



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

September 2021 **AAW Chapter 158** **A 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization** **Bulletin 2021-9**

On April 14, 2001, woodturners signed an application to American Association of Woodturners 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 (on April 24, 2001), Mike received a letter from AAW

Secretary Norm Hinman welcoming the Des Moines Woodturners as the 158th Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Today, there are more than 360 AAW Chapters around the world with the majority in North America. Sadly, we recently lost Jerry and Keith.



Since we were not meeting in April of 2021 due to Covid 19, I wanted to wait until we were able to meet in person to celebrate our 20th anniversary. However, since we are still not able to meet, we will celebrate with this announcement. So here's to the first 20 years under our turning apron and to the next 20+, as well!

SEPTEMBER CHAPTER “ZOOM” MEETING

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, September 11th, 2021, at 1:00 PM. Our presenter will be **Will Zitterich**. This will be our first “demonstration” meeting after our summer pause.

The meeting agenda will be our usual standard, business meeting and announcements, “Show and Tell”, followed by Will's presentation / demonstration of techniques for holding work on the lathe.

We encourage you to send photos of your Show and Tell items to **Tom Baker** via email bakerphotoart@gmail.com. This saves you from having to wrestle your item(s) in front of the camera on your laptop or cell phone. Tom will compile the photos for view during the meeting. We'll still want you to explain and discuss your item(s), but you won't have to hassle with the camera while talking about your work. The photos do not have to be fancy, professional photos. Cell phone photos are more than adequate.

We encourage all of you who entered items into the Iowa State Fair to share them with the club during Show and Tell so that those who were not able to see them at the fair have an opportunity to benefit from your work.

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, SEPTEMBER 11th AT 1:00 PM CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99288042541?pwd=bXFBREltUFhiVDZhWG5EVGJudWFRZz09>

Meeting ID: 992 8804 2541

Passcode: 095314 (if you need it)

PREVIEW OF DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM



Will Zitterich makes large bowls, platters, and vessels up to 24 inches in diameter. He will show you how he mounts large wood blanks on the lathe and turns them. He will show some of the equipment and tools needed when turning large pieces of wood. The presentation will include a number of safety tips and procedures to make the turning safer. He will mount a number of different pieces of wood on the lathe, turn a tenon on one end, and demonstrate how the tenon is removed on the finished piece. Some of the steps in turning larger pieces are very similar to turning smaller pieces, but there are some steps that are not similar to turning smaller items. He will also give you the reasons why he takes these steps in turning.

THANK YOU FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Tom Whalley

I want to give a huge THANK YOU to all those members who volunteered their time to participate in the success of our booth at the Iowa State Fair!!! This is a large group of people - everyone that made items to sell, those that helped bring the lathes, tools, and accessories to and from the fair, those that came in to help set up, tear down and clean up around our booth, as well as all those who spent many hours in the booth. Without all these volunteers, we would not be able to do what we do at the fair. Other than our dues (\$0.00 in 2021) and the wood sales at the Scout Center, this is the only way our Chapter raises money for supporting our training center and bring in professional turners in to demonstrate. One thing I really enjoyed by being in the booth is the ability to work with and get to know members that I had not had the opportunity to do so before. What a great way to get to know more about other members of our Chapter. Thanks again to everyone that contributed to this successful venture!

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM AUGUST SCOUT CENTER NETWORKING MEETING

Gil Lea was kind enough to take photographs of our August Scout Center Networking meeting. Here is [the link to the Maxheim Photography website portfolio of photographs](#). You will need to register the first time you view the portfolio. There were a number of Iowa State Fair entries at this meeting, so you'll want to look at these excellent pieces.

WOODTURNING TRAINING CENTER NEWS

by Dick Meuler, Training Coordinator

Each year our chapter conducts two entry level classes for members. The **Basic Woodturning** class is a two-day class that spans a period of a week. This class is required before members are eligible for any other classes taught. The second standard class is **Basic Bowl Turning** which covers turning cross grain rather than spindle turning. Anyone interested in taking either of these introductory classes should contact Dick Meuler by e-mail ASAP at dmeuler@gmail.com. Schedules will start to be filled yet this month for October and November classes.

Member class fees are a modest \$15/day. If enough people show an interest, we're also open to holding additional half or full day classes on special interest subjects such as tool sharpening, basic project texturing and embellishing, to mention just a few. Let me hear what specialty topics interest you. If you have questions, e-mail or call me at **515-991-8111 between 10a & 9p**. Leave a message if you catch me in a meeting.

We typically run these basic classes in the Spring and Fall each year. As you can imagine, Covid-19 has been a challenge to work through. With cases spiking again, we'll just have to watch the trends in our area. From a safety standpoint, I believe it will be necessary to have instructors and students come prepared to wear your face masks when you enter the training center. If 100% of attendees feel comfortable not wearing them once they see the room layout, or to waive them while safety face shields are being worn, we can relax those rules as a group.

NEW FREE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR BEGINNERS – If Covid cooperates, we'd like to have an orientation day where new, inexperienced members, can come and learn about the various lathe options and capabilities before they purchase a new or used lathe. Same will go for lathe tools, sharpening systems, lathe accessories and personal protection equipment. No promises, but we'd like to find a day later this month to do this at our training center. There are parking restrictions so we may only be able to handle 4 to 6 members per session. But if demand is there, we could schedule both a morning and afternoon session to handle more. There will be time allocated for you to get your questions answered. Those attending should bring all lathe tools they own to have them evaluated for safety purposes and find out which sharpening wheels would work best for those tools. Getting set-up for woodturning will be far less expensive if you buy properly the first time. One piece of advice to remember, **DO NOT BUY NEW OR USED TOOL SETS**. Also, family heirloom tools are antiques and are not usually comparable to tool steel and tool design of this century.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are an all-volunteer organization. Our success is due in large measure to the willingness of our volunteers. Whatever gets done, happens because someone volunteered. Some our on-going volunteers are stepping back and we therefore need replacements. We need volunteers to join the board of directors as well as take over the audio-visual duties for club meetings, and newsletter editor. There are also temporary / one off needs. Please let anyone on the board of directors (see list at back of newsletter) know if your interest and we'll be glad to answer any questions and include you in the volunteer opportunities.

SEPTEMBER SCOUT CENTER NETWORKING MEETING

We will meet at the Scout Center on Wednesday September 22nd at 9:30 AM. Bring your show and tell and questions.

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](#).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

Please welcome our new members of the club. **Mike Kidman** of Ankeny, **Joe Swizdor** of Indianola, **Jenny Snyder** of Newtown, MO, **Rick Purdy** of Collins, **Joseph Moore** of Webster City and **Sarah Parkinson** of Perry. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 182 members in the club.

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.

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 [AAW Store](#) where you can purchase anything the AAW has to offer – videos, books – you name it!

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