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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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WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **The in-person meetings for October 9, 2021 is on! We will be meeting at the Tech Site. The meeting will also be on Zoom!**

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 October 9 th meeting will be [Brenda Lodermier will be sharing her wood burning skills](#)



Next meeting will be a IN PERSON and ZOOM
on October 9, 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 you all well and making some shavings! I have been working on some more picture frames for my wife and some round disk vases a friend sent me a picture of and sort of asked if I could make her one. Of course, when my wife sees it guess what happens next? Anyway, it is relaxing and fun to have some projects to work on, especially now that the temps are more agreeable.

Brenda Lodermier will be sharing her wood burning skills with us at the October 9th meeting. If you have a wood burner of your own please bring it and she will spend some time helping us learn some skills.

Our November 13th demonstration will be making a Christmas ornament. We will show how to hollow the body of the ornament and the tools used and Ellen Starr will demonstrate how to turn and fit the finial into the ornament.

Bill Baker will be taking the final orders for our Craft Supply USA order at this meeting. Be sure to include the item number, a short description of the item, cost and quantity wanted. You are encouraged to send the information to Bill via email at bubba41672@gmail.com ahead of time.

Still looking for people to run for offices for the MMAW, a president and board member are needed. The election is coming soon. Who would you like to see as president? Let them know!

Thank you Mike Hunter, Mark Scholer and Jerry Wervey for joining me turning bowls at the Empty Bowls event on September 18th. The MMAW donated approximately 110 bowls to the cause.

Finally, the club has two sharpening stations at the Tech Site. One has regular wheels and the other CBN wheels. If anyone has some tools that need sharpening or you would like a little tune up on your sharpening skills bring the tools to the meeting and after the meeting we can sharpen tools and/or give a lesson on sharpening tools.

See you October 9th

Have fun, make some shavings and be safe!

Guy Schafer

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Minutes of the MMAW Meeting of Sept. 11, 2021

The meeting opened in person and on Zoom at 10:00.

Guy asked if those present favored continuing the 50/50 contest and the wood raffle. After some discussion it was decided that the Executive Board would take up the question.

Dave Kramer's friend gave him a saw of completely original design made by the friend's father. Dave donated the saw to the club.

Guy offered an older mini-lathe to anyone who wanted it.

The CMWA is starting its open studio night, and the MMAW will inquire if our members could come and use the tools.

Oct. 1 the professional group for Tech Educators will hold their state meeting and requested that we put on a demo of pen making. The demo would require 3 or 4 turners plus a pen-maker. Volunteers needed.

Empty Bowls will be held Sept. 18 and more bowls will be welcome.

Club elections are coming up. Guy will not be a candidate so we will need one or more candidates to run for the position of President.

Bill Baker is organizing a Craft Supplies USA order, which if the total order amounts to \$1,000.00, will qualify for a discount. Members should send Bill a list of the items they would like to purchase, name, order number and price or bring that information to the Oct. 9 meeting. The items should be available at the Dec. meeting.

The Paramount has some lumber that we are free to use.

Instant Gallery

Guy brought in a frame he had made from fir, a box and a vase that he had dried successfully in the microwave.

Lenny Merden displayed a cedar lid for a box and a six-sided box with a segmented design in the lid.

Jim Breidenstein showed several pen and pencils sets he had turned from kits he had purchased from Penn State.

Ellen Starr spoke about the class she attended with Eli Polite and brought in a hexagon with inlay and two finials she had made in the class.

Mike brought in an oak recipe book stand.

Dave showed us a large "Charlie Brown" bowl, a medium segmented bowl, two bowls using colored plywood originally intended for gun-stocks and a box with laminated inlay.

Dale displayed a box elder bowl, a bell, a sumac bowl and a semi-sphere salvaged from a bowl that broke.

Bill Langen showed a blackthorn lidded vessel with an agate pull.

Demo

Lenny Merden explained and demonstrated his set-up for cutting pieces for segmented turnings. He uses a jig in combination with his miter saw. He arranges the segments with the grain running in alternating direction creating the impression of depth. Lenny's demo generated many questions and comments.

At our October meeting the demo will be on embellishment with a burning tool. At the November meeting there will be a demonstration of finial turning.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20

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Instant Gallery

Send some pictures of what you are turning to be included here!
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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.



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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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Empty Bowls

Mike Hunter, Mark Scholer, Jerry Wervey and Guy Schafer spent Saturday afternoon, September 18th, at the abbreviated Empty Bowls event. The four of them arrived at 3:30 and set up the lathe in the parking lot. The weather was perfect for turning outside with temps in the mid 70s and the wind blowing all the shavings and sawdust away from us. With covid coming back and an abundance of caution by many people the crowd was small but there were lots of good questions and discussions about the MMAW group and how to turn a bowl. The food was wonderful! The club ended up donating approximately 110 bowls for the event. The Place of Hope is tentatively scheduling next year event on April 10, 2022. As we were leaving Jerry went to his car and low and behold.....he had a flat tire. After a little bit of a struggle everybody made it home. Be sure to ask Jerry about it?

