



Des Moines WoodTurners

Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

The Woodsmith Store continues to allow us to use their Seminar Room. Our next monthly meeting will be on Saturday, March 12th, 2022, at 1:00 PM, at the Woodsmith Store in Clive. The really good news is that we have permission to install two new large monitors at the front of the room and with some luck and hard work we'll have these operational in time for the meeting.

Please remember to park well away from the entrance (north row or far east side of the lot) to the store to allow other customer access.

Our agenda for this meeting will be brief announcements, first educational topic, "Show and Tell", break and then the second and third educational topics (see details below).

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

by Bill Burchett, Program Director

This will be the first month of our new educational program format. We plan to have three shorter educational topics each month. Hopefully the diversity of topics and presenters will be beneficial. I welcome your feedback on both the format and the topics. **Dick Meuler** will demonstrate the use of the Bedan tool. **Tad Tadlock** will demonstrate the turning of a hollow egg. **Jim Reynolds** will lead a discussion about the quality of bowls especially with an eye towards bowls for sale at the Iowa State Fair booth.



Dick Meuler



Tad Tadlock

THE BEDAN TOOL - How and Why I use it – By Dick Meuler

The Bedan was popularized by well-known French woodturner Jean-Francois Escoulen and is accurately described as a French Bedan due to its' shape and longer bevel. It is unique in that it has three cutting edges, which I'll demonstrate on Saturday. I'll use it to rough a square spindle to round, form straight and dovetail tenons, remove excess material while forming a spindle project shape, use it as a skew to make slicing cuts, use it bevel up and bevel down, create a bead, and hollow end grain to make a small goblet. That's a lot to ask of a tool whos' cost is closer to that of a 3/8" spindle gouge than a 3/8" bowl gouge. And best yet, it's easy to sharpen.....kind of.





FEBRUARY PROGRAM RECAP

Roger Nass (left) and **Rob Wallace** (right) presented information on the advantages and disadvantages of different native species of wood for woodturning. They brought many examples of different of the species for inspection.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Dan Carlson, Membership Director

Please welcome three new members this month **Scott Core** from Urbandale, **John Larson** from Webster City, and **Bill Chrisman** from Winterset. We also had some additional renewals so, as of the writing of this newsletter, we have 161 members in the chapter. Please introduce yourself to the new members at the meeting on March 12th.

2022 REMAINING TRAINING CLASSES

by Dick Meuler, Training Team



Our spring training classes filled up rather quickly despite the winter spike in Covid cases. Of the 10 class dates between now and May 23rd, we only have two openings. One on March 28th and one on May 16th. Both are

1-day Basic Bowl Turning classes. All but the Basic Skew class attendees have been e-mailed details about their class, including what they need to bring to class, map showing location of the Training Center, Safety is YOUR

responsibility document, and parking instructions. The Basic Skew class will get their info in another week or so. REMEMBER, students must attend the 2-day Basic Woodturning class as a prerequisite to take any other training classes offered. If you have already taken a basic turning and safety class elsewhere and wish to be exempted from our class, please contact me.

All Fall training classes have openings, but at least six of the 32 have been taken. Each class will be offered twice as shown below. All classes are held in the Valley Junction area of West Des Moines. We reserve the right to cancel or postpone any class with too few registrants. Contact me to sign up or if you have any questions, big or small. Turn safe and have fun turning!

2-day Basic Woodturning - September 19 and 26 (Monday) - \$40

October 24 and 31 (Monday) - \$40

1-day Basic Segmented Turning - October 3 (Monday) - \$20

November 7 (Monday) - \$20

1-day Basic Bowl Turning - October 10 (Monday) - \$20

November 14 (Monday) - \$20

1-day Basic Skew Chisel Use - October 17 (Monday) - \$20

November 21 (Monday) - \$20

Dick Meuler, Training Coordinator dmeuler@gmail.com or call Cell: 515-991-8111 (between 10a and 9p please)

LIBRARY OPEN AGAIN

Our chapter library will be open again at the meeting. **Please return any outstanding items.** This is also an opportunity to check out books or DVDs for your edification or enjoyment.

SCOUT CENTER MEETING

Our February Networking Meeting was on the 23rd. Below are some photos from the event courtesy of **Gil Lea**.



The March Networking Meeting at the Scout Center will be on Wednesday March 23rd at 9:30 AM. [Link to event details](#). Additional details will be sent prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there.

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.

WOODTURNING “SCRAP” WOOD CHALLENGE

We want to engage you in turning activities and exercise your creativity and imagination and then have you share the experience with the rest of the chapter. 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. It's important to see the before picture so we know what you started with.

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.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

by Bill Burchett, Program Chair

Below is our current plan for the educational programs for the rest of the year. Each of the topics will take about half an hour so that we can cover them in a reasonable Saturday afternoon. This is still subject to change. We encourage your feedback on this plan and ask for volunteers to deliver a topic. We hope that shorter / small topics will result in additional volunteers to share their knowledge and experience. We also encourage small teams to take a topic. Please contact me with your questions and feedback.

Month Year	Who	Topic	Comments
April 2022	Stan Merrell	Multi-axis Christmas Trees	State Fair – practical, solid wood, spindle
April 2022	Jim Reynolds	Handles	Practical, solid wood, spindle
April 2022	Jon Lindgren	Dyeing wood	Decorative techniques
May 2022	Jack Kennedy	Segmenting	Decorative, constructed, side grain
May 2022	Jim Reynolds	Final turn a green wood bowl	State Fair – Practical, solid wood, cross grain
May 2022			Techniques
September 2022		Green end grain bowl or goblet? Chuck Dowler did the goblet some years ago. Goblet isn't particularly practical	Practical, solid wood, end grain
September 2022		Possibly a multi axis scoop	Practical, solid wood, multiple axis
September 2022	Swede Mandt & daughter	Gnome project	Swede will do the woodturning portion and daughter will do the decoration – use the Christmas ornament – decorative, solid wood, spindle slot?
October 2022		Utility bowl, calabash, bowl with handles	Practical, solid wood, cross grain
October 2022			Decorative, segmented
October 2022			Techniques
November 2022			Practical, segmented
November 2022		Acrylic bottle stopper, acrylic pen blank	Practical, non-wood
November 2022		Possibly earrings or pendants using the Joyner jig. Dick Meuler did this some years back	Decorative, solid wood, multiple axis, this is the annual jewelry topic slot
December 2022		Box?	Practical, solid wood, end grain
December 2022		Possibly Dick Meuler's baby birds from a branch project	Decorative, solid wood, cross grain
December 2022			Techniques

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 (this is a list of the board members a little farther back in the newsletter) know if you have interest and we'll be glad to answer any questions and include you in the volunteer opportunities.

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.

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 – Jim Reynolds	Treasurer -Stan Merrell	Programs - Bill Burchett
Vice President – Tom Whalley	Education - Tad Tadlock	
Secretary - Will 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
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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Saturday March 12	1:00 – 4:00	Monthly Educational Meeting; Woodsmith Store
Monday March 14	8:30 – 5:00	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) Day 2/2; Training Center
Monday March 21	8:30 – 5:00	Basic Segmented Turning; Training Center
Wednesday March 23	9:30 – 11:00	Monthly Networking Meeting; Maytag Scout Center
Monday March 28	8:30 – 5:00	Basic Bowl Turning; Training Center
Saturday April 9	1:00 – 4:00	Monthly Educational Meeting; Woodsmith Store
Monday April 11	8:30 – 5:00	Basics of Skew chisel use; Training Center
Monday April 25	8:30 – 5:00	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) Day 1/2; Training Center
Wednesday April 27	9:30 – 11:00	Monthly Networking Meeting; Maytag Scout Center
Monday May 2	8:30 – 5:00	Basic Woodturning (Spindle) Day 2/2; Training Center
Monday May 9	8:30 – 5:00	Basic Segmented Turning; Training Center
Saturday May 14	1:00 – 4:00	Monthly Educational Meeting; Woodsmith Store
Monday May 16	8:30 – 5:00	Basic Bowl Turning; Training Center
Monday May 23	8:30 – 5:00	Basics of Skew chisel use; Training Center
Wednesday May 25	9:30 – 11:00	Monthly Networking Meeting; Maytag Scout Center
Wednesday June 29 <u>(please note that this is one week later than normal)</u>	9:30 – 11:00	Monthly Networking Meeting; Maytag Scout Center

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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