



Des Moines Wood Turners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

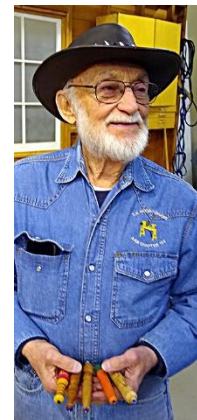
Our next monthly meeting will be Saturday, March 11th, 2023, at 1:00 PM, at the Woodsmith Store in Clive. Please remember to park well away from the entrance (North row or far East side of the lot) for customer access during the meeting. Our presenters for the month will be Dick Meuler and Dave Yearian.



Member Dick Meuler (Moy Ler) will demonstrate turning and finishing of a Spurtle and a Dibble (or Dibbler) at our Saturday, March 11th meeting at The Woodsmith Store. These are two simple spindle projects that any woodturner can make. Dick will share the techniques and methods he uses to turn each, PLUS, his personalized style that sets them apart for a practical reason. In addition, he'll share his version of "Scottish Spurtle history" told to visitors, who hopefully become customers at our Iowa State Fair booth in August. That's where we sell a host of member turned items during the fair each year. In our monthly Chapter demos, we are trying to demonstrate several of those items to emphasize the importance of quality and attention to needed product details.

Newer members may not know that Dick has worked with wood since his teenage years, nearly 70 years ago. He joined the Des Moines Woodworkers in 1995 and served on their board for approximately six years and again in 2010. He took the Basic Woodturning class in February of 2009 with a new Jet 1220 VS lathe and added a used Powermatic 3520B in 2014. He has been a part of the training team since 2013 when the Chapter separated from the Des Moines Woodworkers due to new insurance requirements. He was instrumental in acquiring a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit status with the IRS and incorporating the new non-profit DM Woodturners Inc. with the State of Iowa. He has remained as the organization's Registered Agent. He has since served in leadership roles as Membership chair, Newsletter Editor, VP 2013-2014, President 2015, 2016, 2017, and undertook coordinating training classes in 2020, 2021, and 2022. He continues as one of the training instructors in 2023. He enjoys turning utility items that are functional and purposeful and is said to enjoy production turning, within reason. Favorite turning woods are hard Maple, Cherry, Walnut, and Osage Orange when he can find it. In 2022, his hands, or projects he was turning, were pictured 39 times in three issues of WOOD magazine, including two issues with projects of his own design. Those photos verified he still has eight fingers and two thumbs, albeit some have telltale woodworking scars.

Dave Yearian is an active member of the Des Moines Woodturners Association and is a very experienced woodturner. Dave has assisted in our training process and plays an important part in making the State Fair booth successful. He will be explaining how the "simple pens" are made and he will provide examples of various designs. Dave will undertake the first step of drilling all the blanks (300 to 400 blanks) which allows the membership to complete the design using their own creativity. The "simple pens" are very popular and generates good revenue for our association. We struggle to get volunteers to complete the final steps and would encourage everyone to join in the fun.



MARCH SCOUT CENTER MEETING

The March networking meeting at the Scout Center will be Wednesday, March 22nd at 9:30 AM. [Link to event details](#). Additional details will be sent prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by **Dan Carlson**, Membership Director

Our club currently stands at 160 members. Everyone should have their 2023 membership card at this time. If you do not have it, you can contact me at 515-720-0637 or send an email to dmwoodturners@gmail.com. If you have a friend that might be interested in woodturning, bring them to the next meeting as your guest. If you have any turned items for the fair completed, you can turn them in at the next Chapter meeting at the Woodsmith Store or at the Scout Center.

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.

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: kansas-retail@woodcraft.com . Website link . 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.

TRAINING CLASS NEWS

by John Amberg, Training Assistant/Coordinator

The following schedule of Spring Classes are now accepting member sign-ups.

2023 SPRING TRAINING CLASSES	
Basic Woodturning (2 days)	Mon - Mar 6 & 13 CLASS FULL
Basic Skew Chisel	Mon - Mar 20 CLASS FULL
Basic Bowl Turning	Mon - Mar 27 3 openings
Basic Segmenting Methods	Mon - May 8 (Date Change) 2 openings
Basic Woodturning (2 days)	Mon - Apr 24 & May 1 CLASS FULL
Basic Bowl Turning	Mon - May 15 2 openings



Thanks to all those who have signed up for classes. Further details and instructions will be sent by email two to three weeks before the first class date. We need additional students for the unfilled classes. A minimum enrollment of 3 students per class is required. Each class will improve your skill and confidence as a turner. In addition, you have the opportunity to get to know a few of your fellow turners and we always have a few laughs. We are looking forward to helping you become a safe and confident woodturner.

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 - 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.

John Amberg: 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.

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.

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.

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](#)

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.

Have you had any of these changes?

PHONE NUMBER?

E-MAIL ADDRESS?

MAILING ADDRESS?

Send changes to 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

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