

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 September 9

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Our September Demo

Sharon Giesfeldt will be making handles for some tools she uses. The challenge will be a pen or any thing you make from a cylinder. Please bring something to share!

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.

We had a very good turn out for the Club picnic and it looked like everyone had a good time.

The Art Crawl was a little windy but we talked to a lot of people and gave away a lot of tops. They were a real hit!

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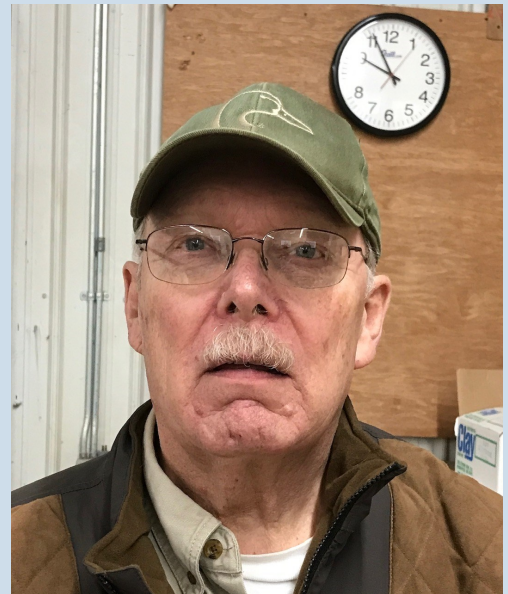
September will be our last meeting before the Empty Bowls event. Please look though your turnings and see if you have anything you would like to donate.

There will be no OPEN SHOP after the September meeting.

Stay cool, Turn safe!

Fred

Club member and past president of the club, Jim Brodd, represented himself very well at the McLeod County Fair winning a couple of 1st place finishes. Congratulations Jim, well done!



The lidded bowl was turned from aromatic cedar with a spalted maple lid and black-wood finial.



The platter is maple with lots of different textures added.



Minutes of MMAW Meeting of August 12, 2023

This was the annual picnic and opened with a video of a dog doing tricks.

Guest: Steve Gambol from Princeton.

Announcements:

Our next meeting will be at the Paramount Arts Center. There was a scheduling mix-up at the Paramount so our meeting was moved to resolve the conflict. Members should park in the ramp.

The open shop schedule will begin in October on the first Thursday and second Tuesday of each month.

The Art Crawl is set for August 18, and volunteers are welcome to choose an hour when they will turn for the public.

Empty Bowls is nearing and we need more bowls to donate.

The club would welcome suggestions for a club project. One suggestion was to turn a very large bowl.

Dale Field is giving away a vintage Craftsman lathe. Contact him if you are interested.

50/50 Drawing

Mike Fanslau and Carl Ruele were the winners.

Following the regular meeting, members took appropriate action on the array of food brought for the picnic.

The Executive Board has been discussing bringing in a nationally known woodturner for an in-house demonstration or an **Interactive Remote Demonstrations (IRD)** to put our new technology to use. If you have any ideas or suggestions about who to bring in or what topic to cover, please contact any of the current board members. Fred Schmoll, Ellen Starr, Bill Langen, Dale Field or Sharon Giesfelt.

If you have any other ideas for club demonstrations and a club member who could do this demonstration please feel free to also share this with the Executive Board.

Thank you for your input on this.



I ran across this radio interview that WJON and Kelly Cordes did with Guy Schafer and Ellen Starr that I thought you might like to listen to again, or for the first time if you missed it.



[Click this to give a listen](#)

Instant Gallery



Bob McClintick had a burl and figured elm platter with turquoise epoxy to fill voids



Another bowl by Bob, walnut bowl with turquoise epoxy accents

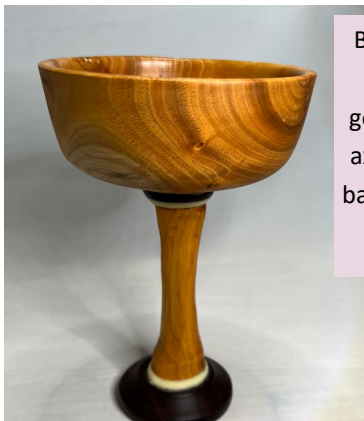


Jim Brodd shared an aromatic cedar vessel with a spalted maple lid and a blackwood finial

Black walnut vessel with burl to and blackwood finial also by Jim Brodd.



Jim also made this black walnut kiss-kiss lidded box to hold Hershey's Kisses chocolate candies



Bill Langen made this buckthorn goblet with multi-axis stem, katalox base and tagua nut accents



Mike Fanslau shared his multiple-pour epoxy and spalted maple lamp shade

Carl Reule, black walnut multi-axis turning



Rob Benson had this spalted maple knitting bowl with j-hook for yarn

Dale Field had two multi-axis turnings



The Empty Bowls event is coming up on
September 16,
one week after our September 9th meeting.



Please go through your turnings and look for a bowl or two that you would like to donate for **Empty Bowls**. We will be doing the last collecting for the year at the September meeting. We have usually donated 100 or more bowls. We only have a little over 30 to date. They do not need to be a masterpiece. Please bring them to the September meeting or get a hold of Guy to drop them off.

Dale Field has an old Sears lathe that he would like to give to someone to get them started. It is currently at the Tech site. If you know someone who could use it let us know. If we do not get anyone we will have to scrape it.



If anyone would like to get some **end grain sealer** please let Bill Baker know, 320-385-5825 Bubba41672@gmail.com. He is going to pick some up for himself. It is \$20 per gal. If you have a jug, get it to Bill.

Downtown Art Crawl

We had a good time at the downtown Art Crawl demonstrating woodturning. We gave away every top, mushroom and bottle stopper we turned to 2 year olds to 82 year olds. Always a wonderful way to spend a few hours with lots of interested people stopping by to visit. Thanks Bill B., Bill L., Fred, Dale, Guy, Bob, Tyler and LeAnn. I hope I didn't miss anyone. 😊



Tyler explaining how it all works to a captive audience.



Dale and Fred monitoring the progress.



Some future woodturners studying Tyler and Bob's handiwork.



Bob demonstrating his top turning skills.

