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**DES MOINES WOODTURNERS MEETING (AAW Chapter 158)** Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m., at the Woodsmith Store. Chapter member Jimmy Lewis will demonstrate.



Jimmy has a unique way of forming shapes on a lathe from a variety of mediums and in a variety of ways. In March he'll be turning a lidded box with lattice work. If time permits, he may have another project to show us.

Don't forget to bring your Show & Tell items this month. Everyone likes to look at the work you do. A special area is labeled for beginners work and another for those that would like their items critiqued.

**FEBRUARY MEETING REVIEW** – Brian Simmons kept things hopping with his twin bowl turning demonstration; one in traditional cross-grain and the other in spindle orientation. He makes it look soooo easy. Thanks for the first-class demonstration Brian!

# **BEGINNING WOODTURNING CLASS - Tad**

Tadlock, Craig Wyckoff, Dave Bishop and Don Skarin completed their five week Beginner Woodturning class on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. Education/Safety Chair Chuck Dowler directed the training course. Rob Beattie, Dick Meuler and Dave Yearian rotated between instructing and assisting students. Look for the student's bowls at the March meeting where they'll receive their certificates. Another class has started and there is a backlog for the course. Interested members should contact Chuck Dowler to get on the list. Members needing special or



Tadlock

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Skarin

unique woodturning help should notify Chuck, or any officer/board member, of their needs.

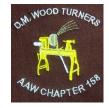
**DES MOINES WOODTURNERS LIBRARY** – Just a reminder to return any books or DVD's you've checked out. We're missing a Bob Rosand DVD checked out in January that hasn't been returned.

Librarian Don Skarin is looking for a volunteer or two to help staff the library during Saturday meetings. See Don at the March meeting or drop an e-mail to <a href="mailto:dmwoodturner@gmail.com">dmwoodturner@gmail.com</a> if you can help out.

If you have original VHS tapes, DVD's or woodturning books you'd like to donate to the library, bring them to a meeting and give them to Don or any board member.

Remember, DO NOT drop returned library material in the box at the front of Woodsmith. That drop box is for the Des Moines Woodworkers only. Instead, bring your returned items to the meeting room and turn them in to the librarian.

**DES MOINES WOODTURNERS WEARABLES** - Members wanting Des Moines Woodturning logos



**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. We need a few more items to fulfill our next order. Bring your items to the March meeting.

**DOWN THE ROAD SPECIAL** – **April 12th** – Saturday, 1:00 pm. This will be anything but a normal monthly meeting. We're making it a **FREE AFTERNOON FINISHING SEMINAR** featuring member Will Zitterich who will cover his process of finishing woodturnings from sanding, sealing, dying and topcoat finishing. You've all admired his work brought to Show and Tell. Now come and learn his secrets. This meeting will run from 1:00 p.m. till close to 4:30 p.m. We will not have a formal Show and Tell but you're welcome to bring things you've made for people to ooooh and ahhhh over during a mid-afternoon break.

**DISCOUNT SUPPLIER INFO – Woodsmith Store** at 10320 Hickman Road, Clive offers 10% discount to all members with the exception of sale items and power tools or things with a cord. If you're in doubt, ask a sales associate.



**Tandy Leather Factory** at 5041 NE 14th St., Des Moines offers up to 50% discounts on non-sale items such as dyes, adhesives, leather, leather making supplies, tooling and lots more. Their current hours are 9 till 6 Mon thru Fri and 9 till 4 on Sat. Check them out.



Before they ring you up, show these suppliers your Des Moines Woodturners membership card.

## **WORDS TO TURN BY - Some Light Along the Path**

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Woodturning has its own language, like every field of endeavor. Some words and concepts may be familiar depending on one's background in woodworking, but many of the terms are specialized, and frankly, a bit strange-sounding! Continued from the Feb news bulletin.

### **Lathe Bed**

The horizontal part of the lathe which connects and aligns the headstock and tailstock. This is an important element of a lathe because of the alignment aspect, but also because if the bed is not made well it can warp or twist under pressure. While a bed may be one or two rails depending on the design of the lathe, how they are made will affect the banjo and tool rest combination. I have found single rails can be difficult to align, but this can be more of an issue of what one is familiar with in day-to-day use. Round rails seem the most awkward as they can allow the banjo/tool rest combination to rotate, but there is a definite advantage in that the bed is less likely to warp.



Most lathe beds have two rails and are made of cast iron. The banjo has a track along which it can move, and this track and lathe bed surface must be kept clean for smooth operation.

**MEMBER BUY-SELL SERVICE** – Have woodturning related items you want to buy or sell? Send an e-mail with particulars to <a href="mailto:dmwoodturner@gmail.com">dmwoodturner@gmail.com</a> and we'll send it out to all members with e-mail addresses on record.



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