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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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OF WOODTURNERS

WE ARE TEACHING THE WORLD TO TURN.

MMAW membership meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. **The in-person meetings for September 11, 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 September 11 th meeting will be Lenny Merdan sharing how he makes segmented pieces.



Next meeting will be a IN PERSON and ZOOM
on September 11, 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 doing well and finding time and energy to do some turning and creating. I've been spending a little time in my shop making some pens from some black ash burl cutoffs that Guy Flores gave me. They turned out very nice, thanks Guy. It's not often I run into another Guy!

I enjoyed our picnic meeting August 14, just wish more of you could have joined us, we had 19 people at the meeting. Good food and great people.

Mark Scholer and I with some help from Lenny Merdan are going to plan our tool shed addition in September and we'll send out a call for volunteers when we are ready to pound some nails. Stay tuned.

I know I sound like a broken record but just another reminder that we have elections coming up in December and we need to elect a new President and Executive board member.

I found another 20 donated bowls at the Paramount for the Empty bowls event scheduled for September 18. We still need another 50 or so to make 100 donated bowls. Let's see if we can make it at our September 11th meeting. Mark Scholer, Jerry Wervey and myself will be turning bowls at the event. If any of you want to join in feel free to come and make some shavings. We will have bowl blanks and tools for you to use. It is always fun to demo turning things on the lathe.

Lenny Merdan has agreed to show us how he does some of his segmented cutting at our September meeting. I'm anxious to see how this goes. I've always been amazed at what he does and it will be great to see how some of it is done. Also, give some thought to what you would like to see for a demo at our November meeting? Christmas ornaments or trees or????

Bill Baker has graciously agreed to organize a Craft Supply USA order as he has done in the past. Go on-line to check the Craft Supply USA catalog for any items you might like to order. I believe we can get a 10% discount for anything we order. More info will be shared at the September meeting with orders due by the October meeting with delivery at the November meeting.

Make sure you check out the WJON interview on the **It Matters with Kelly Cordes** show with Ellen and me from August 16th. It is on the WJON website as well as our Facebook page. I think it turned out well and was good exposure for the MMAW. Finally, let's see how many of you can bring something you have made, flat-work or turned, to our September meeting. There will be prizes awarded to some lucky participants. Don't be shy, 'm looking forward to seeing lots of great items!

Have fun, make some shavings and be safe!

Guy Schafer

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Minutes of August 14, 2021 Meeting of the MMAW

Our monthly meeting and annual picnic meeting was held on August 14 at the Tech Site. It was a gorgeous sunny day that allowed us to hold the entire meeting outdoors. 19 people showed up for the meeting/event.

Club president Guy Schafer called the meeting to order at about 10:10.

He reminded members about the upcoming Empty Bowls event on September 18. We have collected **59 bowls** so far so many more are needed to be donated if we are to reach the 100 donated bowls mark. Please bring a bowl or 2 or 3 to our September 11th meeting so we can get to the 100 mark. Jerry Wervey, Mark Scholer and Guy Schafer will be doing some bowl turning during the event to demonstrate how wooden bowls are turned on a lathe.

Bill Baker and Tom Harlander have volunteered to represent the MMAW at a table for the Paramount Center for the Arts Block Party on August 26th. Many local artists will be at tables selling and discussing their art. Tom and Bill will have some turned items there for sale by club members. They will also pass out MMAW brochures and business cards and will answer any questions people may have about woodturning also. This Block Party is a celebration of the Paramount's 100th birthday. If any members would like to have some of their works displayed or try to sell some turned items please contact Guy Schafer ASAP and we will get something worked out. Bill and Tom would welcome other club members to join them for this activity. This would be a good way to volunteer and give back to the club.

With help from Lenny Merdan, Mark Scholer and Guy Schafer will organize the addition to our tool crib/shed at the Tech Site. Look for a call for volunteers when it is time to begin construction.

Elections are coming up in December and we need to elect a new president and a new 2 year term board member. Give some thought to who would do a good job at this and/or try to recruit people for these two positions. We will discuss this again at the September meeting. Lenny Merdan shared a segmented coaster he had made, maybe we can get him to do a demo of how he cuts his pieces for this and other segmented items.

Ellen Starr showed us 4 "magic wands" she turned and two crochet hooks.

Fred Schmoll had 3 bowls he turned and then donated to the Empty Bowls collection.

Guy Schafer shared a red elm burl bowl and bottle stopper and two bowls that came from the same piece of wood as the burl. He stated that the burl bowl turned very nicely but the other two bowls were the hardest wood he has ever turned. Sharp bowl gouges were almost useless and he needed to use carbide and scrapers to finish them. It might have been the turner but who knows???

After the sharing time the picnic began with wonderful food. We had pulled pork sandwiches, beans, salads, fruit, brownies, and Mabel's chocolate chip cookies (yummy) which was enjoyed by all! Thank you to everyone that shared some food and your company, it was great! A special thanks to Fred, Guy his wife Ted and Tom for helping with the set up. Also thanks to anyone else who I missed who assisted to make the picnic a success.

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Instant Gallery

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

midmnwoodturners@gmail.com

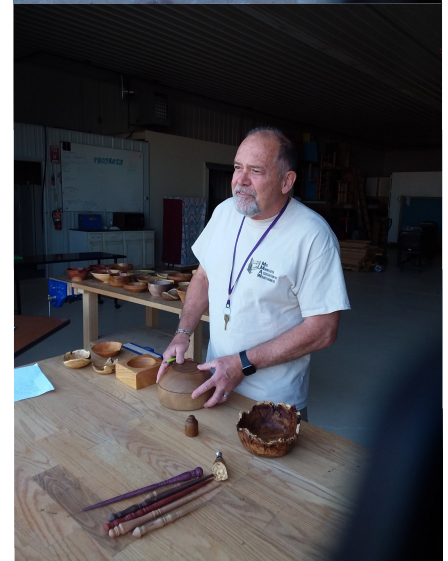
Guy Schafer made a nice pen, a chunky cherry bowl and red elm burl wood



Sharing at meeting



Table for Empty
bowls



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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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I'm sure that Burma Shave actually saved some lives. People laughed and they were more careful! It was a REAL "service" to America, even though it was an advertisement and it was one of the RARE "really useful" ones! To My Old-As-Dirt Friends and Relatives who qualify as "old as dirt." For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and '40's. Before there were interstates when everyone drove the old 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.

A man, a miss,
A car, a curve.
He kissed the miss,
And missed the curve.
Burma Shave

DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW
OUT SO FAR
IT MAY GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR.
Burma Shave

TRAINS DON'T WANDER
ALL OVER THE MAP
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS
IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP.
Burma Shave

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH
BY MISTAKE
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS
HER HUSBAND JAKE.
Burma Shave

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT.
Burma Shave

DROVE TOO LONG
DRIVER SNOOZING
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
IS NOT AMUSING.
Burma Shave

BROTHER SPEEDER
LET'S REHEARSE
ALL TOGETHER
GOOD MORNING, NURSE
Burma Shave

CAUTIOUS RIDER
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER.
Burma Shave

SPEED WAS HIGH
WEATHER WAS NOT
TIRES WERE THIN
X MARKS THE SPOT.
Burma Shave

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO A WARMER
HEMISPHERE.
Burma Shave

AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?
Burma Shave

NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU.
Burma Shave

A GUY WHO DRIVES
A CAR WIDE OPEN
IS NOT THINKIN'
HE'S JUST HOPING
Burma Shave

AT INTERSECTIONS
LOOK EACH WAY
A HARP SOUNDS NICE
BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY.
Burma Shave

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL
EYES ON THE ROAD
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL
DRIVER'S CODE.
Burma Shave

THE ONE WHO DRIVES
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING
DEPENDS ON YOU
TO DO HIS THINKING.
Burma Shave

CAR IN DITCH
DRIVER IN TREE
THE MOON WAS FULL
AND SO WAS HE.
Burma Shave

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE
TAKE IT SLOW
LET OUR LITTLE
SHAVERS GROW.
Burma Shave

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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

Some of our bowls made for the Empty Bowls event rescheduled to September 18, 2021.

