



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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October Virtual Chapter meeting this Saturday

The October Virtual Chapter meeting will be this Saturday, October 10th online. As you remember, many people would come to the live meetings early to mingle, socialize, and just enjoy the time with other turners. So, the zoom line will be open at 12:30 for that reason this Saturday. This will also be a time to make sure everyone can get on zoom especially if you have not attended a meeting like this before. Then at 1:00, I will start our monthly meeting with some announcements and updates from several members.

Here is what will be happening during our meeting this month:

- Some important announcements
- Introducing your slate of officers for 2021
- A video of a previous meeting. We will see Chuck Dowler creating a natural edge flower goblet.
- Show and tell

Thanks, and lets have a greet meeting Saturday.

DES MOINES WOODTURNERS WEARABLES - Members wanting Des Moines Woodturners logos embroidered on clothing are advised to purchase shirts, sweatshirts or turning smocks of their choice and style. These must be BRAND NEW and UNWASHED and can be delivered to any officer or board member. When enough are collected to meet minimums, they will be taken to the embroiderer. Be sure to attach a note with your name to the collar of each garment submitted indicating if and how you want your name embroidered along with the Chapter logo. Costs to add the standard logo are \$8.00 per item. Personalized names can also be added for an additional \$6.00 per item. Chat with **Rob Beattie** if you have questions. 282-4532 or beattie.r@mchsi.com.

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

Some upcoming events:

- Wednesday, October 26, our Scout center virtual networking event at 9:30 Am
- Saturday, October 31, our second drive-by wood sale. The first one was a huge success. Please plan to come and stock up on your winter supply of great turning wood.

AAW SCHOLARSHIP – If you have an interest in having your name submitted for the AAW Scholarship drawing, please email your name and AAW membership number to me at pres@dmwoodturners.com or simply reply to this email if you are interested.

BASIC WOODTURNING CLASS GRADS

Last week two more students completed the Chapter's Basic Woodturning class in record time. Class was held on a Monday and Friday of the same week leaving students only three days to complete their basic spindle turning homework. It consisted of turning eighteen total projects; six shoulder cut, six cove cut and six bead cut spindles as illustrated below. Class work also includes turning an egg, Christmas Tree ornament and a lidded box. The class teaches the fundamentals of woodturning and the proper use and control of the Spindle Roughing Gouge, Parting tool and Spindle Gouge. Students pictured are Mike Gieszler (L) and Vince Lewis (R). Instructors were Dick Meuler and Tad Tadlock.



BASIC BOWL TURNING CLASSES FINALIZED

Ten members are participating in a one-day Basic Bowl turning class in five sessions limited to two students per class under our Covid protocol. Classes will be held in October and November during weekdays. The class covers basic information on harvesting turning wood, what forms to get out of the various parts of a tree, creating bowl blanks and easy ways to round out square or octagonal bowl blanks. The class covers the tool cutting rules that change when shaping bowls versus spindles and emphasizes the spindle turning tools that must NEVER be used when turning cross grain bowls. Various bowl blank mounting methods are also covered. Each step of mounting and turning a bowl will be demonstrated and students will then repeat those steps on their individually assigned Jet 1221 VS lathe. Class fee is \$15, and students will sign a liability release. These classes are full for 2020.

TAKE A CHAPTER TAUGHT WOODTURNING CLASS

Our Chapter Training Center is located in donated space in the Valley Junction area of West Des Moines and is equipped with ten Jet 1221 variable speed lathes and a Wolverine Sharpening System with 8" CBN wheels. Under normal times, we taught classes with up to eight students. Under Covid 19 rules and practicality, we have tried to limit classes to two students. We also provide any wood needed for our two Basic classes, but not for homework. Students are required to provide their own High-Speed Steel tools, that meet safety standards, along with an ANSI Z87+ rated face shield and assorted accessories outlined in class material. Students should own or have easy access to a lathe and reasonable HSS tool sharpening system as tools need sharpening often (within minutes, not days). Most basic classes also require use of a scroll chuck to hold work. We have had requests for specialty classes and may squeeze in project or technique one day classes as requested by members where we can have a minimum of two students during Covid rule times. You can sign-up for Basic classes, but all names go on a waiting list in the order the requests are received. Requests for other specialty or technique classes are always welcomed.

For 2021 Spring, Summer or Fall classes yet to be scheduled, members should contact the Training Coordinator at dmeuler@gmail.com or phone 515-991-8111 to leave a voice mail message. Turn Safely!

CHAPTER DIRECT WEB LINKS – Below are a few direct links to our Chapter web site.

-  Calendar of Events - http://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page_id=2
-  Woodturning Article and Plan Links - http://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page_id=90
-  Chapter Library contents - http://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page_id=84
-  Contact board members and volunteers - http://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page_id=126
-  Download Membership Application form - http://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page_id=399
-  Download or view Scout Center Networking Info - http://www.dmwoodturners.com/?page_id=500

AAW GUEST MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUES - AAW continues to offer a **Guest** membership program for Chapter members who are not yet AAW members. By signing up for a complimentary **Guest** membership, Chapter members can have limited access to AAW member resources for a full 60 days. They'll be able to explore what the AAW has to offer, kick their tires, and hopefully decide to become full-fledged AAW members and benefit from everything the AAW has to offer. The Guest membership welcome page can be found at <http://www.woodturner.org/page/GuestMemberLanding> and has handy resources for getting started in woodturning, the Safety Guidebook for Woodturners, and much more. They will be adding sample articles to this page from each new *American Woodturner* and Woodturning FUNdamentals issue. All AAW members have access to the materials on this page. Check it out and help them spread the word.



Woodturning FUNdamentals

<https://www.woodturner.org/page/FUNdamentalsRes> is a digital publication offered to members four times annually. Each issue includes projects, techniques, tips, videos, and information to build essential woodturning skills.

Additionally, the <https://www.woodturner.org/page/WoodFunHome> link helps newer turners build strong woodturning skills and essential techniques. The portal complements the Woodturning FUNdamentals digital publication.

AAW PROJECTS AND ARTICLES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Nearly everything you want to know about woodturning is at your fingertips. [AAW EXPLORE!](#) Look for the link on AAW home page. (<http://www.woodturner.org/>)

WOODTURNING MARKETSPACE - 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 2019 Education Grants through December 31, 2019. Grants may be awarded to individuals, Chapters, and schools and other groups for woodturning education endeavors. Learn more on the AAW website at: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2018EOGApply>

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