



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

November 2021 AAW Chapter 158 **A 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization** **Bulletin 2021-11**

NOVEMBER 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, November 13th, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

The November meeting is our official annual meeting and will feature the election of officers for 2022. This combined with our external presenter means that we'll have different agenda for this meeting. We'll start with brief announcements, then our annual meeting and officer election, also brief, followed by the demonstration by Alan Stratton (see next article). We are going to defer the regular “Show and Tell” until the December meeting, but you can take photos of the work you want to share at any time.

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

ALAN STRATTON DEMONSTRATION

Alan has been turning for many years. For many years, his family and career limited his time at the lathe. After his children had left the house, he made the time to turn. Now, he makes a turning video every week to post to his web site and YouTube channel. There are over 400 videos now. Every year, he hosts a Christmas Ornament Challenge open to all crafts. The challenge is a lot of fun and helps celebrate Christmas. You too can join in the fun each November.



Alan is not a professional woodturner, his university degree was in accounting. He learns more with each project. He decided to specialize in turning diversity. He likes to try new projects and explore new frontiers. For example, I developed the Infinite Axis Chuck for multi-axis turning.

Alan states, “I want to share my dream with others. I know there are others out there who also dream of making something beautiful.”

Alan will be demonstrating the creation of an ornament that has resemblance to a sea urchin. This includes turning a sphere, hollowing the sphere, turning on multiple axes to create the coves, turning of the finials. There are a number of techniques that can be used for many projects.



Hyperlink to Alan's [As Wood Turns website](#).

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](#). If you have questions, please contact Jim Reynolds at jr1664@gmail.com or 515.480.5369.

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 8, 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.

WOODTURNING "SCRAP" WOOD CHALLENGE

We want to engage you in turning activities and exercise your creativity and imagination until we do meet in person again. As the subject indicates, we would like to see what you have done or can do with those pieces of wood we call scrapwood, crapwood, firewood or cutoffs. These are pieces of wood you might have thought about throwing away or in your burn pile. What have you made from them? What have you done with other objects/materials and combined them with turning? We want to see your creations and will feature as many of them as we can in the coming months and then at the end of our spring season we will bring them all together so you can view them in one place. Put your creative hats on and start turning. Send a before and after picture along with a brief description to dmwoodturners@gmail.com. Please try to make the image size under 2mb if you can. Many email systems have a size limit on messages and the new phones and cameras take pictures with a very high resolution, as much as 8-10mb. It's important to see the before picture so we know what you started with.

Just to get you thinking, these three members have sent in their before and after pictures. Dan England resurrected some stair spindles from the ReStore into golf ball pick-r-uppers. Tad Tadlock used some unique pieces of wood and inserted some turned trees. If I am not mistaken, Tad sold these at the Covered Bridge Festival. Member Jim Gunning sent in his latest scrap wood project. I believe we call these gnome for the holidays. Jim made several gnomes from a leftover block of boxelder. He admitted to me that he turns them and his wife embellishes them. Nice work Jim and Mrs Gunning.



WOODTURNING TRAINING CENTER NEWS by Dick Meuler, Training Coordinator

We just completed two fall Basic Woodturning classes and the first of two Basic Bowl Turning classes. A total of 26 students took advantage of learning the basics of Spindle turning, Cross Grain bowl turning, or both. Each year our Chapter conducts multiples of these two entry level classes for members. Here are photos of the latest two Basic Woodturning classes. Note they come from near and far to attend.



Tad Tadlock Jenny Snyder Joseph Moore John Amberg
Instructor Newtown, MO WebsterCity Assistant
Photo by Dick Meuler, Instructor



Dick Meuler Steve Mumford Mike Kidman Tad Tadlock
Instructor Altoona Ankeny Instructor
Photo by John Amberg, Assistant

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 to take any other classes. 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. We have openings for 2022 Spring and Fall classes. Get your name on the waiting list early.

The second entry level class is **Basic Bowl Turning**, which covers turning cross grain rather than spindle turning. This class always takes place after the Basic Woodturning class so students who complete it, are then eligible to take the Basic Bowl Turning class. We have openings for Spring and Fall 2022 classes.

While classes are filled for the balance of 2021, anyone interested in taking either of these Basic classes next year, 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 remaining class date 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 very modestly priced. 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, proper use of the Skew chisel, or best tools and accessories to spend money on, 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 him in the shop with the air cleaner and cyclone dust collector running, in a meeting, at a medical appointment, or out snow blowing.



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 -
Secretary - Will Zitterich	Membership - Dan Carlson	

NOVEMBER SCOUT CENTER NETWORKING MEETING

The November Scout Center Networking Meeting date has been moved up to the 3rd Wednesday of November, November 17th at our usual 9:30 AM start time. The normal date would be the day before Thanksgiving.

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

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM OCTOBER NETWORKING MEETING

Gil Lea was once again so nice as to photograph the Networking Meeting. He has posted the photographs on [his website](#). You may have to provide your name and email address to access the portfolio. Thanks again to Gil providing this service.

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.

REQUEST FOR DONATION OF HANDLES

We make the Iowa State Fair BIC Stick pen project from a variety of wood blanks. One of the sources of unusual blanks for these pens is old tool handles. During this year's Iowa State Fair we used up our entire supply of old 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. Please contact Jim Reynolds either jr1664@gmail.com or 515.480.5369 to arrange the donation. Your support is very much appreciated.

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!

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