



# Des Moines Woodturners

## Monthly Meeting News

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**DES MOINES WOODTURNERS MEETING** (AAW Chapter meeting)  
Saturday, April 14, 1:00 p.m. at the Woodsmith Store, 10320 Hickman Road, Clive, IA 50325



### PROTECT TABLETOPS AND COUNTERTOPS WITH COASTERS AND TRIVETS

Chapter Member **Jamie Retzinger** is going to show us how with three demonstrations during our April meeting.

Jamie's April demonstration will have three projects that are simple to turn and utilize some of the "scraps" you have in your shop. The first demo will be a wood coaster with a custom design in the bottom. These make great gifts for those folks who already have a few of your platters and bowls, or they can just be a nice "Thank You" gift.

On the same theme, Jamie will show you a hot pad/ trivet that provides the wine drinkers a use for some of those corks you could not throw away while protecting the table or countertop from a hot dish or pan.

The final item will be a chalk pen he uses for laying out projects or marking wood blanks for turning projects. An advantage of using the chalk pen is the lines are easy to see and easy to erase.

He will talk about which woods work best, some of the designs that he has created, and of course, finishes that he uses to get good results.

Hope to see you this coming Saturday afternoon.....

**MONTHLY MEMBER NETWORKING** – we'll gather again on Wednesday morning, April 25, at the Fred Maytag II Scout Center where we'll have more turning wood for sale. Our March wood sales were the best ever, so be sure to come and get in the great buys being offered! Anyone having spare wood or supplies they'd be willing to donate to the table, are welcomed as long as 100% of the proceeds go to the purpose of the Chapter.

Two members won donated items at our March meeting; Congratulations to: Dan England who won two \$10 Craft Supplies gift certificates and Arlyn Picken won a \$20 Packard gift certificate. No purchase necessary, just show up & toss half of your FREE ticket in the coffee can.



Photos from January 2017 Networking Meeting at the Boy Scout Center – see web site for map

If you've never visited this 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning meeting, give it a try. With no program, you're able to meet other woodturners and visit in an informal setting over a cup of coffee. Watch for your e-mail reminder.

## **\$20 INTRODUCTORY THREE-MONTH MEMBERSHIP (ITM)**

We all know that the most well-rounded woodturning learning experience can be attained through both a local chapter membership and AAW membership – for the **TOTAL EXPERIENCE!**

AAW's membership promotion begins on December 4, 2017, and is a perfect opportunity for your chapter members to give us a try – especially those who have been on the fence about joining the AAW. This new introductory membership enables chapter members who have never been AAW members to test the waters of a full AAW membership for **THREE MONTHS FOR JUST \$20**. If they wish to continue their AAW membership, introductory members will be automatically renewed one time for an additional **NINE MONTHS FOR JUST \$40**. Individuals who have never been AAW members may sign up for a three-month introductory AAW membership using a credit card at <http://tiny.cc/ITM2040>.

**WOODTURNERS LIBRARY NEWS** – We are pleased to announce that chapter member **Ben Schwartz** has donated 8 hardcover woodturning books to the chapter library.

These new titles for our library include “*Soul of a Tree*” by George Nakashima, “*THE WOODBOOK – The Complete Plates*” 25<sup>th</sup> Edition with full color plates of 354 wood species, and “*Segmented Wood Turning*” by Malcom Tibbets. There are several books on wood turning technique and several more focusing on woodturning form and design.

Ben is an accomplished woodturner in his own right, has a special regard for segmented turning, and is a great friend of the Des Moines Woodturners. Please reach out to Ben and tell him “Thanks” for this generous donation to our chapter.

You'll find the library near the side door entrance in Woodsmith's seminar room on Chapter meeting afternoons. **Don Skarin** or **Ray Nelson** can help you. The new titles will be available at the May meeting.

**PLEASE return your checked-out library material within 30 days to our librarian!!**

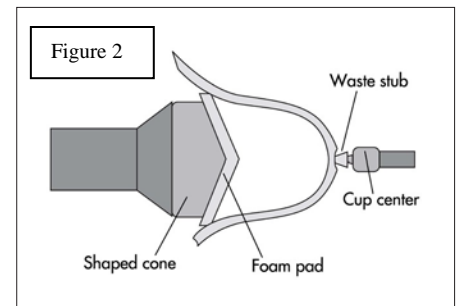
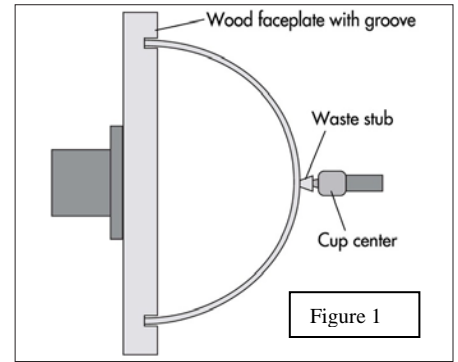
## HERE IS A TIP FOR HOLDING A BOWL ON THE LATHE

A jam chuck is the simplest device for reverse chucking: it is a wooden disk with a groove turned into it to match the diameter of the bowl. The bowl is reversed onto the disk and held in the groove by a snug fit, the groove serving also to center the bowl. The tailstock is brought up to help keep the piece in place. At low revolutions and with light cuts, the foot is shaped, leaving a small stub at the tailstock point. (See Figure 1.) This stub will finally be chiseled off and the spot sanded to blend in.

The wooden disk can be held via faceplate or screw chuck. It can be any material – plywood is just fine. One jam chuck disk is used per bowl, so you end up with a pile of disks on various diameters, but they can be reused with smaller-diameter bowls.

The tailstock support also works for irregular – or - natural-edged bowls, when a foam-padded cone is used inside the bowl to jam against .(See Figure 2). The cone is readily made from scrap wood to match the unique size and shape of the bowl; at its simplest it is the waste block left behind when the bowl is parted off. This approach is pretty straight-forward and works well.

~ Peter M. Smith



This item has been adapted from the article, "Introduction to Chucking," by Peter M. Smith, which appeared in the June 1995 issue of *American Woodturner*.

## WHY SHOW AND TELL IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL



Paul attended the February demonstration meeting where Brian Simmons showed us how to make a three-legged stool from start to finish. He went back to his shop and made this well-crafted stool from black walnut and hard maple using all that he learned at the demonstration program. Yes, he contacted the demonstrator after he started the project to ask questions and get some help; however, the finished piece is the result of learning new skills and practicing those skills to make a nice addition to his kitchen. He shared his experience with us at the March meeting Show and Tell. Now, he just has to make three more to match this one.

It pays big dividends to attend the Saturday demonstration meetings!

## What's Ahead – Chapter Activities

- ☒ Tues, April 10, 2018 – Des Moines Woodworkers Assn. meet at Woodsmith, 7:00 p.m.
- ☒ **Sat, April 14, 2018 – Des Moines Woodturners meeting & demo at Woodsmith Store, 1:00 p.m.**
- ☒ **Wed, April 25, 2018 – Des Moines Woodturners Informal Networking meeting, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
Boy Scout Center, 6123 Scout Trail, Des Moines, IA 50321 (1<sup>st</sup> building south of Loffredo Produce off SW 63<sup>rd</sup> St.)
- ☒ Sat, April 28 –Sun, April 29, 2018 – Des Moines Woodworkers **ARTISTRY IN WOOD** at Woodsmith Store
- ☒ Tues, May 8, 2018 – Des Moines Woodworkers Assn. meet at Woodsmith Store, 7:00 p.m.
- ☒ **Sat, May 12, 2018 – Des Moines Woodturners meeting & demo at Woodsmith Store, 1:00 p.m.**
- ☒ **Wed, May 23, 2017 – Des Moines Woodturners Informal Networking meeting, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
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**WOODSMITH PARKING - PLEASE REMEMBER** when arriving at Woodsmith Saturday, park at the far East and North sides of their parking lot. This leaves the areas closest to the entrance door for their normal Saturday store customers. If you have items to drop off for our meeting, drop them at the entrance and then go park in the designated areas.



Woodsmith is gracious to let us use their facility. Please respect their parking rules so customers have easy access to the store on one of their busiest days of

the week.

*Thanks for your cooperation.*

## **TIPS FOR USING A WOODWORM SCREW**

By Mike Peace

Many turners do not take advantage of one of the easiest and quickest ways to mount some projects on a lathe—the woodworm screw. This is basically a large screw chuck. While you can buy a dedicated screw chuck, most scroll chucks come with a woodworm screw. This is a machined screw held within the jaws (Photo 1). A woodworm screw is cylindrical rather than tapered like a typical wood screw and has sharp, deep threads. These threads are designed to bite into the workpiece with a minimum of damage to wood fibers. The screw has a base that fits beneath and against the underside of the jaws to prevent it from being pulled from the chuck.

A woodworm screw has its best hold in face-plate work such as a platter or small bowl, but can do well with small endgrain projects. Most of the holding strength comes from the large jaw surface that is pulled against the wood. One way to strengthen the grip even more is to make a large-diameter hardwood washer of side-grain flat stock that fits around the jaws when closed and is even with the top of the jaws (Photo 2).



PHOTO 1



PHOTO 2

## DISCOUNT SUPPLIER INFO

**Woodsmith Store** at 10320 Hickman Road, Clive offers 10% discount to members with the exception of sale items and power tools or things with a cord. If you're in doubt, ask a sales associate. M-F 9 to 7, Sat 9-5, Sun 11-4 Phone: 515-254-9494



**Tandy Leather Factory** at 5041 NE 14th St., Des Moines offers near 50% discounts on non-sale items such as dyes, adhesives, leather, leather making supplies, tooling and lots more. Current hours are 9 till 6 Mon thru Fri and 9 till 4 on Sat. Phone: 515-265-6521



**True Value Hardware** at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Grand in WDM offers a 10% discount on most non-sale items. If you're in doubt, ask a sales associate. Known for having nearly anything you'd ever want especially in hardware and fastener area. Hours Mon thru Fri 7 to 8, Saturday 7 to 6 and Sunday 9 to 5. Phone: 515-279-9905.

**Acme Tools** at 629 SW 9<sup>th</sup> St. in Des Moines offers a 10% discount to members with the exception of sale items and power tools or things with a cord. If you're in doubt, ask a sales associate. M-F 7 to 5:30, Sat 8-5:30 Ph: 515-244-4189

**Renewal by Andersen** at 517 Railroad Ave. in WDM (Valley Junction) offers 5% discount on top of any other promotion(s) for home/business replacement windows and doors. Mon – Fri 8-5 Phone: 515-274-9700

**BUY LOCAL when you can, Mail Order when you have no other choice!!**

**Hartville Tool** - <https://www.hartvilletool.com/> 800-345-2396 15% discount off regularly priced items. Free shipping on all orders, no minimum purchase. See following link for ordering instructions.  
<http://www.dmwoodturners.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Hartville-Tool-Club-Discount-Program-Buying-Instruction.pdf>

**Woodcraft** - 8645 Bluejacket Road, Lenexa, KS 66214, Phone: (913) 599-2800,  
Email: [kansas-retail@woodcraft.com](mailto:kansas-retail@woodcraft.com) WEB: <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=316>  
10% discount supplier for woodturning tools, supplies & accessories not sold locally. Show your DMWT membership card in store for discount on most items except tools with a cord or battery and other selected premium and sale items. Only valid for in-store purchases.

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#### Membership Brochure – Click Link

[http://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page\\_id=399](http://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page_id=399)

**Bring a friend, neighbor or co-worker you think might enjoy woodturning**

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of WOODTURNERS (AAW)** - If you are an avid woodturner, we would recommend an AAW membership because it offers you many woodturning resources including access to all previous issues of American Woodturner, the AAW Journal of articles, plans and woodturning techniques, six NEW issues of American Woodturner a year along PLUS six issues of the digital Woodturning FUNdamentals and many other learning resources and opportunities. Check them out at <http://www.woodturner.org>

#### AAW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS – JOIN or RENEW TODAY

<http://www.woodturner.org/resource/resmgr/MemberBenefits/MemberPublicationsServices20.pdf>



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