



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

April 2021 AAW Chapter 158 **A 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization** **Bulletin 2021-4**

APRIL 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, April 10th, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

We will also have a brief business meeting and announcements as well as our ever popular “Show and Tell”. The demonstration topic is below.

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, APRIL 10TH 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)

DEMONSTRATION TOPIC - BASICS OF ROUGH-TURNING BOWLS AND OPEN VESSELS



This demonstration will present a step-by-step explanation of preparing a woodturning blank from a wet (“green”) log section (using a chain saw and band saw), mounting the blank on the lathe, rough turning the outside with a pleasing profile and a tenon, and use of a chuck to complete hollowing the piece and readying it for drying, including methods to control the drying process. Hints and tips will be given at each step of the process to improve efficiency and success. Different methods and conditions for drying of the roughed piece will be discussed which can help the woodturner improve success in producing dry, roughed blanks with minimum defects (cracks and checks) and shape distortion that are ready for finish turning.

The presenter will be **Rob Wallace**. Rob is the President of the Ames Area Woodturners and a member of both the American Association of Woodturners and the Des Moines Woodturners. He has held and still holds numerous leadership positions in art organizations and woodturning organizations. His day job is as a faculty member at Iowa State University

APRIL SCOUT CENTER NETWORKING MEETING

The Board of Directors decided that we could meet in person with acceptable risk at the Scout Center on Wednesday April 28th at 9:30 AM. Appropriate face masks, properly worn above the nose, taking forehead temperature readings upon entering and social distancing will be required at the Scout Center. The Scout Center also requires masks worn properly upon entering the building. We will use two rooms to allow adequate space. We will not provide refreshments (neither coffee nor doughnuts). There will be many items for sale at the meeting both tools and wood the details about some of these items will be communicated later. There will also be turning blanks available to pick up for turning Iowa State Fair projects and boxes to collect completed items. We hope you will be able to join us for this event, but we understand if you are uncomfortable with the risk of an in person, indoor event or are uncomfortable with the risk reduction requirements.

This is [a hyperlink to the Scout Center meeting details on the club website](#).

MARCH 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 – **Roger Nass, Tad Tadlock** and **Bill Burchett** 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 must be emptied by the middle to the end of March. (April Newsletter Update: We met this deadline. Some of the remaining tools and wood will be available at the Scout Center Networking meeting mentioned above.)

Demonstration – **Tom Baker** demonstrated how he makes the ball and cup game that we sell at the Iowa State Fair.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 175 members in the club.

Please welcome our newest member **Tom Umbenhowe** from Norwalk 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 12th through Sunday, Aug 22nd. 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). Blanks will also be available at the April Networking meeting at the Scout Center.

| 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 | We have 100 blanks cut up and air drying |

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| Rolling Pin, Child size | 12 | | 12 | |
| Ornaments | 80 | | 80 | |
| Pens (Simple Wooden) | 350 | | 350 | Call Jim Reynolds for blanks (see above) |
| Ball and Cup Game | 40 | 59 | 0 | Tom Baker has finished 59 for this year's fair as of his 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 | |

The following members have picked up blanks and are working on getting them finished for the fair. **Dick Meuler** - 9 short spurtles and 9 medium spurtles; **Doug Lundberg** – 9 short spurtles and 9 medium spurtles; **Hugh Morris** – 9 short spurtles and 18 medium spurtles, **Tom Baker** - 59 Ball and Cup Games.



Monty and Becky Button of Adel Tree Service and [Bear Creek Hardwoods](#) have volunteered to dry the cherry rolling pin blanks (see photo at left) in their wood drying kiln. This will assure that the blanks are dry in time to turn the rolling pins for the fair. If you have an opportunity to thank them for their support of the Des Moines Woodturners, please do so.

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.

CHUCK DOWLER SCHOLARSHIP

Your chapter has a fund that will grant scholarships to members who wish to invest in their woodturning education. The application process is fairly simple and about the only requirement is that you share what you learn with the rest of the members. If you have interest in this opportunity there are [materials on the chapter website](#).

NEW KEITH SAWYERS SCHOLARSHIP

On April 14, 2001, four current Chapter members signed an application to AAW to form the Des Moines Woodturners chapter. They were Mike Nieters, President; John Hetherington, V.P.; Jerry Selover, Secretary; and Keith Sawyers, Treasurer. Ten days later Mike received a letter from AAW Secretary Norm Hinman welcoming the Des Moines Woodturners as the 158th Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Sadly, we have recently lost two of those founding "fathers" - Jerry Selover and Keith Sawyers. **Tom Whalley** received a call from Keith's son Mark asking if we had the ability to create a scholarship fund. They wanted to donate money to our Chapter for that purpose. Our Chapter received a check for \$5,000, part of which will

become an additional scholarship fund and the rest will go directly to our educational programs to provide equipment for our training classes.

The application and selection process details have not been finalized, but a process like the Chuck Dowler Scholarship above is likely.

WOODTURNING TRAINING NEWS

by Dick Meuler, Training Team

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. The Basic Woodturning class 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.

Below are the graduates of a couple of classes completed in March.



Pictured above are **Dallas Hansen** (L) of Bondurant and **Dwaine Elliott** (R) of Grinnell who completed the two-day Basic Woodturning class on March 15th.



Pictured above are **Myles Hegstrom** (L) of Perry and **Joe Burklund** (R) of Waukee. They took their Basic Woodturning class March 22 and 29.

NOTE: For the balance of classes through early June, 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 to 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.

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.

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| Virtual Woodturning Demos | 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. |
| AAW Remote Demonstration Resource | Documents, videos and a list of demonstrators with contact information. |

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.

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

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| 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

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| 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 link . Phone 800-345-2396 15% discount off regularly priced items. Free shipping on all orders, no minimum purchase. This link will provide you with details on how to order. |
| Woodcraft | 8645 Bluejacket Road, Lenexa, KS 66214, Phone: (913) 599-2800, Email: kansas-retail@woodcraft.com . Website link . 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. |

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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