



# Des Moines WoodTurners Meeting Announcement



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AAW Chapter 158

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**DES MOINES WOODTURNERS MEETING** will be held Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodsmith Store. Member John Hyde will demonstrate how he turns and builds chugger lures.

Article photos courtesy of John Hyde



John will also be discussing what he's learned about the basics of lure making. As with any project there are considerations to be given to wood species, decorating and the final finishing of the lure. He'll also provide sources for lure parts, tools, and other source material for top water plugs and lure making. Sign-up for electronic copies of sources at the meeting. A few hard copies will also be available at the meeting.



Left - 16 lb Bonita (Both caught on woodturned lure) Right 42 lb Cobia



Even if you're not a fisherman, I've found there is always something to learn about woodturning no matter what a demonstrator is turning. The techniques and approaches always apply to other turning projects as well.

**OCTOBER MEETING REVIEW** - We had 9 new members join at the October meeting and 62 members watched Will Zitterich produce his Christmas spire ornamental tree toppers. His coloring techniques were amazing. Thanks and GREAT DEMO Will!

October **Show and Tell** participants were Donna Byers, James Downs, Walt Smith, Richard Voss, Ben Swartz, Don Harvey, Mo Grotheer, Jack Kennedy and Jimmy Lewis.



Photos here and next page by Paul Miller

## PEN TURNING CLASS

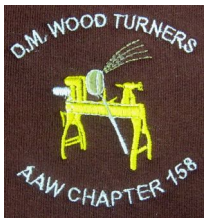
Member LeRoy Monson will be starting Basic Pen Turning classes this fall. In working with Education Chair Chuck Dowler, some late changes have been made to make it easier for turners who have an interest in pen turning but don't own the necessary accessories. The single, half-day class is designed to show students what is needed and let them make their own pen. The student will be provided information and a woodturning experience to determine if they want to invest in pen/pencil turning tools and accessories.



Students must be a member of the Des Moines Woodturners and be able to provide their own High Speed Steel (HSS) spindle roughing gouge, HSS spindle gouge (3/8" or greater), a few measuring tools and either safety glasses with side wings or a full face shield. Dust and hearing protection is recommended but a personal choice. A \$20 fee will cover material and course operating costs. The Chapter will provide lathes, a pen kit, pen blanks and supplies to complete a pen during the class. The class will accommodate four students and will be taught at a shop in south Des Moines. For more info, contact LeRoy at 987-1655 or sign-up at the Nov meeting.



## DES MOINES WOODTURNERS WEARABLES



Members wanting Des Moines Woodturning logos embroidered on shirts are advised to purchase shirts of their choice and style. These BRAND NEW and UNWASHED shirts can then be delivered to any board member and when enough are collected to meet minimums, they will be taken to the embroiderer. Be sure to attach a note with your name to the collar of each garment submitted. Costs to add the standard logo are \$8.00 per item. Personalized names can also be added for an additional \$6.00 per item.

**SHOW AND TELL** - When you bring your Show and Tell items to the November meeting, you'll have a choice of three areas to place them. One for beginners work, another for those who would like to have their projects critiqued (any skill level), and a third for intermediate and advanced turners that won't be critiqued. Critiques are meant to help a turner advance their turning skills by getting feedback on how other woodturners perceive your work. The critique may include observations on shapes and designs, tool marks, check hollowing and wall thicknesses, look for sanding marks and comment on the overall finish applied to the object. All comments should be taken in a positive manner.

If you've made an item from wood supplied by Jim Hogue, there are small tent signs on the tables. We ask that you place one next to your work that states "Jim's Wood" as Mo Grotheer did in the photo to the right. Thanks Mo, nice work!



"JIM's Wood" sign

**MEETING NAMETAGS** – It's important that when you attend a meeting, first head to the nametag box and with the alphabetical guide on the inside of the lid and find your name. The guide will show you your nametag or member ID number. Look that number up in the rows of nametags and take yours out and wear it in a visible place on your clothing. Before leaving the meeting, be sure to deposit your nametag in the appropriate collection container. Nametags do several things.....they help other members learn who you are and you get to know the names of other members. It is also your attendance record for the meeting. Collected nametags are tallied and an attendance sheet is checked off for each meeting. This gives us our stats for meeting attendees and provides a guide as to which members are making an effort to learn about woodturning through the monthly meetings and demonstrations. When it comes to training classes, mentoring and workshops, we think it's only fair to first help those who have made an effort to educate themselves at being a better woodturner by attending chapter meetings and events. Questions? Ask any officer or board member.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Our chapter is in need of the following volunteers to help with expanding our offerings to members and giving relief to some of our existing volunteers who are wearing too many hats. Pitch in, help out, and be a part of the team that makes things happen. It will pay back handsomely in friendships and woodturning help and knowledge. Please call an officer or board member and volunteer to help out NOW.

**LIBRARIAN** – we are looking for someone to establish a chapter library of woodturning books, tapes and DVD's that can be checked out by members. The job will entail soliciting materials for the library from members, recommending purchases to be considered from the chapter treasury and facilitating a storage unit for housing the library that can be kept at the meeting site. In addition, the librarian or their assistants, would be responsible for running the library on chapter meeting days.

**WEBMASTER** – keep the existing site maintained with meeting dates, speakers and other informative information helpful to members.

**A-V SYSTEM SPECIALIST** – set-up and run the video system at meetings and special demonstrations. Multiple volunteers would allow for operator meeting rotation schedules and backup support when unavoidable schedule conflicts arise.

**MEETING BULLETIN EDITOR** – publish the monthly meeting bulletin by e-mail and mail as required. Arrange to gather photos of events to publish along with content information.

**PHOTOGRAPHER** – take digital photos at monthly meetings and special events and provide best photos to meeting bulletin editor and webmaster for their discretionary use.



## DOWLER TRAINING THE TRAINERS to teach next woodturning classes

Education Chair Chuck Dowler has started the process of training instructors to teach future woodturning classes for chapter members. The first of several groups of four instructors are currently taking an instructor version of the six week beginning woodturning class. There is special emphasis on safety and proper tool use throughout the course. Member classes are expected to start early next year.



The education committee has also recommended that students pay a minimal materials fee to take future classes and own a minimum in terms of equipment, tools and safety equipment to enroll in a class. This will ensure that students have a true interest in woodturning and the necessary equipment to practice at home between classes and bring required homework to the following session. Woodturning is a learned skill that requires safe practice with a variety of tools on the students own (or readily available) equipment.

The committee is also considering periodic half-day “Introduction to Woodturning” sessions where the public can attend to learn more about the art of woodturning plus what’s required in terms of equipment, tools and safety gear. This will help those with woodturning interests determine if they wish to invest in learning the art.

**ELECTION** – As announced at the October meeting, November will be our annual election of officers and board members who will serve a one year term of office beginning January 1st. Anyone wishing to run for office should contact a board member and make their wishes known. Anyone willing to help out in an advisory or volunteer position as described in the article VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, should do the same. We’re all busy, none of us have enough time, but if we never get anyone to help lighten the load, our organization will never reach our full potential. A listing of board members is found below. Officers are required to be national AAW members.

The chapter is in the process of finalizing paperwork to register with the Secretary of State as an Iowa non-profit corporation. Once that process is complete, we’ll adopt our corporate by-laws and then begin the tedious task of working on our application for a Letter of Determination from the federal IRS declaring us a 501(c)(3) educational organization. Anyone with experience in this process would be most welcome to assist in working on the application. This non-profit status will provide the chapter and members many future opportunities and benefits.

**FESTIVAL OF TREES** - We hope you’ll each be bringing in a dozen or more turned Christmas tree ornaments or tree toppers to donate to the special wood ornament tree at the Festival of Trees which supports the Blank Park Children’s Hospital. This year a tree will be sponsored equally by Des Moines Woodturners, Des Moines Woodworkers Assn., and Mid Iowa Woodcarvers. There will be no competition or prizes awarded but instead all craftsman should be proud to have their hand-crafted ornaments raise thousands of dollars to support the Festival mission. If you can’t make the November meeting, there will be a drop-off box at the front of the Woodsmith Store to drop your ornaments in no later than November 23rd. Each ornament needs a hole, eyelet or method of attaching a wire hanger. Cut-off #1 fishhooks work for eyelets. Hangers will be added the day of decorating. Don’t forget, light weight ornaments are best so they don’t bend down delicate tree branches. Decorating day is Nov 24th.

**DOWN THE ROAD** – December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature member Jamie Retzinger turning very unique fruit shaped salt and pepper shakers. This promises to be a very interesting demonstration by a very talented member of our chapter.



**Turn to your Passion**

All members are encouraged to join the American Association of Woodturners on a national level. There are many benefits to membership. Pick-up a brochure and membership application at Woodsmith or at any chapter meeting. <http://www.woodturner.org/>

## Des Moines Woodturners AAW Chapter 158

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