



# Des Moines WoodTurners

## Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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### MARCH 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. There is also a Zoom meeting troubleshooting article near the back of this newsletter. Our next monthly meeting will be on Saturday, March 13th, 2021 at 1:00 PM. The demonstration will be Tom Baker demonstrating how to make the ball and cup game that the chapter sells at the Iowa State Fair booth. The main technique that Tom will be emphasizing is end grain hollowing. We will also have a brief business meeting and announcements as well as our ever popular “Show and Tell”.

As a reminder, you do not have to have a camera to view the meeting on your computer / device.

TO JOIN THE DMWT ZOOM MEETING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH 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)

### FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING RECAP

**Iowa State Fair** – Tom Whalley reminded the group of the upcoming Iowa State Fair and the need for high quality items to sell at our booth. We need to provide the best impression possible of our craft and our craftsmanship.

**Training** – Dick Meuler provided an update on the upcoming training and the associated protocols.

**Library** – Don Skarin requested that all members with items checked out of the chapter library make sure that they know where these items are so that they can be returned to the library in the future.

**Show and Tell** – Steve Downey, Jim Gunning Tony Raymer, Dan Carlson, Roger Nass, Tad Tadlock, Dean Schafer, Greg Ellyson, Jerry Turbett, Loren Wittmeier and Tom Whalley showed items. Unfortunately, we don't have any photos to share.

**George Takacs Estate** – Dick Meuler informed the group that the heirs have donated George's entire shop to the club. Additional information will be forthcoming, but the entire shop has to be emptied by the middle to the end of March.

**Demonstration** – Tom Baker demonstrated how he makes yoyos.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 174 members in the club.

Please welcome our newest members **Gene Davis** and **John Amberg** from Des Moines and **Dean Feight** from Derby who joined the club since the last newsletter.

It is hard to introduce yourself when we are meeting virtually, but we'll have the opportunity to personally welcome the new members in the near future, we hope.

## IOWA STATE FAIR



We continue to believe that the 2021 Iowa State Fair will be occurring Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our booth at the fair is the single largest source of revenue for our club. We rely on volunteers to make items for sale at the booth as well as volunteers to demonstrate and represent the club at the booth. Please consider how you can contribute to this effort.

The chapter board has agreed to inventory goals for the items we sell at the fair. We can't predict what kind of a year we will have at fair, but the inventory goals foresee a modest increase in sales. The list below shows our goal per item and the current status. We'd like everyone to volunteer to make items for the fair this year. If you have questions, any board member would be glad to provide guidance and information. Jim Reynolds is inventorying the turning blanks for some of the items. Please call Jim at (515) 480-5369 and leave a message to arrange pick from his home in Clive (near the Woodsmith Store).

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	2021 Goal	2021 Done	2021 To Do	Notes
Bowls	80		80	
Spurtles, Short	160	51	109	Call Jim Reynolds for blanks (see above)
Spurtles, Long	75	13	62	Call Jim Reynolds for blanks (see above)
Spurtles, Medium	300	167	133	Call Jim Reynolds for blanks (see above)
Tops, Spinning	200		200	
Tall Tree, Standing	100		100	
Tall Tree, Standing Group of 3	60		60	Means 180 trees (60 X 3)
Rolling Pin, French	40	12	28	Blanks ordered, have not arrived
Rolling Pin, Child size	12		12	Blanks ordered, have not arrived
Ornaments	80		80	
Pens (Simple Wooden)	350		350	Call Jim Reynolds for blanks (see above)
Ball and Cup Game	40		40	See Tom Baker demo on March 13th
Door Stops	60		60	
Dibble, Planting regular	50		50	
Bottle Stopper, Stainless steel	15		15	
Yo Yo's	15		15	
Toothpick Holder	30		30	
Weed Pots (Dry)	20		20	
Pendants	20		20	
Lidded Boxes	120		120	
Plate or Platter	40		40	

You are also encouraged to submit items that you have made to the competitive judging. If you have not yet completed your State Fair entries, there is still time to do so.

## WOODTURNING TRAINING NEWS

by Dick Meuler, Training Team

We're entering the heart of winter with snow cover and extremely frigid temperatures. It's the perfect time to be planning for late winter and spring training classes at our training location in Valley Junction area of West Des Moines.

For over 12 years, our Chapter has conducted basic training classes in the late winter/spring and again in late fall/early winter. This year we're teaching four Basic Woodturning classes in March and April with each being two days, 1 week apart, to allow time for homework practice to be completed between class days. Specific equipment, tools, PPE and accessories are required for students to attend. Each will have their own Jet 1221VS lathe station. As of this writing, we have seven (7) students registered and being assigned their 2-day class dates. This is a pre-requisite class for all other training classes taught by our training team members. If you haven't yet taken it, and your turning creates more chips and dust rather than ribbons of cleanly sliced wood, you need this class. Get your name on our Stand-By list immediately to make sure you're early in line for a cancellation or a class next fall. Fee is only \$30.

In May and early June we'll be conducting four **Basic Bowl Turning** classes teaching cross-grain turning. We have several openings remaining. To attend you must be a Chapter member and have completed our Basic Woodturning class. The only additional tool required is a 3/8" or 1/2" HSS bowl gouge, of reasonable quality, that has been properly shaped and sharpened for general cross-grain turning. New tools don't always come shaped for general use. We can help you get it that way. Your parting tool, spindle gouge, scroll chuck with wood worm screw, outside caliper, and face shield meeting ANSI Z81 or higher specs from the Basic Woodturning class, are also needed. Below are 10 possible class dates and we'll narrow it down to one per week by picking common dates students can attend. Fee is only \$15



Class 1 on Mon May 10 or Tue May 11

Class 2 on Mon May 17 or Tue May 18 or Thur May 20

Class 3 on Tue May 25 or Thur May 27

Class 4 on Mon Jun 7 or Tue Jun 8 or Thur June 10

To sign-up, send me which dates you CANNOT attend. We'll then pair up students by which common day in a given week they can attend. Contact me at **515-991-8111 (10a to 10p)** or e-mail me at [dmeuler@gmail.com](mailto:dmeuler@gmail.com)

**Deadline to sign up is Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Don't delay. The earlier you sign-up, the higher you'll be on the standby list.

**NOTE:** We **will continue our COVID protocol** in all classes by limiting attendance, **requiring appropriate face masks** and taking forehead temperature readings upon entering the training center. You'll be asked to sanitize your hands upon entry and before you go to your lathe station where you will be required to complete a liability waiver and pay your class fee by cash or check. You'll be asked to observe reasonable distancing during demonstrations and while taking personal instruction. For safety from distractions, only instructors and paid students are allowed during class. To protect feet from a dropped tool, sturdy enclosed shoes are required. No open-toed, canvas or cloth footwear.

## DEMONSTRATION / PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Currently there are two topics on the program suggestion list; threading and hollowing. Please let any board member know if you have a program topic that you would like see in the future.

## NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Please send in photographs of your work, we would love to see what you have made. If you have articles that you would like to have published or suggestion on how to improve the newsletter, please send them to **Jim Reynolds** [jr1664@gmail.com](mailto:jr1664@gmail.com).

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The COVID-19 pandemic has spurred significant efforts in providing education / demonstration via the Internet. Below are links to access some of these opportunities.

<a href="#">Virtual Woodturning Demos</a>	Driven by master woodturner Trent Bosch. Most demos require a \$10 fee for a two-hour demo, but you can access the archived demo later if you wish. There are several turners providing demonstrations using this website.
<a href="#">AAW Remote Demonstration Resource</a>	Documents, videos and a list of demonstrators with contact information.
Record Power Remote Demonstrations	To join these FREE educational Live Sessions please email <a href="mailto:miked@recordpower.co.uk">miked@recordpower.co.uk</a> with RSVP in the subject line, and you will receive your log in code by return email.

## 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.

Contact **Dick Meuler** via email at [dmeuler@gmail.com](mailto:dmeuler@gmail.com) or call 515-991-8111 between 10:00 AM and 9:00 PM and leave a voice mail message.

## ZOOM MEETING TROUBLESHOOTING

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 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>

## 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 items 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](mailto:beattie.r@mchsi.com).

## CHAPTER DIRECT WEB LINKS

– Below are a few direct links to our Chapter web site.

[Calendar of Events](#)

[Woodturning Articles and Plans](#)

[Chapter Library Catalog](#)

[Contact board members and volunteers](#)

[Membership Application form](#)

[Scout Center Networking Info](#)

## 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
Secretary - Wil Zitterich	Membership - Dan Carlson	

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 whenever possible. Before they ring you up, show discount suppliers your Des Moines Woodturners membership card. BUY LOCAL when you can, Mail Order when you have no other choice!!

### DISCOUNT SUPPLIER INFO

Woodsmith Store	10320 Hickman Road, Clive offers 10% discount to members except for sale items and power tools or things with a cord. If you're in doubt, ask a sales associate. M–F 9 to 7, Sat 9-5, Sun 11-4 Phone: 254-9494
True Value Hardware	63rd and Grand in WDM offers a 10% discount on most non-sale items. If you're in doubt, ask a sales associate. Known for having nearly anything you'd ever want especially in hardware and fastener area. Hours Mon thru Fri 7 to 8, Saturday 7 to 6 and Sunday 9 to 5. Phone: 279-9905
Acme Tools	629 SW 9th St. in Des Moines offers a 10% discount to members except for sale items and power tools or things with a cord. If you're in doubt, ask a sales associate. M–F 7 to 5:30, Sat 8-5:30 Ph: 244-4189
Renewal by Andersen	517 Railroad Ave. in WDM (Valley Junction) offers 5% discount on top of any other promotion(s) for home/business replacement windows and doors. Mon – Fri 8-5 Phone: 274-9700
Hartville Tool	Website <a href="#">link</a> . Phone 800-345-2396 15% discount off regularly priced items. Free shipping on all orders, no minimum purchase. This <a href="#">link</a> will provide you with details on how to order.
Woodcraft	8645 Bluejacket Road, Lenexa, KS 66214, Phone: (913) 599-2800, Email: <a href="mailto:kansas-retail@woodcraft.com">kansas-retail@woodcraft.com</a> . Website <a href="#">link</a> . 10% discount supplier for woodturning tools,

	supplies & accessories not sold locally. Show your DMWT membership card in store for discount on most items except tools with a cord or battery and other selected premium and sale items. Only valid for in-store purchases.
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## 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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