



# Des Moines WoodTurners

## Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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### JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

The Woodsmith Store is again allowing us to use their Seminar Room, therefore we are going to resume our in person monthly demonstration meetings. Our next monthly meeting will be on Saturday, January 8th, 2022, at 1:00 PM, at the Woodsmith Store in Clive. Please remember to park away from the entrance to the store (north row or far east side of the lot) to allow other customer access.

We will return to our standard agenda for this meeting, brief announcements, “Show and Tell”, and then the educational program (see details below).

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

For our January program, **Roger Nass** has agreed to make some shavings. He is going to continue the education on “log to bowl”. Topics will include sawing a cross grain bowl blank from a log, preparing the bowl blank at the bandsaw, turning the green bowl blank and preparation for drying. If time allows, Roger will also demonstrate the turning of a dried bowl blank to final form.

In February, **Roger Nass** has agreed to talk about the advantages and disadvantages of different species of wood for woodturning. This will help you select the best log for your project / best project for your log.

### DECEMBER PROGRAM RECAP

Bill Burchett and Jim Reynolds discussed the selection and processing of logs for turning blanks.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

Please welcome **James Peterson** of Johnston and **Perry Grant** of Polk City. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 185 members in the chapter. Please introduce yourself to new members at the meeting on January 8th and make them feel welcome.

### 2022 CHAPTER DUES

by Dan Carlson, Membership Coordinator

Renewal dues for 2022 are \$20 and are due no later than the end of the January 8, 2022 monthly meeting. You can pay in person at the monthly meeting, or you can 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.

### OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

The next time you see outgoing Board Members **Donna Byers** and **Tom Baker**, please thank them for their many years of service on the board. Donna was Board Secretary for several years as well as serving as an at large board member. Tom served many years as Treasurer including countless hours being cashier at the Iowa State Fair. Tom has also overseen the audio-visual for chapter meetings including the very significant upgrade to the audio-visual system that he lead and implemented. Please join me in thanking them for all that they have given to the Des Moines Woodturners.

# WOODTURNING TRAINING CENTER NEWS by Dick Meuler, Training Coordinator

I'm pleased to announce our 2022 Training Class Schedule for Monday classes as follows:

## SPRING

MAR 7	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) - Day 1/2
MAR 14	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) - Day 2/2
MAR 21	Basic Segmented Turning - Day 1/1
MAR 28	Basic Bowl Turning (Cross-grain) - Day 1/1
APR 11	Basics of Skew Chisel Use - Day 1/1
APR 25	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) - Day 1/2
MAY 2	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) - Day 2/2
MAY 9	Basic Segmented Turning - Day 1/1
MAY 16	Basic Bowl Turning (Cross-grain) - Day 1/1
MAY 23	Basics of Skew Chisel Use - Day 1/1

## FALL

SEP 19	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) - Day 1/2
SEP 26	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) - Day 2/2
OCT 3	Basic Segmented Turning - Day 1/1
OCT 10	Basic Bowl Turning (Cross-grain) - Day 1/1
OCT 17	Basics of Skew Chisel Use - Day 1/1
OCT 24	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) - Day 1/2
OCT 31	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) - Day 2/2
NOV 7	Basic Segmented Turning - Day 1/1
NOV 14	Basic Bowl Turning (Cross-grain) - Day 1/1
NOV 21	Basics of Skew Chisel Use - Day 1/1

**Basic Woodturning** class covers safety and a host of woodturning basic info, plus demo/practice lessons using three basic tools to create most common shapes. Then on to turning an egg, a Christmas tree ornament, and a lidded box, all in spindle orientation. Class includes two days of training scheduled a week apart, so you have time to do assigned practice homework. That requires all students to own or have easy access to a wood lathe between class dates, to turn practice pieces that you are to bring to 2nd day of class. Students are responsible for furnishing 18 pieces of home practice wood that can be as simple as pine/fir 2 x 2 stock (1.5" x 1.5" x 8" long). In class, we'll furnish the needed turning tools and classroom use wood blanks, but you furnish the accessories (outside caliper, awl, center finder, 6" rule, ANSI Z87 face shield, and four jaw chuck w/#2 jaws if you have one). **This class is a required prerequisite to take any other classes our Chapter training group conducts.** Total cost for both days is \$40 cash or check, exact amount please.

**NOTE:** When purchasing tools for home use, refrain from buying tool sets. They are often smaller tools, they contain a tool or two you might use, but not others considered as basic tools. Buy only full size, **M2 HSS** or stronger treated steel, individual tools you know you need. It's the least expensive way to go. HSS steel rating alone is typically a cheap Asian made tool and doesn't hold a sharp edge well. Students new to woodturning should also own, or be prepared to invest in, a sharpening system since tool sharpening is required frequently to make woodturning safe, fun, and advance your skills. This class utilizes traditional turning tools and does NOT cover using carbide tools.

**Basic Bowl Turning** (cross grain) class touches on basics of wood harvesting, differences from spindle turning, introduces the bowl gouge and practice turning before moving on to turning a Hard Maple bowl. One full day of class, we supply the tools, you provide the accessories and PPE, same as in Basic Woodturning class. All class wood provided. Cost \$20 cash or check, exact amount please.

**Basic Segmenting** class will cover the basics of making segmented projects from calculating segment angles and sizes, ring diameters needed, segment wood prep, gluing and clamping, to accurate cutting fixtures. You'll glue together furnished pre-cut segments and clamp them. Turning will be demonstrated but students won't be using the lathe in class. Class segments for glue-up practice will be furnished. Bring paper and pen/pencil to take notes. One day class, cost \$20 cash or check, exact amount please.

**Basic Skew Chisel** class will introduce students to the proper techniques and use of the tool as well as sharpening. Students to furnish their own skew chisel(s) (3/4"-up preferred) and same accessories and PPE as Basic Woodturning class. Class wood provided. One day class, cost \$20 cash or check, exact amount please.

**To Register** for classes e-mail or phone me with the class name(s), class date(s) preferred (or indicate open for any Spring or Fall class date) and give me your preferred phone number to call you, and your current e-mail address if you phone me. **If you are one of the eighteen (18) who have placed your name on one or more of the class waiting lists, please contact me with your preferred class dates as soon as possible.** All classes held on Monday from 8:30am till 5:00pm (unless otherwise indicated) in Valley Junction area of West Des Moines.

Dick Meuler, [dmeuler@gmail.com](mailto:dmeuler@gmail.com) or call 515-991-8111 between 10am and 9pm. If no answer, leave message.

## SCOUT CENTER MEETING

Because of Christmas we moved up the date of the December Scout Center meeting. We had good attendance and were able to sell many blanks to members for their projects. Gil Lea was kind enough to photograph this event and share the results at this [web page link](#). You may have to register to access the photos.

The January Scout Center Meeting will be Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. [Link to event details](#).

## WOODTURNERS WORLDWIDE ONLINE SYMPOSIUM

This event will be January 27 – 30, 2022 and the sessions will be available for 30 days following the symposium. Many of the demonstrators are from outside the USA, so this is a unique opportunity. The cost is \$89 for access to all the sessions and recordings. Detailed information and tickets are available [at this website link](#).

## AAW SYMPOSIUM

The 2022 AAW International Woodturning Symposium will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee from June 23 to June 26. Registration is now open. Full registration for all days of the symposium held at the Chattanooga Convention Center is \$345, and includes admission to all symposium activities, Instant Gallery, and Trade Show (banquet is an additional cost). The host hotel is the Chattanooga Marriott Downtown and reservations are now being taken. Go to the [2022 AAW Symposium web page](#) for more information.

## 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.

<a href="#">AAW Remote Demonstration Resource</a>	Documents, videos, and a list of demonstrators with contact information.
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## SCHOLARSHIP

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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. Please let **Jim Reynolds** at [jr1664@gmail.com](mailto:jr1664@gmail.com) or 515.480.5369 (leave a message if no answer) if you have any handles to donate and arrange the transfer.

## 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 chapter meetings, and newsletter editor. There are also temporary / one off needs. Please let **Jim Reynolds** at [jr1664@gmail.com](mailto:jr1664@gmail.com) or 515.480.5369 or 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 **Bill Burchett**, [billburchett@hotmail.com](mailto:billburchett@hotmail.com) or another board member know if you have a program topic that you would like to see in the future or if you would like to volunteer to present a topic to the chapter.

## 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** at [jr1664@gmail.com](mailto:jr1664@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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

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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 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. Please 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–S 9 to 5, Sun 12-4 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 8 to 5, 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
Woodcraft	8645 Bluejacket Road, Lenexa, KS 66214, Phone: (913) 599-2800, Email: <a href="mailto:kansas-retail@woodcraft.com">kansas-retail@woodcraft.com</a> . Website <a href="#">link</a> . 10% discount on 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 MEMBERSHIP PRICE INCREASE

AAW is committed to delivering the highest quality woodturning resources and education to its members. To continue to fulfill this commitment, **AAW membership dues will increase on March 15, 2022.** This increase reflects inflation and increased expenses in many areas, most significantly in paper, printing, and shipping costs for the *American Woodturner* journal. Individual/General memberships will increase to \$68 per year and other membership levels will increase similarly beginning March 15, 2022.

**To benefit from current membership rates**, current AAW members may prepay/extend their memberships for up to four years (through 2026) at the current dues rates through March 14, 2022. This includes current AAW members who recently renewed. **AAW members with memberships that expire on or before September 30, 2022,** will be able to prepay/renew early for up to four years at the current rate through March 14, 2022.

**Please contact AAW Member Services at 651-484-9094 (direct) or 877-595-9094 (toll free U.S.)** to have Jane or Alexa prepay/extend your membership and take advantage of the current membership rates before the March increase.



## 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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