



## Des Moines Wood Turners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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### JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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. Our presenter for the month will be Rob Wallace.



### Improving Your Woodturning Game: Cool Tools, Helpful Hints, and Tested Tips

Most woodturners of any skill level are aware of the four main groups of cutting and shaping tools used in woodturning: gouges, skews, scrapers, and parting tools. In addition to the lathe, there are a number of primary accessories that are also necessary to turn effectively: drive centers, live centers, tool rests, faceplates, and chucks. Beyond these basic and fundamental “required” tools, there are many other tools that can improve the convenience, efficiency, and fun of the woodturning experience, while enhancing both the safety of the process and the quality of the products. At the January meeting, Rob Wallace ([www.robwallacewoodturner.com](http://www.robwallacewoodturner.com)) will give a presentation that will show a variety of “secondary” accessory tools which can enhance the woodturner’s ability to improve their technique and use their time at the lathe more efficiently. Some of the tools and techniques that will be demonstrated include those used for marking and measuring the wood turned items as they develop on the lathe. This includes demonstrating the correct use of different kinds of calipers for measuring the wall thickness of bowls and hollow forms, marking blanks, determining shape proportions, measuring tenon size, shape, and foot thickness, and transferring measurements. Other accessories to be shown include commercial and home-made adapters for use on threaded live centers, adapters for jam chucking and reverse chucking, accessories for lighting, and several “convenience” tools. The goal of this presentation is to make turners aware of the wide range of turning-related accessories that are available, how to use them, and explain how they enhance and improve the woodturning experience.

## JANUARY SCOUT CENTER MEETING

The January networking meeting at the Scout Center will be Wednesday, January 25th at 9:30 AM.

[Link to event details](#). Additional details will be sent prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there.

## 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.

## 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).

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by **Dan Carlson**, Membership Director

### DUE \$ ARE DUE

Don't let your membership lapse and avoid the late payment penalty. Pay your dues before or at the January meeting for only \$20. You can pay by cash, check or credit card at the January meeting. After that it goes up to \$25. You can also pay by mailing a check payable to Des Moines Woodturners to:

Des Moines Woodturners  
PO Box 71629  
Clive, IA 50325

Those of you that have not paid should have received an email from me earlier this week on how you can securely pay online with your credit card.

Membership cards not picked up at the January meeting at the Woodsmith Store will be mailed to you after that. The Woodsmith Store will not extend your 10% discount without you showing a current membership card.

We currently have 176 club members. Please join me in welcoming these new members: Dan Coulson of Mount Ayr, Kendall Arkema of Bondurant and Pat Collision of Bondurant.

## 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](#)

## TRAINING CLASS NEWS

by John Amberg, Training Assistant/Coordinator

The following schedule of Spring Classes are now accepting member sign-ups. Note that the first Basic Woodturning class is already full.

### 2023 SPRING TRAINING CLASSES

Basic Woodturning (2 days)	Mon - Mar 6 & 13 <b>CLASS FULL</b>
Basic Skew Chisel	Mon - Mar 20
Basic Bowl Turning	Mon - Mar 27
Basic Segmenting Methods	Mon - April 10
Basic Woodturning (2 days)	Mon - Apr 24 & May 1
Basic Bowl Turning	Mon - May 15



The two day Basic Woodturning class is held for two consecutive Mondays. Attendance on both dates, along with turning in assigned homework done in your shop between class dates, is a requirement to be eligible to take other scheduled Training Center classes. Classes run from 8:30am until 5:00pm with a 30 minute lunch break.

To complete assigned class homework, students must own a lathe, or have ready access to one. The turning tools are provided but some measuring and safety accessories are required. All other classes are one day only. Tools are also provided for the Bowl Class. No turning tools are required for the Basic Segmenting class but the Basic Skew chisel class requires students to bring their own skew chisel(s).

Members are encouraged to only purchase individual tools you know you need and made from M2 or harder steel such as M4, M42, CPM 10V, A11 and others. In the current marketplace, HSS markings alone no longer designates adequate tool steel quality. Above all, refrain from purchasing tool sets. They tend to contain scaled down size tools (shorter life) and tools you'll likely never use while missing others you'll soon want in your tool rack.

A fall class schedule will also be available starting September 18 and finishing November 20. If you have suggestions for additional class subjects or have other questions, please contact me.

Class fees remain the same at \$20 per class day.

We are looking forward to helping you become a safe and confident woodturner.

John Amberg ([johnaamberg@yahoo.com](mailto:johnaamberg@yahoo.com), 858-220-1489)

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](#)



**Turn to your Passion**

### **American Association of Woodturners**

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