



Des Moines WoodTurners Meeting Announcement



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DES MOINES WOODTURNERS MEETING



will be held Saturday, Dec 14th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodsmith Store. Member Jamie Retzinger will demonstrate how he turns fruit shaped salt and peppershakers. Techniques will include tips from guest instructors Nick Cook and Jimmy Clewes. This project can easily be completed on a midi- lathe with colorful wood species found locally. Off- center turning will also be demonstrated. The completed project is a great holiday gift idea or memento when visiting friends. They go with those salad and fruit bowls we turn.

Article photos courtesy of Jamie Retzinger

Jamie is a very innovative guy and owns both a big Powermatic 3620B lathe and a Delta midi-lathe. He is a long time woodturner and woodworker. I hope you'll join us at the December meeting and see how one of your fellow chapter members makes some of his projects.

Remember, 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.



NOVEMBER MEETING REVIEW

- Attendance at the November meeting grew to 67 members and guests who watched John Hyde demonstrate making chugger fishing lures. Anyone wanting e-mailed handouts of John's demo can contact him at john_hyde@live.com I never realized what it took to keep a fifty plus pound fish from breaking a hook out of a lure body. Thanks for the informative demo John!

The Show & Tell tables overflowed with projects. Members showing their work included: Dick Meuler, Vikki Morain, John Hetherington, Dave Hendricks, Walt Smith, Jerry Selover, Mo Grotheer, Don Harvey, Dwain Peterson, Don Harvey, Will Zitterich, Chuck Dowler, and Jimmy Lewis.

Nine new members joined since the October meeting bringing our membership to 121. They were Dan English, Granger; Daniel Henderson, Waukee; Kelly Fuller, Adel; Jimmy Lewis, Rose Hill; Dan Chodur, Altoona; Doug Leonard, Urbandale; Ron Gruber, Stuart; Marc Swanson, Pleasant Hill; Chris Scovel, Pleasantville.

WOODTURNING CLASSES ARRIVING SOON

Chuck Dowler announced the first group of beginning woodturning instructors and assistants have wrapped up their training and the first student classes will be starting in January. Up to four students can be accommodated at a time and as many classes as necessary will be held sequentially, as needed, to work through those interested in the five to six week course.

The education committee also discussed other levels of woodturning courses to meet the needs of our intermediate and advanced woodturners. This could involve multi-week courses or single day workshop style events held periodically. Examples could be the proper use of a variety of woodturning tools, making custom tools, how to properly sharpen a variety of turning tools, turning hollow forms, segmented turning methods, and the list goes on and on. Let your board members hear from you regarding your particular educational needs.

Other education related discussions have centered around the non-turner and consideration has been given to periodic half-day "Introduction to Woodturning" sessions for the public where they can learn what equipment, tools, space and costs are involved in setting up an adequately equipped woodturning shop. Stay tuned, be patient, and voice your needs. These things take time.



A close up of the Nick Cook funnel used in pear salt shaker.



DES MOINES WOODTURNERS DUES – Just a reminder that upon joining the Des Moines Woodturners in 2013, you paid your dues for the balance of 2013 and all of 2014. Therefore, **no renewal dues need be paid until this time next year.**

VOLUNTEERS STEP UP TO THE PLATE – At the November meeting, four dedicated chapter members volunteered to pitch in and help with chapter operations. This will provide some much needed relief and expands our team that makes things happen. Several of these volunteers will need some back-up help for the times they are unable to make a meeting or if illness, vacations, etc. prevent them from meeting a particular deadline. Please consider volunteering to provide backup or to help these folks. It will pay back handsomely in friendships and woodturning help and knowledge. Please call Dick at 967-7686 if you'd like to pitch in on a part time basis.

A-V SYSTEM SPECIALIST – Mark Foust - work with existing operators Rob Beattie, Dick Meuler and Dave Yearian to set-up and run the video system at meetings and special demonstrations. Multiple volunteers allow for backup support when unavoidable schedule conflicts arise. Mark will investigate adding other capabilities to the existing A-V system.

GREETER – Vikki Morain –will greet members and guests as they arrive at meetings and assist members and guests with getting nametags, directing individuals with questions to appropriate officers, board members or volunteers. After the final break, collect nametags from all in attendance.

LIBRARIAN – Don Skarin - 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, and recommending purchases to be considered from the chapter treasury. In addition, the librarian or their assistants, would be responsible for running the library on event meeting days.

WEBMASTER – Jim Reynolds - keep the existing site maintained with meeting dates, speakers and other informative information helpful to members. Jim will research the effort to move to a full web site platform with our own domain name.

WOODTURNERS LIBRARY – We've had a number of members ask if it would be possible to start a woodturners library to help members sharpen their skills and techniques in all phases of woodturning. The treasury has kicked off the library with the purchase of 12 books and 3 DVD's from AAW. If you have any educational or instructional books, VHS tapes, or DVD's related to woodturning you'd be willing to donate, bring them to future meetings or contact Don Skarin at djdabeck@gmail.com. Thanks to Don for stepping up to be the chapter librarian. Why not volunteer to give him a hand.

ELECTION – At the November meeting, the membership voted to retain the current officers and board members for an additional one year term. They were Paul Miller, President; Dick Meuler, VP; Donna Byers, Secretary; Jim Hogue, Treasurer; Jack Rolison, Program Chair; Chuck Dowler, Education Chair.

FESTIVAL OF TREES – The Des Moines Woodturners contributed over 100 and the Mid-Iowa Wood Carvers contributed just shy of 200 handmade ornaments to adorn the tree to be sold to benefit Blank Children's Hospital through the Festival of Trees. Thanks to the members of both organizations for their generous contributions of time and talent to make these creative and memorable ornaments. The highly decorated tree went to the Taylor House hospice and was in the \$5,000 class.

AAW NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP – provides a host of benefits and insights to the world of woodturning. The association's journal, published 6 times a year, provides woodturning news, educational articles, inspirational examples of creative woodturnings, and so much more. Their annual symposiums are nothing short of spectacular. They bring some of the world's best woodturners together for three days, in one place, for a giant teaching/learning experience. A vendor show is also part of the event. Consider supporting the national association as these 40 of your fellow chapter members did in 2013: Rob Beattie, Bob Blank, Steve Buller, Lee Burns, Donna Byers, Dan Chodur, Russ Dent, Chuck Dowler, Don Dyer, Greg Ellyson, Jim Gunning, Chuck Haas, Chuck Heiken, Jim Hogue, Calvin Huffman, Rick Hutcheson, John Hyde, Ron Jacobson, Alan Johnson, Del Kramersmeier, Doug Leonard, Carl Lester, Dennis Lunde, Dick Meuler, Paul Miller, LeRoy Monson, Vikki Morain, Roger Nass, Dwain Peterson, Jack Rolison, Duane Rozendaal, Dean Schafer, Brian Simmons, Walter Smith, Ben Swartz, Tom Van Hon, Rich Voss, Rob Wallace, Dave Yearian and Will Zitterich.

NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT – Starting in January the Des Moines Woodturners meeting announcement will change format to a more text based document with few, if any photos. This is being done to reduce the total time spent producing the monthly bulletin. The best HD color views of chapter activity are "LIVE" at any chapter function.

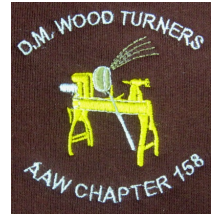
DOWN THE ROAD – Jan 18 – Saturday, 1:00 pm. Monthly Des Moines Woodturners meeting & demo. Member Roger Nass on harvesting woodturning stock from tree logs with Rob Wallace assisting and discussing AAW membership benefits. This will be an extremely informative demonstration and informational meeting for those that want to cut their own free turning stock and to learn more about AAW benefits. Meeting at the Woodsmith Store located at 10320 Hickman Road in Clive.



BULLETIN BOARD REMINDERS



DES MOINES WOODTURNERS WEARABLES - Members wanting Des Moines Woodturners logos embroidered on shirts are advised to purchase shirts or sweatshirts of their choice and style. These BRAND NEW and UNWASHED shirts can then be delivered to any officer or board member. 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 – All members are strongly encouraged to bring completed or in-process turned work to Show and Tell at each monthly meeting. If you've made an item from wood supplied by Jim Hogue, there are small tent signs on the Show & Tell tables stating "Jim's Wood". We ask that you place one next to any project that was turned from wood Jim provided.

When you bring your Show and Tell items, you'll have a choice of three areas to place them. One for beginners work, a second for intermediate and advanced turners, and a third for those who would like to have their projects critiqued (any skill level) by fellow members. 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, design, tool marks, sanding, wall thicknesses, and on the overall finish. This is simply an informal critique and all comments should be taken in a constructive, positive manner.

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, 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 connect names to faces of fellow members. It is also your attendance record for the meeting.



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Webmaster	Jim Reynolds

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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/>

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