

Photos by Paul Miller, April meeting notes by Donna Byers

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April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting review – 57 attendees, including 6 guests, took in the afternoon gathering of woodturners. After a few announcements, Paul Miller introduced Rick Hutcheson who demonstrated the techniques of turning a potpourri container with a loose fitting lid. In fact Rick was so fast that he actually turned two such hollowed vessels in what seemed like no time at all. He showed how to undercut the lip and form a recess for the purchased decorative lids. He even used some kind of product to rub over the wood and make it smoother! Nice job Rick and THANKS.

Lyndal Anthony, one of the guests from the Dubuque Woodturners, demonstrated a tenoning tool he has developed and hopes to start marketing. The tool was attached to a bedan and is very effective in making production tenons.

We had very nice offerings for Show and Tell by the following members: John Hetherington, Jimmy Lewis, Walter Smith (shown at right), Lyndal Anthony, John Hyde, Dick Meuler, Nate Gibson, Dennis Moore, Donna Byers and Jim Hogue.



The Trent Bosch demonstration on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> was well attended by over 40 people who were treated to a host of woodturning demos including Trent's signature "Vessel of Illusion". On the following Sunday and Monday, Trent tutored two full classes of workshop students with both project oriented instruction as well as personal instruction on the use of specific turning tools. The three day event was a true team effort by a growing number of core woodturners. Thanks to all who pitched in to help make Trent's visit a memorable one for everyone involved. It was an awesome team effort.

The next **Des Moines Woodturners** meeting will be Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Woodsmith Store, 1:00 PM, and will feature Chuck Dowler who will demonstrate the turning of a Chuck Dowler signature shape that also serves as a kaleidoscope. This is a real popular kit project where you supply the wood and purchase the mechanism to produce the colorful, ever changing light patterns. These too make great gift items for young and old alike. Join us and learn the secrets.



## IMPORTANT WOODTURNERS ANNOUNCEMENT



**AAW Chapter 158**, named **Des Moines Woodturners**, has been a chapter in good standing of the **American Association of Woodturners** since April of 2001. By name they have hosted major all-day demonstrations and day long hands-on workshops by world renown professional woodturners such as Nick Cook, Jimmy Clewes, Craig Timmerman and recently Trent Bosch. The **Des Moines Woodturners** kept its' name in the background in other areas while at the same time providing the organizational leadership for all prior monthly woodturning meetings and because of the liability insurance provided by AAW national, for years AAW members conducted basic hands-on training

classes in the name of the **Des Moines Woodworkers Association**.

In January of this year, the national **AAW** insurance ran into a staggering increase in Chapter liability insurance costs that had been provided to chapters at no cost. Our chapter learned that by sometime in April, we'd have to either pay into a pool policy with **AAW** or secure our own chapter liability insurance, each having different costs and coverage. Because of language in the liability policies we reviewed, plus other legal and risk factors inherent with woodturning demonstrations and hands-on workshops, our **AAW Chapter board** narrowed the future choices down to three possibilities. We could: (1) fold the **AAW Chapter** and revert to being a SIG group of the **Des Moines Woodworkers** run by their board and volunteers, or (2) maintain our **AAW Chapter** and purchase our own liability insurance and be independent from the **Des Moines Woodworkers**, OR, in addition, (3) we could be independent and offer the **Des Moines Woodworkers** an outsourcing agreement whereby we'd provide discounted memberships to their members providing they'd share a portion of the member's dues payment to purchase them a

discounted **AAW Chapter** membership. This would ONLY apply to those members that opted to join for woodturning activities and who perhaps would even pay a little extra for a dual membership.

Having no independent Chapter members, the **AAW board** voted to keep the **AAW Chapter** independent as their first choice and if possible, work out an outsourcing agreement with the **Des Moines Woodworkers**. If an arrangement couldn't be reached, the **Des Moines Woodturners** would go forward as an independent organization.

After weeks of discussion, no agreement satisfactory to both parties could be reached so it was decided the **Des Moines Woodturners** would remain an independent **AAW Chapter** and act on it's own behalf to provide woodturners an organization focused on and dedicated to all aspects of woodturning.

As a result, today you have the opportunity to join the **Des Moines Woodturners** direct. Members will receive a membership card good for discounts at Woodsmith and we've retained the same Saturday afternoon Woodsmith meeting date as in the past. Little will change except you'll need to complete a membership application and pay dues to join. Dues will fund the operational costs of the chapter and establish you as a chapter member to satisfy liability insurance coverage requirements. Keep reading because there is an outstanding dues offer available.

**AAW Chapter** membership in the **Des Moines Woodturners** **DOES NOT** require you be a national AAW member, however there are benefits to doing so. There will be AAW membership flyers at the May meeting.

You also will no longer be required to join any other organization as a condition to join the **Des Moines Woodturners**. You are likely a paid-up member of the **Des Moines Woodworkers Assoc.** until the end of 2013. If you have other woodworking interests in addition to woodturning, you should consider maintaining a membership in both organizations. In the past there have been many new members who just wanted to join the woodturners. Now you can. As shown below, the existing leadership has remained in place for the **Des Moines Woodturners**.

A special membership offer is being made for 2013/14 and an extra special offer is available for those who have attended at least 25% of the seasons Saturday woodturning meetings at Woodsmith. The attached abbreviated membership flyer explains the benefits and contains a membership application. If you are shown on our attendance chart as attending 2 or more of the Sept 2012 thru April 2013 meetings, you can join at the renewal member rate. If you don't meet that requirement, you can join at the slightly higher new member rate. If you don't know your status, send an e-mail to [DMWoodturner@gmail.com](mailto:DMWoodturner@gmail.com) and ask. The attendance chart will be at the May meeting for you to see your recorded attendance. Regardless, both memberships will give you membership rights **from the time you join UNTIL DEC 31, 2014....and that's no typo!** It's a **GREAT bargain** so join early. Plus you'll be eligible to take advantage of all the activities we hope to have throughout the year. Maybe even some log harvesting parties. We hope to have a whole new training program available as well. And we're looking for new volunteers to join in the fun and camaraderie associated with Chapter operations and getting to know fellow woodturners on a more personal basis. What skill sets can you contribute to enhance our organization and get involved?

I hope you can attend the May meeting. You'll see a great demonstration by Chuck and also have the opportunity to join the **Des Moines Woodturners – AAW Chapter 158**.

Jim Hogue also has some sweet new surprises for you and lots of goodies you'll be interested in.

Remember, May will be the last Saturday meeting before the summer break. Hope to see you on May 18<sup>th</sup> and I'm looking forward to you joining our new venture in woodturning.

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