

# SHAVINGS

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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**AAW** | AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WOODTURNERS

*WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.*

**MMAW** membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **The in-person meetings are on HOLD until further notice.**

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](#) .



Next meeting will be a ZOOM meeting on September 10,2020

Please check email for a invitation

Meeting will start at 7:00 PM social time at 6:30 PM

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## Presidents letter

Greeting woodturners! I hope you are all doing well and able to make some shavings and saw dust. I had been, but with life getting in the way and running around and getting more wood to turn it has been a couple weeks since I've been able to get into the shop. Now to add to it, we just purchased a new home this week so it will be even longer before I get back to the lathe. I do need to get into my wood pile and get rid of some wood because my new home doesn't have my nice little wood shed. I have lots of white oak, lots of boxelder, apple, cherry, walnut, buckthorn, maple, elm and some Florida Rosewood and I won't be able to keep it all. I will send out an email blast about how you can get some of this wood for yourself to help me out later.

Our last Zoom meeting on August 27 went well. There were about 14 people who signed in with a couple people having difficulty getting in and staying in. Fred Schmoll, our great Newsletter Webpage guru, recorded the meeting. He sent out a link to it last week so if you missed it you can click on the link and watch the meeting. It will have to be taken down when we do our next Zoom meeting which is scheduled for September 10th at 7:00pm because of space limits. The meeting consisted of a short business meeting and a good discussion about finials. Lots of good information was shared, I hope you get to watch the meeting.

We decided that our next meeting would center on hollowing systems, tools and ideas relating to hollowing. Club members have several different systems or tools so we thought it would be nice to see what people think of them. If you have a system you use and like it, or dislike it, please share with us. If possible show us the system or tool. We can also discuss anything else you are wondering about or any concerns you have.

Finally, we have elections coming up in December so be thinking about sharing your time and talents with us in a leadership position. We need to vote for the following positions; president, treasurer, secretary, and one board member.

Thank you and I hope to see you next Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Guy Schafer

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## MMAW Monthly Meeting August 27, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:04, 14 members in attendance.

Treasurer Ellen Starr reported \$1967.00 in the club account. 46 members have paid dues.

Fred S. reported that email blasts go to every member on last year's roll and that the restricted area of the club website has used the same password for two years.

President Guy S. reminded members that elections will take place in November so members should begin to think about nominations for the various offices.

The Paramount has decided to close all its facilities, including the Tech Center, until January. They are planning to have a fund raiser auction and are soliciting donations.

There was a discussion of tips on turning finials. Gary Mrozek splits the chuck of wood into billets so as to be certain that the grain is parallel. AS a result the wood is stronger and he can turn the thin parts more securely. Ellen Starr uses the Cindy Drozda 1/4" spindle gouge. Drozda is conducting online courses; information on her website.

There was a brief discussion of the Russian "Lathe knife," as demonstrated on YouTube.

Gary Mrozek told members about a technique he uses to suspend turned Christmas ornaments for finishing. He puts a water balloon inside, blows it up and suspends the ornament by the string used to tie off the balloon.

There was a suggestion that we hold a meeting or demo in a garage or similar space where we could respect social distancing but still have the demo.

Rust-o-leum lacquer may not be real lacquer, but it only costs \$3.00.

Gary Mrozek, who likes production projects, is currently making and selling pet urns in the form of tennis balls and Harry Potter magic wands. Both items enjoy brisk sales.

There was a discussion of heating options for people with workshops in the garage or detached building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

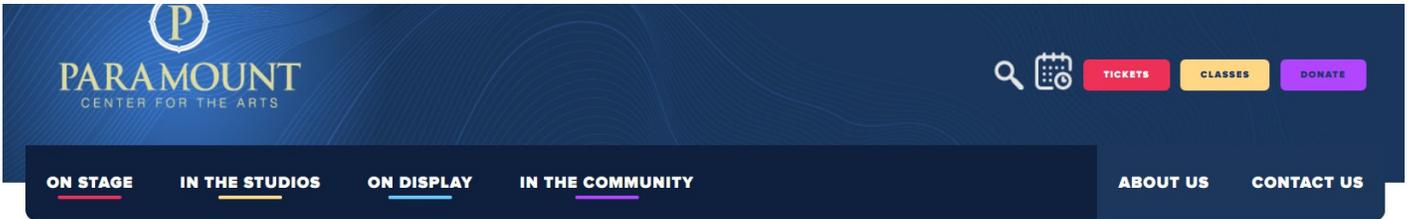
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**Instant Gallery**

Send some pictures of what you are turning to be included here!  
midmnwoodturners@gmail.com

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## [Autumn Moon Virtual Fundraiser: Paramount Confidential](#)



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September 25, 2020, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

REGISTER

7:00 Preshow  
7:30 Livestream Event

Free to watch and participate!  
Register and enter to win a "Confidential" prize package valued at over \$100!

### Join us for our first ever virtual Autumn Moon – PARAMOUNT CONFIDENTIAL!

Due to current restrictions around COVID-19, we have redesigned and transitioned our annual fundraiser, Autumn Moon, to a virtual event. Although we will not be able to gather in person on September 25<sup>th</sup>, we have created an online experience that you won't want to miss! Because we are shifting online, we are able to offer something we never have before: a ticket behind-the-scenes to places in the Paramount you may have never seen!

While you and your family, friends and colleagues join in from your phone, tablet or smart TV, our staff will be live from the Paramount. This new venture will include things like a virtual backstage tour, video vignettes from artists who have graced our stage, a themed drink (which you can make at home), virtual silent auction and an interactive fundraising challenge!

Because of COVID-19, our doors have been closed to the public since March 13<sup>th</sup>. We have lost 40% of our annual earned revenue thus far, with no definite end in sight. Despite these challenges, we have reinvented ourselves to continue to offer art experiences both in the performing and visual arts. Since March, we've curated an interactive virtual High School Art Exhibit; partnered with local senior living facilities to present outdoor courtyard performances for the residents; launched a live-stream summer concert series; offered our first-ever virtual art classes; and created curb-side pick-up art kits for ages 7+.

**Your participation in Autumn Moon will help us keep the lights on, maintain critical staffing, and plan for future events like those we have initiated over the past few months. Join us!**

**DONATE NOW**

### Interested in becoming a sponsor?

To register as a sponsor and complete payment, [click here](#). If you would like information about the various sponsorship levels and how to become a sponsor, please contact Trish Landwehr at [tlandwehr@paramountarts.org](mailto:tlandwehr@paramountarts.org).



September 25, 2020, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Paramount Center for the Arts**  
913 West St. Germain Street  
St. Cloud, MN 56301  
United States



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## **Ready for a little woodturning comic relief? Then check out this video of Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners member**

[Gary Mrozek](#) turning a Christmas ornament in July. The video was requested by the [Paramount Center for the Arts](#) for its Sept. 25 annual fundraiser. When Mike Hunter from Hunter Tool Systems ([Hunter Tool Company](#)) spotted Gary's video at <https://youtu.be/M5EQWULiq70>, he decided he had to have it for his website. Gary polished up the video with a few edits and credit for the Hunter tools he used, and Mike was so pleased he made a generous donation to the Paramount. Just goes to show you that a little humor can go far. Thanks, Gary! And thank you, Hunter Tool Systems.

**SHAVINGS****Tips**

Check out the newsletters from the [Minnesota Woodturners Association](#) they are very interesting.

The COVID-19 Mini Newsletter #23 is now available on the MWA website or you can click the link below.

<http://mnwoodturners.com/cms-files/-mini-23-converted.pdf>

Mike Rohrer, Editor

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After our discussion about finials at our Zoom MMAW meeting, here is a video to inspire you to see [“How thin you can go!”](#)

<https://youtu.be/XYTMJw0qadM>

Thank you Mike Hunter for sharing this.

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**Woodturners Worldwide Online Symposium**

Join us to learn from professional woodturners without ever leaving your home. You can watch, pause, and follow along with presentations in your own shop, adding a much greater understanding to what you're seeing. If you'd prefer to pay with Venmo or Paypal, email me, [Matt@woodturnersworldwide.com](mailto:Matt@woodturnersworldwide.com)

**September 24, 7:00 AM PDT – Sep 26, 8:00 PM PDT**

## Tip For Turners

As I make ornament globes, I like to apply the finish prior to assembly. I use a balloon sold as water balloons (\$4.99 for 600). Works great with either brush-on or spray-on product, then pop the balloon when dry. It was possibilities for other hollow forms too.

Thank you Gary Mrozek for sharing.



# Retiree Mental Fitness Evaluation

This test is to ascertain your mental state now. If you get one right you are doing ok, if you get none right you better go for counseling. (*I'll meet you there.*)

There are 4 test questions. Don't miss one.

## Giraffe Test



1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator? Stop and think about it and decide on your answer before you scroll down.

**The correct answer:** Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

## Elephant Test



2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator? **Wrong** Answer.

**Correct Answer:** Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

## Lion King Test

3. The Lion King is hosting an Animal Conference. All the animals attend ... except one. Which animal does not attend?



**Correct Answer:** The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory.

Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

## Crocodile Test

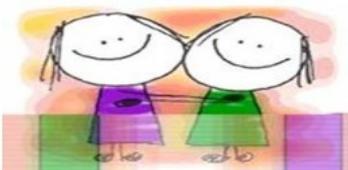
4. There is a river you must cross but it is used by crocodiles, and



you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

**Correct Answer:** You jump into the river and swim across. Haven't you been lis-ten-ing? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

**According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide**, around 90% of the Retirees they tested got all questions wrong, but many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively proves the theory that most Retirees do not have the brains of a four-year-old.



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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!

**SHAVINGS****Photo Booth**

For the pictures of the Instant Gallery at the meeting we will have the photo booth set up. We would like you to bring your piece to the booth and we will take 2 pictures. One of the piece alone and one with your name tag. You can then put your piece on the table. This will help us get done faster and help to see that we get photos of all the pieces brought in. If you would like to use the booth to take your own pictures please feel free to do so.

We are also looking for more help with setup, taking photos and take down. We would like to rotate the task every month or so. Training will be provided.

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Empty Bowls

Bill and Guy with some of our bowls made for the Empty Bowls event rescheduled to **September 19, 2020**.

You can still bring bowls to the meetings to donate.

