



## Des Moines Wood Turners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

**November 2022** AAW Chapter 158 **A 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization** **Bulletin 2022-11**

### NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1:00 PM, at the Woodsmith Store in Clive. Please remember to park well away from the entrance (North row or far East side of the lot) of the store to allow other customer access during the meeting. We will have a quick business meeting, voting for 2023 officers, and giving the rest of the meeting time to our guest presenter Keith Lackner.

Keith Lackner is a world renowned and leading artist in Resin Infusions. He began wood turning in 2012 with the idea of creating a different concept for the woodturning world. He enjoys working with highly figured burls and infusing them with casting resins.

Keith will be teaching us the fine points of resin casting. He will begin with taking a piece of burl wood that would have normally been discarded due to it being structurally unsafe, or just not enough wood to make a beautiful vase. He will go through the (3-P'S) of getting ready for the lathe. After he has completed a live demonstrated cast, he will move to the lathe where he will show us the techniques he has developed over the years to create a one-of-a-kind piece of art.

Information about Keith can be found on his web site: <https://www.jacquardproducts.com/keith-lackner>



## NOVEMBER SCOUT CENTER MEETING – DATE CHANGE

The November networking meeting at the Scout Center will be moved up a week to Wednesday, November 16th at 9:30 AM due to Thanksgiving. [Link to event details](#). Additional details will be sent prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there.

Please plan to pick up spurtle and rolling pin blanks at the Scout Center event this month. Tom Whalley will have a large supply of all three sizes of each there and needs the room in his pickup to help move his mother-in-law. Our 2022 Iowa State Fair sales resulted in a very short supply of all sizes of spurtles and rolling pins, so we will be asking you to please consider making as many of these for us as you can.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by **Dan Carlson**, Membership Director

Due to the generous contributions of our members to the state fair sales items, we had another successful year and as a result we are able to keep our annual renewal dues at the same \$20 they have been for several years. Starting in November I will be collecting dues at both the Woodsmith Store and at the Scout Center. You can pay by check, cash, or credit card. Dues can also be mailed to our club mailing address which is:

Des Moines Woodturners, Inc.  
PO Box 71629  
Clive, IA 50325

Please do not send cash and make sure your name is on the check or return address, so you are properly credited for your payment.

## OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

- Tom Whalley opened the meeting with a welcome and asked some of the guests about their hometown and woodturning interests and skills. Tom declined to have a math minute but maybe next month.
- Bill Burchett, program committee would like someone to volunteer to help get program topics for future meetings. A volunteer to help Bill put together the program is needed since we have gone to three topics or demonstrations at each monthly meeting. This makes it more interesting to members at the meeting but more work for the program committee.
- Dick Meuler, Training Coordinator, listed the openings available for the Basic Segmenting Class, Basic Bowl Turning Class, and the Basic Skew Turning Class.
- Tom introduced the slate of officers for next year. Election of officers will be at the November monthly meeting. They are: President, Tom Whalley; Vice President, open; Secretary, Will Zitterich; Treasurer, Stan Merrell; Education, Tad Tadlock; Membership, Dan Carlson; Programs, Bill Burchett; At large, John Amberg.
- The next networking event will be at the Scout Center on November 16th. which is the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

### - Program Topics:

Tom Whalley talked about state fair items and a French rolling pin, He thought the quality of bowls members made for the state fair this year was great. He outlined the new drawings on the club website for spurtles, rolling pins, dibbles, and Christmas trees. He showed examples of sample spurtles and discussed how now we are making a French rolling pin which has more of a curved surface. Our previous drawings showed a straight surface. Tom explained a new process for getting wood from the club to make fair items. Members will be asked to sign out the pieces of wood they will use to make fair projects and sign them back in when the item is finished.

-Daniel Henderson made a presentation about turning plates. He made a jig for gluing up various pieces of wood to make blank for a plate or platter. He explained how he rearranges the wood pieces until he is



satisfied how the rough blank appears. He is mixing a number of different kinds and colors of wood as well as the sizes of them. He is not only making a plate that can be used but he is making a work of art.

-Bill Burchett demonstrated how he make a Christmas tree ornament. He begins with a cube of wood about 2 inches square. The cube will be the main part or base of the ornament. He drills a small hole in opposing sides of the cube which will be the future connections of the top finial and the other for the bottom finial. He then drilled a large hole with a Forstner bit a little smaller than the cube dimensions on each of the four sides but not on the top or bottom of the cube. This leaves a large space in the cube for Bill to include small turned items inside the cube. The ornament will then be a hollow cube with a top finial and a bottom finial as the finished ornament.



Photos by: Gil Lea



## TRAINING CENTER NEWS

**Dick Meuler**, Training Coordinator

As of October 26, we have room for two more students in our upcoming **Basic Bowl Turning** class to be held on **Monday, November 14th**. Yes, you must have either taken our Basic Woodturning class, or equivalent, to take this class. Perhaps you took it years ago and need a refresher. At \$20 for a full day hands-on course, including use of Chapter furnished bowl blanks, tools, and lathes, it's a real bargain. Just pick-up the phone and call Dick at 515-991-8111 or John at 858-220-1489. First two callers will get in, so call ASAP.

In addition, there is still **one opening** for the **Monday, November 21st Basic Skew class**. Call numbers above to sign-up. The last Basic Segmenting class and Basic Skew class of the year are both full.

October Basic Bowl Turning class graduates and instructors. Notice the smiles of pride in their accomplishments!



L-R - Dick Meuler, Instructor; students Phil Hird, Jerry Rutledge, Larry Judas, and Scott Core, followed by Tad Tadlock, Instructor. Photo by John Amberg, Class Assistant

November Basic Segmenting class graduates and instructors.



L-R - Instructor Jack Kennedy, Scott Core, Ron Gold, Perry Grant, Maurice Herold, instructor Stan Merrell. Photo by Dick Meuler

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

## MAKING A FRENCH ROLLING PIN

By Tom Whalley

I mentioned at the October Chapter meeting one of the main reasons we ask members of our Chapter to make items to sell at the Iowa State Fair is to improve their turning skills. These items represent different facets of skill building that hopefully you will find valuable in your woodturning journey. The new French rolling pin will add one more skill – creating a long and uniform arch in a spindle.

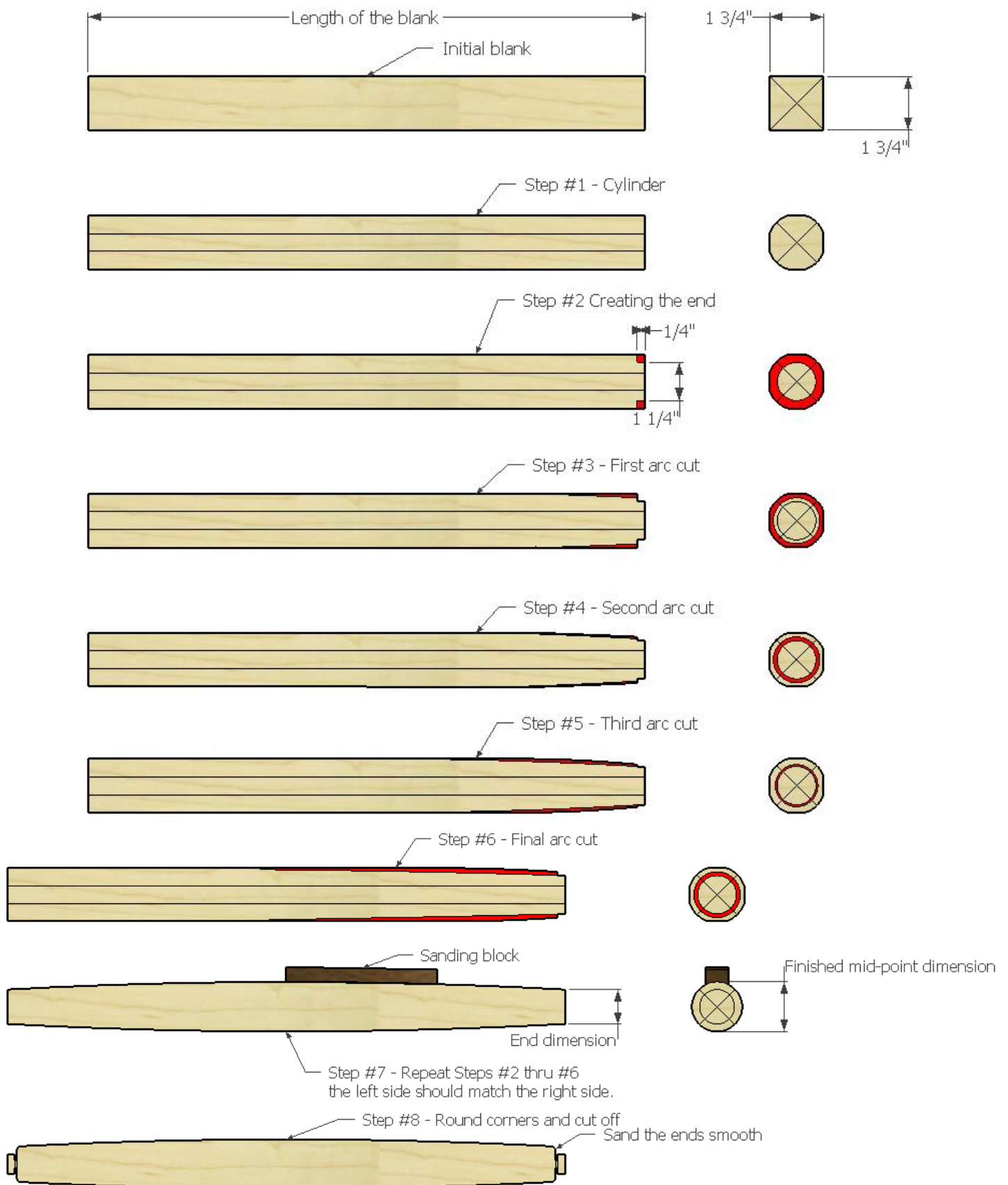
In the past, our “French” rolling pins consisted of a cylinder with tapered ends. The diameter of the cylinder was frequently too big. After researching just what a French rolling pin actually is, and how it is made, we have changed the design and the way these are to be created. For the 2023 Iowa State Fair, we will be offering our new design of French rolling pins in three lengths – 12”, 18” and 24”. The actual dimensions of the blank, mid-point diameters, and end dimensions are shown on the French rolling pin drawings on the website along with a drawing showing the arc for making the sanding block at: (<https://www.dmwoodturners.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Rolling-pin-detail-2022-10-9.pdf>). The most critical part of these rolling pins is a continuous and uniform curve from one end to the other. In the past, we focused on a straight line. This time, we are after a continuous curve.

At the October meeting, I demonstrated how to actually make one. In the event you missed that demo, or would like a “refresher” on how it is done, I have created a step-by-step method of making these below. I have highlighted in red the areas of wood that will be removed within each step. The techniques are the same for all three sizes.

Blanks for the French rolling pins (as well as all sizes of the spurtle blanks) will be in available in the back of my red truck at the end of upcoming Chapter meetings (in the back of my red truck) as well as inside at our monthly Scout Center networking meetings. There will be a sheet for you to print your name and indicate how many of what size rolling pin blanks and/or spurtle blanks you are taking. If you have any questions about turning one of these rolling pins, please call (515-321-6323) or email me ([themodelshop@mchsi.com](mailto:themodelshop@mchsi.com)).

Remember, since we had such a successful year of selling rolling pins and spurtles last year, we are asking members to make a lot of these, so please help us out. Thank you and turn safe.

# Steps in making a French Rolling Pin



## 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. 515-282-4532 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](#)

## 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!!

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. They are 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: <a href="mailto:kansas-retail@woodcraft.com">kansas-retail@woodcraft.com</a> . Website <a href="#">link</a> . 10% discount supplier for woodturning tools, supplies, and 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.



## 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 a board member.

## BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

President – Tom Whalley	Treasurer -Stan Merrell	Programs - Bill Burchett
Vice President –	Education - Tad Tadlock	At-large – John Amberg
Secretary - Will Zitterich	Membership - Dan Carlson	

Please contact any member of the board with your comments, suggestions, or concerns.

**Have you had any of these changes?**

PHONE NUMBER?

E-MAIL ADDRESS?

MAILING ADDRESS?

Send changes to [DMWoodTurners@gmail.com](mailto:DMWoodTurners@gmail.com)

Or call 515-720-0637

## 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 – JOIN or RENEW TODAY

[AAW Membership Join or Renew](#)



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