



# Des Moines Woodturners

## Monthly Meeting News

July 2018

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### DES MOINES WOODTURNERS NETWORKING MEETING

Wednesday, July 25, 9:30 a.m. at the Fred Maytag II Scout Center, 6123 Scout Trail, Des Moines, IA



**MONTHLY MEMBER NETWORKING** – we'll gather again on Wednesday morning, July 25, at the Fred Maytag II Scout Center where we'll have more turning wood for sale. 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 \$10 Craft Supplies gift certificates at the June meeting. No purchase necessary, just show up & toss half of your FREE ticket in the coffee can.

Hope to see you this coming Wednesday morning.....

### **STATE FAIR PROJECT WOOD IS READY FOR MEMBERS**

Thanks to a dedicated group of chapter members, the first sycamore log donated to the chapter last fall has been turned into woodturning blanks for our annual fundraiser, the Iowa State Fair booth. This sycamore wood is in great shape with moisture contents between 5 and 8 percent.

Turning blanks for spurtles, tops, ornaments, and tall Christmas trees are available now. If you can't make the Scout Center meeting, contact Mike Lustig or Tim Morris and we will make arrangements to get you the blanks you need.



## **CHAPTER TURNING WOOD IS STACKED AND DRYING !**

The bottom log from the donated sycamore tree and the entire donated hackberry log have been sawed into timbers for drying. Most of each log was cut into timbers that range between 2 and 4 inches thick and about 8 inches wide. The sycamore timbers are 11 feet long and the hackberry timbers are nearly 16 feet long. Each log yielded a slab that is 5 inches thick x 40+inches wide x the full length of the log.



Thanks to Russ Wilkins of Wilkins Sawmill and Tree Farm for custom sawing these logs to our dimensions.

Give a “Shout Out” to chapter members Tim Morris (our Chapter secretary), Arlyn Picken, Harold Haines, and Mike Lustig for transporting, trimming, and stacking these timbers at Tim Morris’s acreage near Indianola, Iowa. These timbers will dry over the coming months and provide the chapter with turning blanks for years to come.

## **CHAPTER NEEDS FINISHED PROJECTS FOR THE STATE FAIR**

Our Chapter supports a demonstration booth at the Iowa State Fair to promote our craft and also raise funds to help the chapter treasury. The Iowa State Fair is August 9 -19, 2018, and we need to have a supply of finished woodturning projects to satisfy the wants of fairgoers that visit our booth at the Cownie Cultural Arts building.

Here is a list of finished woodturning items that we need to open the fair this year:

- Medium length and Long Spurtles
- Small Christmas Trees
- Tops
- Christmas ornaments

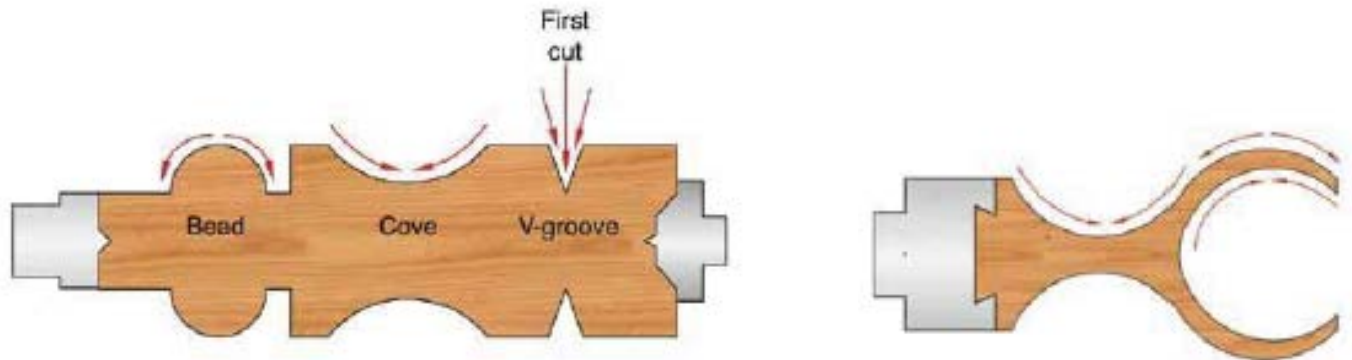
We have plenty of nice sycamore turning stock that is perfect for any of these projects.



## What's Ahead – Chapter Activities

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- ☒ **Wed, July 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.)
- ☒ **Thursday August 9 through Sunday August 19, July 25, 2018**  
**Des Moines Woodturners Iowa State Fair Demonstration Booth, 9:AM – 6:00 PM.**  
**Second Floor, Cownie Cultural Arts Building, Iowa State Fair Grounds, Des Moines, IA**
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- ☒ **Wed, August 22, 2018 – Des Moines Woodturners Informal Networking meeting, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
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## SPINDLE GOUGE - GRAIN DIRECTION



### Cut Direction

In spindle turning the grain of the workpiece runs parallel to the lathe axis. The red arrows in the diagrams show the direction of cut, generally from large diameter to small diameter, so the tool bevel is always supported by the wood grain. The cut direction is reversed inside an opening, such as the goblet shown on the right. All of these basic cuts can be made with the spindle gouge.

### Which Way to Cut

In spindle turning, with the grain of the workpiece running parallel to the lathe bed, it is best to cut downhill (from large diameter to small diameter).

You can understand this by trying two contrasting approaches to cutting a cove. If a cove were cut from both sides downward toward the middle, the wood fibers being cut would be supported by fibers underneath them, resulting in a smooth surface.

Conversely, if a cove were cut in one sweep, going down one side and up the other side of the cove, the upward cut would be going from small diameter to large diameter and into endgrain fibers, which are more apt to tear when cut head-on. Also, the unsupported fibers at the very end of the cut (at the top of the cove) would tear out as the tool exits the wood.

Thus, when cutting coves, v-grooves, beads, shoulders, and tapers while spindle turning, the best results will come from cutting from large diameter to small diameter, downhill.

Thanks to *Kip Christensen*.



### Chapter Member Has Fresh Apple Wood for the Taking

Chapter member George Takacs says he will have this freshly cut apple wood at the Wednesday Scout Center gathering this Wednesday July 25, 2018. If you are not able to make the Wednesday meeting, call George at 720-308-5104 to make arrangements to get some of this wood.

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#### 2018 VOLUNTEERS

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#### Membership Brochure – Click Link

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