



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

December 2021 AAW Chapter 158 **A 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization** **Bulletin 2021-12**

DECEMBER CHAPTER “ZOOM” MEETING

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic our chapter meetings are being held virtually using the Zoom Internet platform. For security reasons, we will send out the link via a separate email 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, December 11th, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

We will return to our standard agenda for this meeting, brief announcements, educational program (see details below), concluding with “Show and Tell”. You can show your work using the camera on your device you are using to attend the Zoom meeting or you can send photos via email, before the meeting to **Tom Baker** bakerphotoart@gmail.com.

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

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

For our December program, **Bill Burchett** and **Jim Reynolds** will lead a discussion on preparing blanks for turning.

In January, **Roger Nass** has agreed to talk about the characteristics various wood species and the advantages and disadvantages of each specie for woodturning. As a reminder the January meeting will be on Saturday, January

ALAN STRATTON DEMONSTRATION RECAP

For our November Educational Program, Alan Stratton demonstrated the creation of an ornament that has a



resemblance to a sea urchin. This included turning a sphere, hollowing the sphere, turning on multiple axes to create the coves, turning of the finials. There were several techniques that can be used for many projects.

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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

Please welcome Charlie Harms of Clear Lake as our newest member. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 183 members in the club.

2022 CLUB DUES

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

Renewal dues for 2022 are \$20 and are due no later than the January 8, 2022 monthly meeting. To pay your 2022 dues please mail a check, payable to Des Moines Woodturners, to Des Moines Woodturners; 1784 NW 100th Pl; Clive, IA 50325-6708. If you procrastinate and miss the deadline, then the rate goes up to the new member rate of \$25.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Your chapter has a fund that will grant scholarships to members who wish to invest in their woodturning education. The application process is 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.

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 scrap wood, crap wood, 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.

HARTVILLE TOOL ENDS CLUB DISCOUNT PROGRAM

For many years, Hartville Tool has offered a discount program to club members. We were recently informed that this program is ending at the end of this year, December 31, 2021. Details about this program are in the Membership Benefit – Supplier Discounts topic towards the end of the newsletter. We encourage you to support our local suppliers, but if you need something from this vendor you'll need to order before the end of the year to take advantage of the discount.

ELECTED 2022 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

At the November chapter meeting, the membership unanimously elected the proposed slate of nominees for the 2022 board of directors.

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

REQUEST FOR DONATION OF HANDLES

We make the BIC Stick pen project for the Iowa State Fair from a variety of wood blanks. During this year's Iowa State Fair we 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.

WOODTURNING TRAINING CENTER NEWS by Dick Meuler, Training Coordinator

In November we completed the last of the 2021 training classes for the year. A total of 26 students took advantage of learning the basics of Spindle turning, Cross Grain bowl turning, or both. Here are photos of the last two Basic Bowl turning classes. As you can see, they came from near and far to attend.

11-8-2021 Basic Bowl Turning class

Ninety-seven
(97) out our
183
2021 members
have
completed
our
**Basic
Woodturning**
class over the
years



Dwaine Elliott, Grinnell **Myles Hegstrom**, Perry
John Augspurger, Assistant **John Amberg**, Assistant
Photo by **Dick Meuler**, Instructor

11-15-2021 Basic Bowl Turning class



Jenny Snyder **Joe Burklund** **Mike Kidman** **Steve Mumford**
Newtown, MO Waukee Ankeny Altoona
(L end) **Dick Meuler**, Instructor (R end) **Tad Tadlock**, Instructor & **John Augspurger**, Assistant
Photo by **John Amberg**, Assistant

Each year our Chapter conducts multiples of these two entry level classes for members.

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.*** Turning tools provided.
Basic Bowl Turning covers cross grain turning rather than spindle turning. Turning tools provided. One day.
NEW in 2022 – Stan Merrill 1-day Basic Segmented Turning (No tools required, just lots of note paper)
NEW in 2022 – Tom Baker 1-day Intro to Skew Chisel Turning (Student provided skew chisels required)

Any 2022 paid member interested in taking a training class next Spring or Fall, should e-mail **Dick Meuler** at dmeuler@gmail.com to get on the class list(s) of choice. A standby list is maintained in the order requests are received. If demand requires, each class can be held up to four times during the year. Questions? Call Dick at 515-991-8111 (cell) and leave a voice mail. Please, no calls before 10am or after 9pm daily.

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. This discount is ending December 31, 2021.
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 diverse 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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