people with projects.

I started woodturning 2 ½ years ago (about 5 years ago now) but I only find time to do it in the winter. I watched a YouTube video and thought I should try this. I enjoy trying new activities.



Fred Schmall— I spent 40 years working for IBM in hardware maintenance. I started out repairing typewriters then as things changed I did word processors, printers, point of sale, personal computers and mainframes. I did some project management. I retired at the end of 2013.

My wife Darlene and I have been married for 35 years. We have three children and three grandchildren. We live on Otter Lake just outside the city limits of Hutchinson, MN. I have a large garden and flower beds.

We like to travel. This winter we did our fourth cruise though the Panama Canal and are taking our fourth cruise to Alaska this summer. I also enjoy fishing, hunting and wilderness canoeing. Before I retired a friend was moving and gave me his lathe if I would move it out of his basement. I did not use it until I retired. I turned on it for a few years then decided if I was going to continue I would like a better lathe (my old one ran on a Sears washing machine motor). I now have a One Way. I like to turn green making mainly bowls.



My name is Guy Florek and I work for a Hardware distribution wholesale company. I am married and have no children. Besides woodturning I like to hunt and fish.

I started woodturning in 2012. I like turning Live edge bowls. I use burl (Black ash, Red oak, Burr Oak and Maple) in my work.

Editor's note. Guy is a very good turner and he has also done several demos for the club and does several shows/sales every year.