



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

May 2021 AAW Chapter 158 **A 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization** **Bulletin 2021-5**

MAY CHAPTER “ZOOM” MEETING PREVIEW – DIFFERENT DAY, MAY 1st!!!

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, May 1st, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Our presenter will be David Ellsworth. This will be our final “demonstration” meeting before our summer pause.

Because of our guest presenter we'll only have a brief business meeting and announcements. Our usual “Show and Tell” topic will not be a part of this meeting. Please bring your Show and Tell items to the Scout Center Networking meeting on Wednesday April 28th.

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, MAY 1ST AT 1:00 PM CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86919545197?pwd=c1F2ZUk2REgyWlVGNgFrY0Y0cWwyQT09>

Meeting ID: [869 1954 5197](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86919545197)

Passcode: 253467 (if you need it)

We will not be meeting on Saturday May 8th, the May 1st meeting is the replacement for this meeting.

DEMONSTRATION TOPIC – TURNING A BOWL FROM A GREEN LOG

You'll see green wood turning with an emphasis on the basics, from log to finished bowl, all from the keen perspective of a world-renowned woodturning master. David will use the Ellsworth Signature Gouge to demonstrate:

- Mounting and balancing a half-log on the lathe
- Roughing, slicing, and backward shear-scraping cuts
- Interior finishing cuts
- Jam-chucking
- Sharpening

Please visit David's website to learn more about him and see some of his incredible work.

<https://ellsworthstudios.com/>

We are excited to have David Ellsworth demonstrate for us and we hope you will be able to join us for this special event.



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, via a separate email.
- There will also be turning blanks available to pick up for turning Iowa State Fair projects and boxes to collect completed items.
- Bring your show and tell and questions as we will not be doing a show and tell segment at the monthly meeting.

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](#).

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING RECAP

Iowa State Fair – **Brenda Rekenthaler** provided an update on the 2021 Iowa State Fair. Everyone is planning that there will be a fair this year and that we will be following CDC guidelines.

Call for volunteers – **Tom Whalley** asked for volunteers for several roles. **Doug Lundberg**, **Mike Hamilton** and **Jim Reynolds** volunteered to help **Dick Meuler** set up for training. There are volunteers also needed to provide video and sound for chapter events as well as helping with chapter meeting setup.

Show and Tell – **Jim Gunning** showed a sycamore bowl and a burl bowl. **Steve Downey** shared a walnut platter with stand, he filled the cracks with clear CA glue. **Roger Nass** showed several items: two red oak burl bowls a red oak burl hollow form with ebonized maple finial, threaded lid; a large shallow bowl of spalted maple, he filled the crack with black dyed epoxy; sanded to 600 grit, saturated with Watco natural oil and Beall buffed. **Dean Shaffer** shared a walnut platter 17" diameter, turquoise filled; a smaller walnut shallow bowl, enhanced with copper guilders paste in cracks; a cherry bowl exterior dyed green and some more gnomes. **Mike Hamilton** showed an osage natural edge bowl; sap wood cracks, could be filled with colored epoxy. Unfortunately, we don't have any photos to share.

Demonstration – **Rob Wallace** presented a demonstration on the basics of turning bowls and open vessels.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

Please welcome **Jerry Coy** of Johnston as the newest member of the club. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 176 members in the club.

SANDING RESOURCE FROM AAW

President **Tom Whalley** recommends that you access and download the AAW publication [The Nitty Gritty of Sanding for Woodturners](#). This content is restricted to AAW Members only.

DEMONSTRATION / PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

by Bill Burchett, Program Chair

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.

IOWA STATE FAIR

The logo for the Iowa State Fair, featuring the words "IowaStateFair" in white text on a red, rounded rectangular background.

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	60	100	Call Jim Reynolds for blanks (see above)
Spurtles, Medium	300	185	115	Call Jim Reynolds for blanks (see above)
Spurtles, Long	75	13	62	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 first available after drying
Rolling Pin, Child size	12		12	Blanks first available after drying
Ornaments	80		80	
Pens (Simple Wooden)	350		350	Call Jim Reynolds for blanks (see above)
Ball and Cup Game	40		40	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	

Tom Baker has completed 59 Ball and Cup Games. **Hugh Morris** has completed 9 short spurtles and 18 medium spurtles (see photos below).



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 medium spurtles.

Below are links to specifications for items for the fair. Please contact a board member if you have questions.

[Fair Project Summary with Photos](#), [Fair Item Specifications](#), [Item Photos](#), [Ball and Cup Game Plan](#), [Rolling Pin Plan](#), [Spurtle Plan 3 sizes](#), [Combination Spinning Top and Christmas Ornament Plan](#), [Christmas Tree Plan](#)



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.

WOODTURNING TRAINING CENTER NEWS by Dick Meuler



Tad Tadlock
Instructor

Marv Van Der Wiel
Otley

Brent Cox
Ankeny

John Amberg
Des Moines

Dick Meuler
Instructor

April 13th saw the final **Basic Woodturning** class completion for the Spring Season. The two-day class, held on two successive Tuesdays, provided students with a wide array of woodturning basic information on tooling, lathe parts and accessories, turning definitions, sources of supply, proper stances and body movements, proper tool use and of course skill building training by teaching how to properly and efficiently use each of the basic tools. Each student is holding pieces they turned during the process. There are minimum tool requirements, including adequate quality. 21st century turning tools, ready access to a lathe for homework assignment, and other necessary PPE & accessories. This course can be taken multiple times if members feel a need for a refresher after a dormant turning spell.

Starting May 10th, we'll be teaching one-day **Basic Bowl** turning classes through June 7th, all of which have been filled. A prerequisite is having taken our Basic Woodturning class, or equivalent, and being an active turner since then. This class covers the differences between spindle and cross-grain turning, touches on harvesting wood and preparing it for turning, and allows students to get familiar with the use of the bowl gouge and how shaping and tool use rules change from spindle orientation work. This course can also be taken multiple times if members feel a need for a refresher.

Anyone interested in taking these introductory classes should contact [Dick Meuler](mailto:dmeuler@gmail.com) by e-mail at dmeuler@gmail.com. Member class fees are a modest \$15/day. We're also interested in doing other half or full day classes on special interest subjects such as tool sharpening, basic project texturing and embellishing, etc. if we have enough interested. Let me hear what specialty topics interest you. If you have questions, call me at **515-991-8111 between 10a & 9p**

Once the State Fair is over, the fall Basic course scheduling options will be sent out to those who have asked to be added to the waiting list for either Basic Woodturning or Basic Bowl turning. It is possible to take both classes in the fall if you are able to get into the Basic Woodturning class first. Otherwise, there is always the following spring.

Member [Dan England](#) stepped up to the plate when asked to revamp our tool sharpening station. The Takacs estate provided us with a 2nd sharpening station with stone wheels. This addition will also allow students to compare sharpening experiences using stone wheels or our existing station outfitted with D-Way CBN wheels. Dan devised it all so the CBN station can be removed easily and taken to the State Fair booth. Now everything is mounted on the original stand and fits neatly in our training space in front of the new to us tool chests that came from the Takacs estate as well. Dan added new locks to secure the contents. They too are a welcome addition to hold our growing number of tools and accessories. **[THANKS DAN!](#)**



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.

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

President - Tom Whalley	Treasurer -Tom Baker	Programs - Bill Burchett
Vice President - Jim Reynolds	Education - 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 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 [Guest Membership Offer](#)

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.

[Woodturning FUNDamentals](#)

AAW PROJECTS AND ARTICLES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Nearly everything you want to know about woodturning is at your fingertips. [Projects and Articles](#)

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! [AAW Store](#)

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