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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 11

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.

At Our November 11 meeting

Linda Ferber

will be demonstrating how to turn a Wobbler Top.

If you turned a seasonal ornament inspired by John Menning's demonstration from last month's meeting please feel free to share it at the meeting.

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

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.

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I hope you are all enjoying the Fall weather. I have been helping to finish up the harvest on my cousin's farm.

This will be the last year for me to do this as it is the last year he will farm. That will free up some time for me in the spring and fall. We have been harvesting a fall crop in the garden and are planning our garlic crop for next year! It is always an eyeopener when you start planning for the next year.

The AAW is giving away a package to the [AAW International Woodturning Symposium](#) Please think about entering or just going. [The 2024 AAW International Woodturning Symposium will be May 23-26 in Portland, Oregon.](#)

We are continuing to work on our audio video set up. We are working on the recordings to make them better. On our meeting days I usually arrive about 8:00 am to start the set up.

I appreciate the members who help with the setup of the room and equipment. It is nice to have it all done by 9:30 so we have a chance to visit with everyone before the meeting at 10:00. Come and join early if you like. If you see a new member or visitor, please take the time welcome them.

Guy or Bob usually have the photo booth set up to take pictures of your creations. They will take pictures for you even if it is something you don't want on the sharing table.

I also wanted to thank all of you that help with the clean up and take down.

There will be OPEN SHOP after the November 11th meeting. Please stay for a while to talk or turn. I am usually around until 2:00pm or so.

My "stay cool" is now changing to "stay warm".

Turn safe,

Fred

At the December meeting we will be announcing the results of the election.

Ballots will be sent out mid November.

Mail your ballot back in the enclosed self addressed envelop.

Be sure to return your ballot so it gets back by Tuesday Dec. 5th.

We will be having a gift exchange at the December 9th meeting.

Bring a turned item to exchange with another MMAW member.

When you bring a turned item to exchange you will write your name a slip of paper and then later during the meeting we will draw names.

When your name is called you can then go and pick one of items.

We will be having coffee, water and sweet treats that you, MMAW members, bring to share. So bring some cookies, bars, rolls etc. to the meeting on December 9th to share with other club members.

The meeting opened at 10:00.

Fred opened the meeting by showing a video clip of a very young martial artist doing an impressive routine.

Announcements:

Bill Baker and Guy Schafer are still working on the slate of candidates for the upcoming election of officers.

There will be open shop Nov. 2 and 14, the first Thursday and second Tuesday of every month. There will also be someone staying after all of our regular monthly meetings for anyone wanting to use our lathes or sharpening systems.

Guy gave his report on the MTEEA conference he attended. Guy and Sharon took a lathe and demonstrated for the industrial arts students and teachers.

Send you pictures of your work and any announcements to Guy for inclusion on our Facebook page.

Bill Baker has end grain sealer available for purchase. Speak to him if you are interested.

For our November meeting **Linda Ferber** will do a demo on wobbly tops.

Our December meeting will be festive in keeping with the season so bring a holiday theme turning for the gallery and a gift (possibly wood, extra tool, etc.) for a gift exchange.

Also bring a food dish to share for our annual holiday celebration.

Instant Gallery, see page 4 of this newsletter.

Demo

John Menning gave a demo designing ornaments. He advised dividing the design of the ornament dimensions into an odd number of segments. In preparation for actually turning the ornament, John practices whatever techniques will be required. He mounts a piece of low-grade construction lumber on the lathe and then practices the techniques with the tools he'll be using when it comes time to turn the actual ornament.

John turned a snowman by way of demonstrating how he applies his design principles and the way he turns the shapes. He prefers to use carbide tools to make his snowmen.

50/50 Tyler Smith won \$14.00.

John doing his thing!

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.



Instant Gallery



LeAnn Kemper made these Gnomes.



Dave Kramer turned these, one from Apple and the other from Osage Orange.



Carl Reule shared several pieces that he turned. A maple platter, a cedar bowl, a glued up platter with rosewood, walnut, teak, maple and ebony, and some multi-axis stands to maybe hold the platters.



John Caye shared his Pinion Pine Hollow Vessel with inlaid.

Guy Schafer shared these garden tools with turned handles of Oak, Walnut and Maple.





We will be mailing out an MMAW election Ballot in mid November for the 2024 year.

The mailing will have several items in it.

1. There will be a **half sheet of paper with instructions** on what you need to do with this mailing.
2. There will be a **ballot** with the folks running for our open positions.
3. There will be a **membership form** so you can renew your membership in the MMAW if you so desire.
4. A stamped **self addressed return envelop** so you can return your ballot and membership form to us.

This will need to be returned by Tuesday December 5 if you want your ballot to be counted.

Election Ballot

Unless we hear from others wanting to be on the ballot, this is who is running for an open position so far:

President — Fred Schmoll

Treasurer— Tom Harlander

Secretary— LeAnn Kemper

At Large Board Position (you will vote for one)—

Dale Field, Tyler Smith, Dave Pogatchnik

If anyone else would like to be on the ballot for any of these positions please contact Guy Schafer **ASAP**.

We always struggle to find topics or people for the demonstrations at our monthly meetings. We have two scheduled for the new year so far.

1. Kirk DeHeer will do an **IRD (Interactive Remote Demonstration)** on Surface Embellishments, which includes: dyes, reactive metal paints and patinas, and a poor man's airbrush and stencils.
2. Ellen Starr will give a presentation/demonstration on turning different types of jewelry. She will also cover ideas, tools and techniques for adding metal components for necklace, earrings and bracelet closures.

If you have other suggestions please contact one of the Board members with your ideas!