



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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OCTOBER CHAPTER “ZOOM” MEETING

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic our chapter meetings are being held virtually using the Zoom Internet platform. We'll send out the link via email, for security reasons, prior 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, October 9th, 2021, at 1:00 PM. Our presenters will be **Tom Baker** and **Dick Meuler**. The demonstrations are Christmas ornaments. These are video rebroadcasts of a program in 2015. Tom starts with a demonstration of how he makes sea urchin ornaments. Dick follows with two ornament projects, the first a disc ornament and the second a bell ornament with a long handle.

The meeting agenda will be our usual standard, business meeting and announcements, “Show and Tell”, followed by the videos of Tom and Dick.

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.

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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 182 members in the club. We don't have any new members this month.

2022 CLUB DUES

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

Dues for 2022 are \$20 and are due no later than the January 8th 2022 monthly meeting. You can pay in person at the Scout Center Networking meeting or you can send a check to Des Moines Woodturners; 1784 NW 100th Pl; Clive, IA 50325-6708.

NOMINEES FOR 2022 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Below please see the slate of candidates for the board of directors for 2022. The election will be during the November monthly meeting.

President – Jim Reynolds	Treasurer -Stan Merrell	Programs - Bill Burchett
Vice President – Tom Whalley	Education - Tad Tadlock	Director at large - Donna Byers
Secretary - Will Zitterich	Membership - Dan Carlson	

OCTOBER SCOUT CENTER NETWORKING MEETING

We will meet at the Scout Center on Wednesday October 27th at 9:30 AM. Bring your show and tell and questions. Tom Whalley will have more hard maple and perhaps some ash cutoffs in the back of his truck like he did last month. A donation would be great for wood you take to use for your own items; however, if you are taking wood for projects for us to sell at the fair, please take all you want. As always, Tom wants his truck emptied so he can get more for the next Scout Center 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](#).

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, with homework between class dates. This class is required before members are eligible for any other classes taught. Members who haven't had any hands-on training and struggle with tool control, those needing a refresher, and those new to woodturning, should all consider getting on the standby list for this class.

The second entry level class is **Basic Bowl Turning**, which covers turning cross grain rather than spindle turning. This class always takes place later than the Basic Woodturning class so students who complete it, are then eligible to take the Basic Bowl Turning class.

While classes are filled for the balance of 2021, anyone interested in taking either of these Basic classes in the future, should contact **Dick Meuler** by e-mail at dmeuler@gmail.com. A standby list is maintained in the order requests are received. Once future class dates are established, all on the standby list, plus new members, will be notified and given about a week to sign-up for one of the dates offered. If after that time all class slots aren't filled, the entire membership will be notified of class openings. Only Chapter members in good standing are eligible to take classes. If those on the standby list do not register for a class after two class offering cycles, they will be removed from the standby list.

Member class fees are a modest \$15/day. If enough people show an interest, we are also open to holding additional half or full day classes on special interest subjects such as tool sharpening, using a skew chisel, basic project texturing and embellishing, to mention a few. If you have questions, e-mail, or call Dick at **515-991-8111 between 10a & 9p**. Leave a message if you catch me in a meeting, at a medical appointment, mowing grass, or out snow blowing.



DEMONSTRATIONS AT COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL

Several club members, **BJ Eldridge**, **Jack Kennedy**, **Swede Mandt**, **Tad Tadlock** and **Richard Thompson**, will be demonstrating woodturning at the Madison County Covered Bridge Festival in Winterset. The dates this year are Saturday October 9th and Sunday October 10th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days. The booth will be on the west side of the square. Please stop by and say hi. Please thank these members for generously donating their time to provide this educational opportunity to the community.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR FESTIVAL OF TREES AND LIGHTS

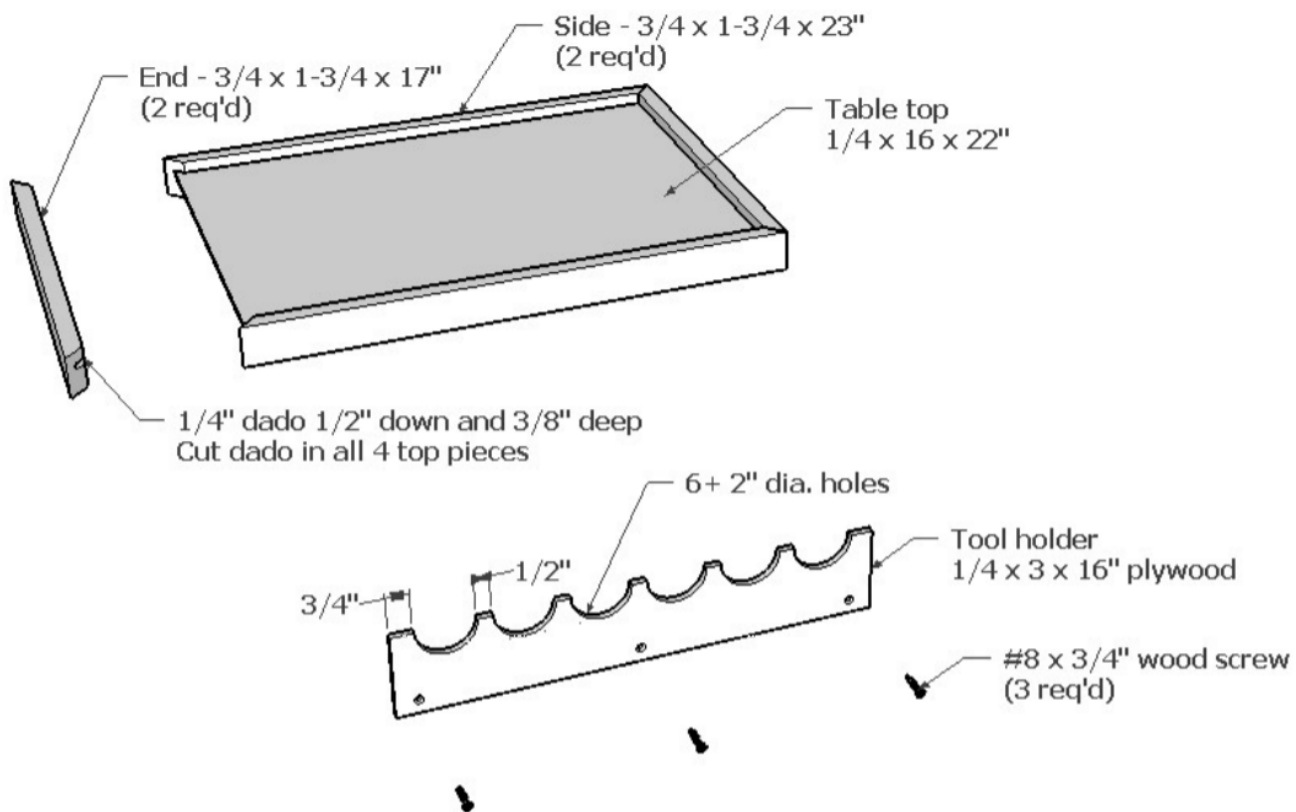
The Festival of Trees & Lights is a five-day public event that is the main fundraiser for Blank Children's Hospital. The event features beautifully decorated trees, entertainment, children's activities, food, shopping and more! For many years the Des Moines area woodworking clubs (turners, woodworkers and carvers) have supported this effort by making and donating ornaments for a tree and for sale in the festival gift shop. We encourage you to make ornaments to support this worthy cause. There is a box at the front of the Woodsmith Store to drop off your completed ornaments prior to the November 15th deadline.

FOLDING TURNING TOOL SHELF

Tom Whalley has modified the turning tool stand design to make the shelf wall hung. His wall hung shelf design uses folding shelf brackets, to save space when not in use. The photos below show the improvement modifications that he made. If you find that this solution helpful, I am sure that Tom would like to know that his suggestion helped you.



Top Assembly



Here is a drawing of the tabletop attached to the wall. Since the bottom of the tabletop was higher than the bottoms of the sides, two spacer boards were mounted under the table for attaching the mounting brackets. The tool holder was mounted on the short side of the table rather than on the long side to allow more space between this table and the lathe. The link to the complete table (including the base) can be found on the Des Moines Woodturners website or by clicking [this link](#).

REQUEST FOR DONATION OF HANDLES

We make the Iowa State Fair BIC Stick pen project from a variety of wood blanks. During this year's Iowa State Fair with used up our supply of tool handles. We would like you to donate any no longer needed wooden tool (broom, rake, shovel, ...) handles. Handles with "character" are especially valued because they make such a unique pen.

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 of our on-going volunteers are stepping back and we therefore need replacements. We need volunteers to 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 you have interest and we'll be glad to answer any questions and include you in the volunteer opportunities.

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](#)

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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 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 recommend an AAW membership because it offers you many additional woodturning resources:



- Six new issues of American Woodturner, the Journal of the AAW, each year and on-line access to all previous issues
- Six new issues of the digital Woodturning FUNdamentals and on-line access to all previous issues
- On-line access to a large collection of videos 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 for turners of all skill levels to build stronger 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!

AAW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS – JOIN or RENEW TODAY

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