



Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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2020 IOWA STATE FAIR

Message from the Iowa State Fair.

It is with a heavy heart that I must let you know the 2020 Iowa State Fair will not be occurring. As promised, we are getting this information to you as quickly as possible. A press release is attached and a FAQ section is posted on the Fair's website here <https://www.iowastatefair.org/about/fair-updates/>. Please share this information with your workers and volunteers.

Hope to see you next year.

Thank you, Brenda Rekenthaler, Iowa State Fair Wood Projects Superintendent

Now that the fair has been cancelled, what do I do with all the things I have made for us to sell?

So glad you asked! For now, please hang on to all the items you have made for our Chapter to sell at the fair. Sometime at a later date, I will ask you to bring in the items you have made so I can maintain a count of what we have on hand and what we may need to make for the next state fair. There *will* be another fair and our needs for items will still exist, so please continue to make spurlles, etc. for us to sell next year.

BASIC WOODTURNING AND BASIC BOWL TURNING CLASSES

Due to COVID 19 issues and continuously changing rules, we will soon be completing our Spring Basic Woodturning classes that meet State and County guidelines. We would also like to get in the scheduled Bowl Turning class before fall but may have to split it, so each class has fewer students. Stay tuned if you are signed up. Someone will contact you eventually. We will hold up on taking any more training applicants until we learn what the outlook is when we finally convene regular meetings hopefully this fall. Thanks to everyone for their patience in getting through the previously scheduled classes. If you have questions, contact Dick Meuler at 515-991-8111 and leave a message or e-mail dmeuler@gmail.com. Stay safe out there.

VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM 2020

AAW will launch its first-ever three-day online "Virtual Symposium" July 10-12, 2020.

This all-online event will feature live educational woodturning demonstrations, special interest sessions, panel discussions, live auctions, Instant Gallery, prizes drawings for attendees, a virtual trade show, and more. For more details about this opportunity and to register, click here: <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/2020-Virtual-Symposium/2020-Virtual-Symposium---Homepage.aspx?zs=7jAib&zl=a5982>

Want to build your woodturning skills?

If you are not an AAW member, why not try a free 3-month trial membership?

Trial membership includes:

- Digital access to issues of American Woodturner and Woodturning FUNdamentals
- Full online access to all published content, current and archived
- AAW digital membership card
- AAW e-newsletters: AAW Toolbox (weekly), Keep Turning with AAW (bimonthly)
- Public profile as a demonstrator plus image availability
- Public profile as a maker plus image availability

Interested? Here is a link to learn more: <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/Affiliate-Membership.aspx>

VIRTUAL WOODTURNING DEMOS

The AAW website is a tremendous resource for learning about remote demonstrations. On the following links, you will also see find the list of 13 demonstrators as well as additional information about other video resources and printed material. Most of these do NOT do interactive virtual demos; however, below is a list of those that do, so if you are interested, either click on the website or their name. I would invite you to click on the link below to learn more about this resource. This is just another great benefit for becoming a member of the AAW if you are not already a member.

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Chapters/Chapter-Officers-Toolkit/Chapter-Remote-Demonstrations.aspx>

Here is the list of some interactive remote demonstrators

Name	State	Country	Email address	Website
Alan Stratton	UT	USA	stratton.aj@gmail.com	http://www.AsWoodTurns.com
Cindy Drozda	CO	USA	cindy@cindydrozda.com	http://www.cindydrozda.com
Glenn Lucas		Ireland	info@glennlucas.com	http://glennlucaswoodturning.com
Lyle Jamieson	MI	USA	lyle@lylejamieson.com	http://lylejamieson.com
Tod Raines	TX	USA	tod@woodturningtoolstore.com	https://woodturningtoolstore.com/
Trent Bosch	CO	USA	trentbosch@yahoo.com	http://www.trentbosch.com

MENTOR PROGRAM

Please consider using our Mentor Program. Out of courtesy of other members, please waiting until this pandemic subsides. For more details about the program, go to: https://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page_id=1241.

CHUCK DOWLER MEMORIAL WOODTURNING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered to those serious about woodturning who are willing to expand their skills and knowledge and bring those skillsets back to share with our members in a variety of ways – just as Chuck Dowler did. For more details about this program and/or to apply, go to: https://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page_id=1351. You can also contact Jim Reynolds at 515-480-5369 or by email at jr1664@gmail.com. The 2021 application **deadline to apply will be Nov 14, 2020, the day of the November meeting.**

MEMBER BUY-SELL SERVICE

Do you have woodturning or woodworking related items you want to buy or sell? Send an e-mail with particulars including prices you want pres@dmwoodturners.com and Tom will send a notice out to all members with their e-mail addresses on record.



Member **Tom Whalley** has a “never been used” Hold Fast V812 Vacuum Generator for sale. \$129.95 new – Selling for \$75.00. If you would like some pieces of PVC tubing to make vacuum chucks, I have several diameters. Just let him know how long a piece(s) in what diameter you want. Also, he has some closed cell foam sheets to apply to the PVC for holding your creation to the chuck.

If interested, contact Tom at 515-321-6323 or email at TheModelshop@mchsi.com.

If anyone else has items to sell or to give away, send the info to pres@dmwoodturners.com and it will be sent out to the members.

Veteran's Administration Pen Turning Program Assistance - By Dick Meuler

The Central Iowa VA won a grant that provided them with two lathes, beginning tools and accessories along with 100 pen kits. Our Chapter agreed to provide assistance in setting up their program and teaching several of their Recreational Therapists about the pen turning and assembly process. That training was completed in May and June while navigating Covid safety guidelines by providing temperature checks, wearing of face masks, social distancing, and complete sanitizing at the conclusion of each session.

The VA has since announced the reopening of their out-patient therapy programs and asked us to start running veterans through the program beginning in July. The same safety precautions will be taken and the groups, including instructors and veterans, will be nine or less per day on selected Wednesday afternoons each month.

Members **Dan Carlson**, **Jim Gunning**, **Dan England**, the Van Osdel family and **myself** have contributed wood for pen blanks as shown in the photo below. **Donna Byers**, **LeRoy Monson** and **myself** have drilled out the blanks and so far, I have been able to cut the blanks to size and glue in brass tubes to give us an adequate starting supply. There may become a time when we will need a hole drilling and tube gluing party at the training center, but for now we are good to go. We are providing ready to turn blanks to the VA to save time during their sessions.

Since the lathes obtained by the VA did not come with stands, the Chapter agreed to purchase a stand for the one housed at our training center, along with a lockable tool box that is bolted to a base that is bolted to the back legs of the stand. This will allow the VA to store all their tools, pen blanks, pen kits and accessories right on the lathe that is temporarily being housed at the Chuck Hass warehouse in our training center area. See photo below right.

Special **THANKS** to **Stan Merrill** and **Donna Byers**. Stan arranged the purchase, picked up, assembled, added large locking casters, and transported our donated stand to the training center and mounted the lathe on it. He has since lowered the height of the lathe stand twice. Donna trained the VA recreational staff on the pen assembly using the pen press system that came with their grant. Both Stan and Donna have been a big help in getting the therapists trained in all aspects of lathe operation, tool use and pen making.

After going through the training, one of the therapists commented that woodturning is perfect for vets to get their mind concentrating on the process and act of making the pen and being creative with the shape, color contrast and fit of the pen kit components. They expect there will be a large demand to attend. We will soon find out. In the process, we may find that some would like to pursue woodturning beyond pen making and join our ranks as members.



Woodturning FUNdamentals <https://www.woodturner.org/page/FUNdamentals->

New turners — this site is for you.

The world of woodturning is large, complex, and continually growing. In order to enter that world safely and confidently, you need to learn a few basics: How to sharpen your tools, how use the different tools properly, and above all how to work safely. This site is designed to point you to helpful articles and videos by some of the world's most talented and successful woodturners.

WOODTURNING MARKETSPLACE

Check out the following page on the AAW website. It contains links to over 120 suppliers of woodturning related items from equipment to tools, supplies, wood, schools, and services.

<http://www.woodturner.org/page=Marketspace2>

You may also want to check out exclusive offers, discounts and promos for AAW members at

<https://www.woodturner.org/page/MktspOffers2>

AAW EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

The application process (for members) is open for 2020 Education Grants through December 31, 2019. Grants may be awarded to individuals, Chapters, and other groups for woodturning education endeavors. Learn more one the AAW website at: <https://www.woodturner.org/page/FinancialGrantApplication>.

AAW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS – JOIN or RENEW TODAY

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



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Get involved with **YOUR AAW Woodturning Chapter and get more **Bang** for your Buck!**
You might be surprised just how rewarding this experience can be.