



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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AAW Chapter 158

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September Chapter meeting this Saturday

The September Chapter meeting was held **Saturday, September 12th** online. Several upcoming items were discussed. Members were encouraged to submit their name for the AAW Scholarship drawing. Members that are wanting to have garments embroidered with our Chapter's logo are encouraged to contact Rob Beattie at 515-205-2476 or by email at beattie.r@mchsi.com to make arrangements.

Woodturners worldwide is having an online seminar toward the end of September. The following links can provide additional information about this event. Several of our members are already signed up for this.

<https://www.woodturnersworldwide.com/>

<https://www.accelevents.com/e/u/checkout/WoodturnersWorldwide/tickets/order>

Tom Whalley

WOODTURNING TRAINING CLASSES – By Dick Meuler, Training Team member

Once upon a time there was a place where up to eight wannabe and lesser experienced woodturners could gather with four instructors for two days, over two weeks, to learn the basics of safe and efficient traditional woodturning skills, practices, and procedures. There were also one-day classes on other subjects for those that had previously attended the Basic Woodturning class. With fall and winter looming before us, the question is, how do our members want to proceed with our Chapter training mission in times of COVID- 19.

We successfully held two Basic Woodturning classes during the summer. Space was limited to two students per class. We observed social distancing and face coverings as much as possible, and several other sanitizing precautions were taken. Unfortunately, only three people completed the twice taught two-day classes. In times past, over the same period of time, a team of instructors would have 14 to 16 graduates who would then have been eligible to participate in one-day skill building classes. In addition to the Basic Woodturning classes, we were able to conduct several training classes for Veterans Administration staff and one veteran class in pen turning, all without incident.

For those of you interested in attending a hands-on Chapter training class, please choose the conditions under which you'd be willing to attend. That includes those of you on the waiting list for the two-day Basic Woodturning class plus the one-day bowl turning class. I am listing two methods to choose from, **A** or **B** below, but I am also interested in hearing any other variations you feel would be favorable for you to attend. Send me an e-mail or give me a call to let me know your comfort level as we go forward. To help us with fall and spring class planning, please respond by indicating your preferences NLT Wednesday, September 23rd. Reach me at either dmeuler@gmail.com or voice mail at **991-8111**, local to DM metro area. Please don't delay, just reply to me today with class name and **A** or **B** from conditions below.

A. Suspend further training until all restrictions are lifted and we can have full instructor and assistant staffing along with up to eight students per class with no government mandates that need to be met.

B. Training classes will limit combined attendance of instructors, assistants, and students to 10 or less. Classes may be on weekdays rather than weekends depending on facility and instructor availability. Instructors and students not feeling well on class days are asked to stay home. Upon entry, everyone is required to wear a non-ventilated face mask, have their forehead temperature taken and accept and apply hand sanitizer. Face masks will not be required at individual lathe stations as long as face shields are worn, or minimum six-foot social distancing is maintained. Restroom sanitizing will be required after each use. Building access will be limited to the woodturning classroom and restroom. Room temperature bottled water will be provided. Kitchenette will be off limits; therefore, all personnel should plan to bring their own favorite drinks and refreshments, including cold lunches to eat during a short lunch break. Facilities will be swept clean, all door handles, equipment and tables used will be sanitized at the end of each class day.

By your attendance at any DMWT event, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold Des Moines Woodturners Inc., its present or past volunteer directors, officers, event volunteers, or agents, liable for any illness or injury that might occur.

Another possible one-day class would be using enhancement tools like those shown below. You must own the tools you want to learn to use and bring them to the class. You would not need to own all of them to attend.



Henry Taylor Elf Tool or equivalent



Sorby Spiraling and Texturing tools



Chatter Tool



Wagner Embossing Tools

One-day Skill Building classes like this are limited to those who have completed any of our past Basic Woodturning classes.