



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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JANUARY CHAPTER "ZOOM" MEETING PREVIEW



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic our chapter meetings are being held virtually using the Zoom Internet platform. See below for the link to the meeting. Our next monthly meeting will be on January 9, 2021 at 1:00 PM. The demonstration is a video of Jack Rollison turning a Wooden Cowboy Hat. We will also have a brief business meeting and announcements as well as our ever popular "Show and Tell".

I have never been part of a Zoom meeting – what do I need to do?

To connect to the meeting, all that is required is for you to click on a link provided below. This should launch your web browser to connect to the Zoom conferencing web site, and then follow any start-up instructions requested (you may need to answer 'Yes' to downloading the Zoom ".exe" file and start the program by clicking in your downloads list at the top of your browser's screen. If prompted to do so, click on "Join meeting with Video" and/or "Join meeting with Audio".

After a few seconds, you should see a screen with multiple boxes of member's video feeds. At the beginning of the meeting, we will go over how to control your microphone (mute or unmute), your video/camera feed, and other controls.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS - contact **Tom Baker** for help with getting the connection problem resolved.

Call 515-249-7503(cell).

In your "Settings" menu, it may be necessary to check to see *that your webcam is turned on*, that your *microphone is turned on*, and that the *speakers are enabled*.

TO JOIN THE DMWT ZOOM MEETING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH AT 1:00 PM CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<https://zoom.us/j/99288042541?pwd=bXFBREltUFhiVDZhWG5EVGJudWFRZz09>

Meeting ID: [992 8804 2541](#)

Password: 095314 (if you need it)

To view a simple, 1-minute video tutorial about how to connect click the following link: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

Thanks, and let's have a great meeting Saturday.

NEED WOODTURNING TRAINING? THINK AHEAD TO 2021 TRAINING CLASSES

Our Chapter Training Center, located in donated space in the Valley Junction area of West Des Moines, 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 safety rules, we have limited classes to two or three students. Our two BASIC classes are a two-day **BASIC SPINDLE TURNING**, which is a prerequisite for all other classes, and our one-day **BASIC CROSS-GRAIN (BOWL) TURNING**. Students are required to provide their own High-Speed Steel tools (or better), that meet beginner student 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 a reasonable HSS tool sharpening system as tools need sharpening often (within minutes, not days). Both basic classes also require use of a 4-jaw scroll chuck to hold work. You can sign-up now for 2021 Basic classes, but all names go on a waiting list in the order they are received. Students will be assigned once training dates are selected. Requests for other project or technique-oriented classes are always welcomed too.

For 2021 Spring, Summer and Fall classes yet to be scheduled, members should contact Dick Meuler, Training Coordinator, via email at dmeuler@gmail.com or phone **515-991-8111** between 10:00 AM and 9:00 PM to leave a voice mail message. Until COVID 19 infections subside substantially, we will continue training with limited students and instructors and under our COVID protocols with temperature testing, face mask wearing and distancing. Turn Safely and Stay Healthy!

NEW TO WOODTURNING AND NEED HELP GETTING STARTED?

Getting started in woodturning is not just picking up an old used lathe, acquiring some decades old bargain garage sale tools and whipping out a project using an inappropriate and dull tool to shape a rapidly rotating piece of dry Osage Orange timber. This would not be either a safe or enjoyable experience. Beyond learning woodturning jargon is the task of selecting equipment, tools, and accessories to insure you invest wisely and give yourself a reasonable chance at learning a new skill. Learning woodturning takes practice. Lots of practice. But it should all be enjoyable, rewarding and done safely. That is our goal for you.







Tool steel has changed from the softer carbon steel of years past to High Speed Steel and beyond. Sharpening has slowly migrated from Aluminum Oxide stone wheels to CBN wheels using slow speed motors. Lathes have changed from step pulleys to electronic speed controls with soft starts, all designed to keep you safer and more efficient in your woodturning journey. One tip all beginners need is not to buy a set of woodturning tools. They typically contain smaller, less usable length tools and includes some tools you will probably never use. It is less expensive to purchase the individual tools you need. If you have questions and would like to find out more about tools, equipment or the kinds of woodturning beginners should do, feel free to give a call. If I cannot help, I will connect you with someone who can.

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DES MOINES WOODTURNERS WEARABLES

Members wanting Des Moines Woodturners logo 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.

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

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

President - Tom Whalley	Treasurer -Tom Baker	Director at large - Bill Burchett
Vice President - Jim Reynolds	Education/Programs - Tad Tadlock	Director at large - Donna Byers
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Please contact any member of the board with your comments, suggestions or concerns.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT – SUPPLIER DISCOUNTS

One of the benefits of DMWT club membership are discounts with participating suppliers. We strongly encourage you to use local suppliers (The Woodsmith Store for example) whenever possible. We also have a discount agreement with Hartville Tool and Dan Carlson regularly update them with changes to membership. This [link](#) will take you to details about how order from Hartville Tool.

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 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. You will be able to explore what the AAW has to offer, kick their tires and hopefully decide to become a full-fledged AAW member and benefit from everything the AAW has to offer. The Guest membership welcome page can be found at https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/Guest_Online-Membership.aspx?WebsiteKey=c9100f02-c77e-4177-a9bc-7d3eb0216238

AAW Woodturning FUNDamentals

Woodturning FUNDamentals is a digital publication offered to AAW members four times annually. Each issue includes projects, techniques, tips, videos, and information to build essential woodturning skills. These publications are design to turners at all levels build strong woodturning skills and essential techniques. This portal contains the current and all the past Woodturning FUNDamentals digital publications.

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Resources/Publications/Woodturning-Fundamentals/Woodturner/Resources/Woodturning-Fundamentals--Publication-/Woodturning-Fundamentals.aspx?hkey=eee166cc-4207-40b2-8094-b7ad83faa93a>

AAW PROJECTS AND ARTICLES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Nearly everything you want to know about woodturning is at your fingertips.

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Resources/Woodturner/Landing-Pages/Res.aspx?hkey=3888ecb5-0a54-4e8c-9963-fa4d1b7a6858>

AAW STORE

This link will connect you to the store where you can purchase anything the AAW has to offer – videos, books – you name it! <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Shop/AAW/Shop/Store-Overall-Splash.aspx?hkey=6fb989fa-f65e-4701-ab68-1437920235c1>

AAW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS – JOIN or RENEW TODAY <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Join-Pages/Member-Benefits-and-Services.aspx>



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