



Des Moines WoodTurners Meeting Announcement



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DES MOINES WOODTURNERS MEETING (AAW Chapter 158) Saturday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m., at the Woodsmith Store. Chapter member and Education Chair Chuck Dowler will be demonstrating his natural edge goblet turning techniques using small branch crotch wood.



While Chuck has made goblets with extremely long stems (over 50"), these short versions are done with natural edges and incorporate twin piths as found at the junction of two branches. His practice pieces shown here are from Osage Orange.



These are a fun project to bring out your creativity. Join us Saturday and let Chuck teach you how he goes about creating these unique goblets from freshly cut small branches.

APRIL MEETING REVIEW – Will Zitterich put on a full afternoon demonstration that included hollowing vessels, sanding your projects, adding accent colors using dyes and paints, applying topcoat finish and then showing us how he sands his coats of finish and applies additional coats until he can see reflections from his completed work. Will was kind enough to bring most of his shop so attendees could see his various hollowing tools and his creative “finishing machine”. If you missed this meeting, you missed out on an afternoon of well demonstrated and presented information.



A big **Thank You** to Will for all the time and effort he put into the comprehensive afternoon seminar.

Will with his tools, projects & “Finishing Machine”



At left is Will demonstrating the projects he worked on during his seminar.

Jim Hogue and Chuck Dowler could be found at the April meeting selling wood and various great magazines that seem to never go out-of-date. Sales were brisk as many members took advantage of the bargain prices.

The Beginning Woodturning class with Donna Byers, Vikki Morain, Peggy and Walt Smith received their Certificates of Attendance following their four week course. In return, Vikki presented the instructors and Education Chair Chuck Dowler with “Five Fine Gentlemen” certificates for their efforts in teaching the class.

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BEGINNING WOODTURNING CLASS – Mark Foust, Jim Hogue, Jack Kennedy, and Steve Schrage completed their four week Beginner Woodturning class on May 3rd. Education Chair Chuck Dowler directed the training course. Look for the student's work at the May meeting where they'll receive their certificates. This will be the final Beginner class this spring. Classes will resume in the fall. Members needing woodturning help should notify Chuck or any board member, of their needs.



Dowler-Ollie Schrage Hogue Kennedy Foust

WOODTURNERS LIBRARY NEWS – Just a reminder to return any books or DVD's you've checked out. Librarian Don Skarin is looking for a volunteer or two to help staff the library during Saturday meetings. See Don at the May meeting or drop an e-mail to dmwoodturner@gmail.com if you're willing to lend a hand in keeping our library running.

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

Remember, **DO NOT** drop returned library items in Woodsmith's front lobby. That box is for the Des Moines Woodworkers use only. Instead, bring your items to the meeting room and turn them in to the librarian.

DOWN THE ROAD – There will be no Saturday Chapter meetings in June, July or August. Our next scheduled meeting will be **September 13th** – Saturday, 1:00 pm. Watch for announcements on the program. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you again in the fall.

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 April meeting bulletin.

BLANKS

A wood "blank" is the term usually given to a piece of wood which has been prepared in some way for turning—i.e. one which has been rounded smooth or cut into a section designed for lathe use. If a piece of wood is cut off from a log but still in its rough form, they are usually referred to as logs, sections, or pieces.



When talking about spindles a blank is usually rectangular with the corners still on the piece, so maximum diameters must be calculated by measuring the largest full circle a piece will support after the flat sections are rounded down. A compass works great for this (see, they are not just for grade school after all!).

BURL

The term usually given for an unusual growth on a tree which produces some very interesting grain patterns (and turning challenges!). In British writings you might see the term "burr" used for the same thing. A burl is different from a "knot" which usually indicates a radical change in growth direction, such as from a tree limb. If a tree is damaged in some way a burl will often result as the tree heals and covers over the damage.

A similar change in grain pattern may occur at the joint where a tree trunk forks, but this is usually referred to as "crotch" wood, and can product some amazing grain patterns.

Burls in wood often make for an interesting surface. I have turned several eucalyptus burls where upon drying, the once smooth turning regained some of its irregular shape. In fact, this is one of the reasons I love to turn burls—you never quite know how things are going to end up!



Sometimes burls are just a single growth along a tree where it was starting to bud at some point but the process stopped for one reason or another. Cutting burls can be a challenge because of shifting grain patterns, but good technique and a sharp tool will usually do the trick.

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MEMBER BUY-SELL SERVICE – ATTENTION - Watch your e-mail for information on an upcoming sale of equipment, wood and tools from Roy Moore's shop. We're assisting in organizing his shop for a special sale to woodturners and woodworkers sometime in June. There will be a wide assortment of lathe turning tools, turning blanks and small pieces of turning lumber, Craftsman tablesaw with various name brand blades and home-made jigs, Delta scrollsaw, router table with Milwaukee router and lots of bits, Bosch plunge router and Bosch 3 x 21 belt sander, Delta tabletop belt/disc sander, both a Lie Nielson and Veritas block plane, several Stanley and a Miller Falls hand plane, Veritas flush cut saws, Japanese saws, beautiful Veritas® 10" Sliding Bevel, electric and cordless drills, jigsaw (Saber saw to us oldsters), and more. If you're in the market NOW for any of these tools, send an e-mail to dmwoodturner@gmail.com indicating what you're interested in and we'll get you more information. Stay tuned. The family is interested in selling ASAP. They'll be donating Roy's turning books and videos to our library.

Do you have woodturning or woodworking related items you want to buy or sell? Send an e-mail with particulars to dmwoodturner@gmail.com and we'll send it out to all members with e-mail addresses on record.

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.

By fall we may have more suppliers to announce. **Have favorites you'd like added?** dmwoodturner@gmail.com

Have a safe and fun summer!
See you in September if not before.
Watch your e-mail for summer announcements of possible interest.

AAW Members – See the latest FREE FUNDamentals digital booklets at:

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