



Des Moines WoodTurners Meeting Announcement



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NEXT WOODTURNERS MEETING – Saturday, September 14th, 1:00 pm at the Woodsmith Store

Member Rick Hutcheson will demonstrate turning a project with a natural-bark edge and, time permitting, perhaps a winged-bowl or platter. Rick is a fast woodturner so I have no doubt he'll do several projects. If you've never done this type of turning or need a refresher course, be sure to attend the September meeting as Rick makes the chips fly. Don't forget to bring your Show 'N' Tell items.



Des Moines Woodturners demonstrate at Des Moines Arts Festival A very long, busy and successful event



The lines were long and lasted from before official starting time until official closing time each day of the three day event. Chairman Dave Yearian made sure the booth was staffed and arranged for lathes, sharpening equipment and needed supplies. Wooden tops were turned while anxious children, teens and adults stood in line for up to 2 hours, even in pouring rain, to have the opportunity to claim a completed

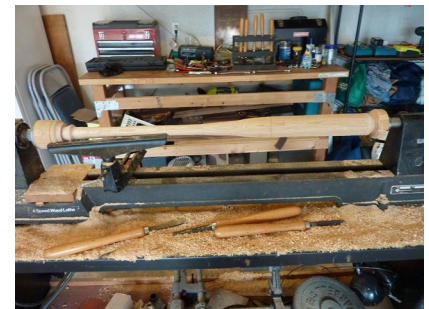


top and color it with brightly-colored pens as it spun on the lathe. Thanks to Brian Simmons who did the bulk of turning and all the other Des Moines Woodturners who helped in demonstrating, hauling equipment, prepping blanks, and helping to entertain those standing in the long lines using wood-turned games of skill like ball-and-cup and others. Our thanks to Tree Des Moines for allowing us to be the interactive portion of their tent booth.

Jamie Retzinger helps youth finish turning project he started with his grandfather



Before his death, an Ankeny youth's grandfather had started turning a baseball bat with him. A posting to our Des Moines Woodturners website asked for some help working with 17 year Matt Cassabaum to finish the bat. Member Jamie Retzinger stepped up and provided the guidance to help Matt get the job done. Jamie reported, "Matt was quite proficient after a little refresher course." Good job Jamie, and thanks for pitching in to help!! Matt will treasure that bat he started with his grandpa and finished with your help.



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Des Moines Woodturners do well at Iowa State Fair competition

Member Jack Rolison won 1st place in the woodturning division and the turning was also awarded 1st runner up for Best of Show. Jack Rolison and Tom Van Hon both brought home Honorable Mention ribbons in the woodturning division. LeRoy Monson won a 1st place ribbon in a jewelry craft division with a woodturning. Rob Wallace took a 2nd place ribbon in the woodturning division and an Award of Merit in the Fine Arts show with turned work. In the Senior Woodworking division, Dick Meuler won a 2nd place ribbon and Rob Beattie an Honorable Mention ribbon, both with woodturnings. All who submitted entries to the Iowa State Fair are encouraged to bring all their submissions to the September Des Moines Woodturners meeting.

Artistry in Wood Oct 18 to 20 at the Woodsmith Store

If you are a member of the Des Moines Woodworkers Association, you are encouraged to bring your woodturned items to display at their Artistry in Wood show. Your work will be on display for the public to view and ribbons will be awarded for woodturning entries. This is a DMWA event only. Check your Des Moines Woodworkers Association newsletter for entry details or contact John Twedt at 515-964-9294.

Wood Harvesting Parties

During the year there are many opportunities to harvest free logs for woodturning. It's an art to learn how to best harvest and cut a log and requires a lot of work, a chainsaw with a sharp blade and long bar, and a vehicle adequate to haul away your treasure. A strong back or mechanized equipment is also needed to load some of the large pieces into a truck bed.

This summer, groups of members have reported harvesting black locust, sycamore, hard maple, walnut, Chinese chestnut, hop hornbeam, and red bud, all for the purpose of turning either spindle or cross-grain projects.

If you're interested in learning how to harvest trees and are willing to pitch-in and help do your share of the work, send an e-mail to our website address DMWoodTurner@gmail.com along with a daytime phone number. By the same token, if you know of a fresh-cut hardwood tree of value that is either on the ground now or soon will be, contact us. We don't take down trees and it's best to work with certified and insured tree-crews in the greater Des Moines area. Every pound of wood we haul off saves the homeowner and the tree service from having to dispose of it.

At the same time, for some sweat equity, you'll find yourself with some fine, free, green turning-wood. There are more trees taken down than we can ever recover and repurpose, so pick and choose carefully. Logs take up a lot of space.....just ask some of our members.



UPCOMING - Liam O'Neill, Irish Professional Woodturner demonstration in Quad Cities

It was recently announced that Irish professional woodturner Liam O'Neill will be doing a woodturning demonstration in the Quad Cities on Saturday, October 12th. The demonstration will take place in the [Quad Cities Woodturners](#) building in Rock Island, IL, beginning at 9:00 am (it is about a 2 1/2-hour drive from Des Moines). Cost for attending the day-long demonstration is \$ 30 for non-members and \$25 for QCWT members, payable at the door upon arrival (i.e. no advance reservations needed). Lunch is also available on-site. The demonstration will run all day until about 4:00 pm, and will include a range of projects and demonstrations of various turning techniques. <http://www.liamoneill.com>

Down the Road - Oct Meeting – Saturday October 12th, 1:00 pm at the Woodsmith Store

Member Will Zitterich of Ames is scheduled to be demonstrating unique Christmas spire tree-topper ornaments. Sound like great gift ideas. Will is the gent who dazzles us with his finely-finished, and often colorful large bowls and vessels. Mark your calendar and watch Will work his magic.

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