

# SHAVINGS

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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

October 8th

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

**The topic for the October meeting will be Gary Mrozek demonstrating how to turn a cocktail smoker. No alcohol will be provided, it is in the morning you know!**

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!

Fall has arrived! I had a trip with friends into the Bounty Waters Canoe Area the week after our last meeting. We had a good time and caught a few fish. It started to rain on Thursday and continued the whole time as we packed up and canoed out on Friday. I think my tent gained 10 lb.

We are busy with harvest and getting things ready for winter here at home.

Guy, Bill Baker and I attended the Woodworkers Expo on the 24th of September. We had a very good time. We talked to many people from all over the state. There were a few that were interested in our club and classes. Also, there were a few people from our club that were there. They had a tool exchange and sale in the parking lot too. I managed to get another chuck and some tools and Guy bought a lathe. To top things off, he also won a new Milwaukee cordless drill.

It was one of their main door prizes.

We will be meeting with the woodworkers, woodcarvers and the clay folks that meet at the Tech Site and the Paramount to do some planning and coordinating between us. I also anticipate that we will be planning a work date or two to do some work on our storage area and lathes.

Elections are coming up soon so 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 October 8th, Turn Safe

Fred



Jerry Wervey, Mark Scholer, Mike Hunter and John Menning took these donated bowls to the Empty Bowls event and demonstrated how to turn some wooden bowls and answer questions about our hobby and club.

## Minutes MMAW Meeting Sept. 10, 2022

The business portion of the meeting opened at 10:03.

There was two guests, Melissa from Benson and her friend Dan Bjorlie .

### Announcements

City Hope Church on Hwy. 10 will host the Empty Bowls event on Sept. 17. The club will have a lathe there to demonstrate bowl turning and to answer questions.

The Wood Expo will occur on Sept. 24 in Bloomington. There will be various woodworking clubs participating including the MMAW. Several of our members have volunteered to participate at our table.

The woodturning class that the MMAW agreed to hold for the CMWA members wishing to refresh their turning skills will be held on Oct. 12. Volunteers are needed so that there will be one experienced woodturner for each of the 6 or 7 woodworkers who expressed an interest. Contact Guy Schafer if you are interested in helping with this activity.

Tech Educators will have their meeting in St. Cloud again this year, it is being held on 9/30. Our club needs 3 volunteers to help with turning pens at this event. Volunteers will be given a free lunch.

Fred has printed out new name tags available at this meeting.

The Paramount will start its woodworking classes (September 15th) and Arts Underground (15th) this fall. Check their website for details as to classes, dates and hours. There are still openings for several of these classes.

Elections will be coming up soon so think about volunteering for open positions or approaching other members to suggest they volunteer.

The club still needs someone to help organizing our space at the Tech Center. If you have a gift for organizing spaces, please get in touch with Fred or Guy. This effort is part of our collaboration with other groups using this space in hopes that this Tech Center can be open more than just Thursdays.

Eddie Och still has wood to give away and invites anyone interested in having some to get in touch with him.

Don't forget that pictures of your woodturning projects, questions, tips and comments are always welcome on the club Facebook page. Send all items to Guy or Bob McClintick.

Before Bill Langen shared his embellishments, a video was shown of a bowling ball being turned into a lid-ded box. An interesting use for a bowling ball.



Bill Langen showed the several types of embellishment he uses in his turning. He has used inlay, straight and bevel scroll saw inlay, as well as wire and stone inlay. He explained some of the tools and techniques used as well as some challenges and problems he has encountered.

# Instant Gallery



Here are some of Bill's embellished pieces.

Birdseye maple platter with gilded paint and rubies and labradorite.



A segmented lidded vessel with a stone pull.



Boxelder lidded box with various inlays and walnut top.

Buckthorn finial with walnut lay and aqua azure stone top.



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Crab Apple box with topaz, maple burl, walnut and thuya.

Robin Palmquist made this red oak goblet.



Bob McClintick made this cherry platter with the textured ring.

He also made this maple hollow vessel with inlay.



Bill Baker turned these two lidded boxes. One had a threaded lid and the other was from some spalted wood with burned accent lines. He also burned some lines on the outside of the bowl.



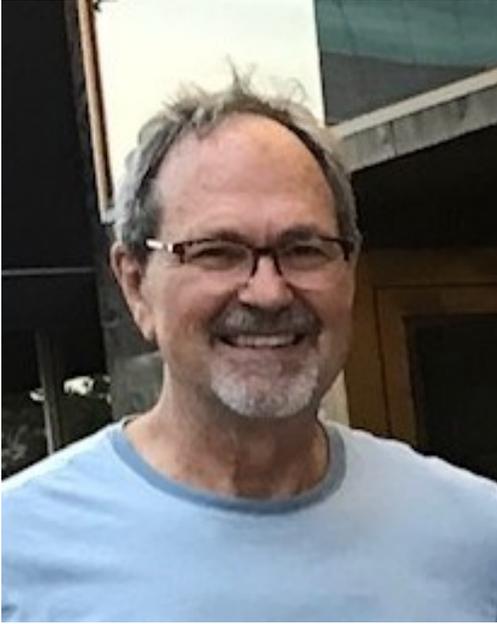
After sharing and discussion the meeting was adjourned with the 50/50 Drawing. Sharon Giesfeldt was the winner and walked away with \$10.

## Meet the Turners



Gary Mrozek here. Prior to my retirement, my friends who retired before me, said they're busier now than when they were working. My wife Faye and I both retired in 2018 and concur with this. We both worked at the same company where I managed the printing department and Faye managed customer support. We've been enjoying our new busy lifestyle ever since. We raised two children, our daughter and her family live locally and our son and his wife in Maryland. We have two grand-girls, 9 and 12 who accompany us at our summer lake home most weekends. They're in the water or on the water every minute they can. As a family, we enjoy craft projects on these weekends; from tie-dye tee shirts to painting rocks with various sayings that are strategically placed along the roadway for the public to enjoy. I've been woodturning since 2006. I did not love it at first. At that time there was very

little instruction or mentors available to me. In 2008 I was instrumental in starting a woodturning subgroup of the Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association to address these needs. We met monthly for 2 ½ years in my garage. This subgroup eventual became the MMAW. I tend to take the summers off from woodturning. This off-time has me doing more woodcarving and embellishments to previously turned items. The best thing about taking the summers off from woodturning is its like returning home to an old friend in Fall. I enjoy turning bowls to hollow forms, both large and small, from the log and segmented. I'm very committed to the Paramount Center for the Arts where I've served on various committees, sell my products in their Gift Shop and teach several public woodturning classes throughout the year.



My name is Mark Scholer. I am a retired elementary school teacher. I've been retired for 13 years after spending almost 35 years teaching 6th graders in the St. Cloud Public Schools.

I'm originally from a small town in Southern Minnesota, Butterfield. After completing school at Southwest State in Marshall, I moved to St. Cloud where I met my wife, Connie Sandmann! We have two sons, Micah lives in New Zealand with his partner Steffi and two young boys, Sam and Charlie. Jamison and his partner, Andrea, just moved back to St. Paul in August from Southern California. Both boys are scientists; one studies birds and the other bees.

Besides woodturning I also enjoy woodworking and woodcarving. I stay active trying to improve at golf and pickleball. When we're not at home in St. Cloud, we might be out camping or at the lake relaxing. I do enjoy fishing and canoeing, too.

I started woodturning about 8 years ago after seeing beautiful turnings at the Paramount Craft Store and attending a woodturner's meeting. At that first meeting, I met a number of people who were very friendly and encouraging. Starting with my dad's old Shop Smith, I learned how to make something square-round. Attending club meetings, a few workshops, and helping out with Arts Underground at the Paramount have helped build my "turning confidence". I enjoy the process of turning a log into something functional/useful. I like working with spalted woods, unique shapes, and local finds.



Dick Beumer here. I have 5 children and am a widower. I was in the Airforce and while serving I was stationed in Japan and Washington DC working as a Flight Mechanic. I worked for the City of St. Cloud to pay the bills and I was the Airport Manager when I retired.

Besides gardening I spend a lot of time working with metal.

I weld it, machine it, and turn it. I'm standing in front of my Grizzly milling machine, a big drill press, in the picture.

I started woodturning about 25 years ago and was with the group that started the MMAW group as an offshoot of the Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association (CMWA). I never had any favorite things to make or turn. I would learn how to do one thing and then move on to the next idea and things to learn.

## Parting Thoughts

Editor's note: Dick has made tool rests, face plates and other odds and ends for the club and the Art's Underground program, donating his time, materials and talent.

Thank you Dick, it is greatly appreciated.

Once again, a reminder that we will have elections soon and are in need of several nominees for the following positions, President, Secretary, Treasurer 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!**

We also need to spend some time organizing our tool shed at the Tech Site. We are hoping to put workbench casters on the lathe cabinets to make them easier to store and move around. We also need to organize all the tools and accessories we have to make it easier to set up for teaching classes and preparing for open studio nights.

### What Are The Odds?

Every day when George got to work at the woodshop, he muttered a quiet prayer as he clocked in.

"Dear Lord," he whispered, "please let me win the lottery so I don't have to sand anymore."

Day after day, for thirty years, he said the same prayer.

The one day, there was a note from God on his timecard.

"George," it said, "I have heard your prayer more than 62,000 times. Don't you think it's time you actually bought a lottery ticket...?"