



# Des Moines Wood Turners

## Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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### THE END OF AN ERA

By Tom Whalley – President

Our relationship with The Woodsmith Store, which has extended over several decades, is coming to an end with Saturday's Chapter meeting – our last one at the store. The Woodsmith Store and the folks that work there have been incredible hosts allowing us to use the wonderful facility we have come to call our home. But like all good things, it has come to an end with the sale of the building and grounds to The Horizon Center south of the store.

Following the meeting, we would greatly appreciate it if you can stick around to help prepare some items for the move to Valley West Mall. We want to stack the chairs on racks, podium, white board, lathe, the library, and all the tables. If you are available Monday, (weather permitting) we plan to begin moving items to our new mall location at around 9 – 9:30 in the morning where we hope to begin a new era in the fall.

We will move our Scout Center meeting on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to the mall.

Please come to the final Chapter meeting Saturday and take some time to thank Dave Larson and his team for all they have done for us!

### MAY CHAPTER MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be Saturday, May 13th, at 1:00 PM, at the Woodsmith Store in Clive. Please park in the far north row or the far eastern section of the lot so Woodsmith customers have close parking to the door during our meeting. Our May presenter will be Tad Tadlock demonstrating how to turn a live edge bowl. Tad has been a member of the Des Moines Woodturners since April 2013 and began his turning adventure in 2013. Tad enjoys turning basic woodturning items such as finials, green bowls, and just taking an unusual piece of wood and see what it yields.

Tad has been an important part of our training program; teaching the basic wood turning, bowl turning, and sharpening classes. He continues to volunteer as a demonstrator performing his talents for our group.



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by **Dan Carlson**, Membership Director

Our current membership headcount stands at 165 members. During the month of April three new members joined our club. They are: Shawn Brown of Urbandale, Brent Chambers of Mitchellville and Tim Nelligan of Clive. Welcome to the Des Moines Woodturners gentlemen.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

by **Dan Carlson**, Membership Director

I would like to spotlight a dedicated member of our club. Robert Sheeler joined our club in January of 2017. He currently resides in Newton. Robert has been unable to attend our meetings for a few years but that hasn't diminished his interest in what club members are working on. He thoroughly enjoys receiving the newsletter each month. Robert sent our club a generous donation to use as we see fit. He knows we are working on a new location for our meetings and he wanted to help in the only way he can. Robert is no longer able to turn or get out of his home. We are asking for donations of woodturning magazines that we will take to him. Please bring your magazine donations this Saturday and we will see that he gets them.

## MALL LOCATION PROGRESS

Many members have helped get our new space ready at Valley West Mall. A huge thank you to those that have volunteered their time to get this space ready for our future meetings. Here are some progress pictures.





## TRAINING CLASS NEWS

by John Amberg, Training Assistant/Coordinator



Basic Woodturning Class:

Dick Meuler (Instructor), Diana Wright, Gary Lawrance, Mike Mauro, Tad Tadlock (instructor)

### Fall Classes (First Announcement)

Basic Woodturning	Sept. 18 & 25	1 opening
Basic Segmenting	Oct. 2	4 openings
Basic Bowl	Oct. 9	2 openings
Basic Woodturning	Oct. 23 & 30	4 openings
Basic Skew Chisel	Nov. 6	4 openings
Basic Bowl	Nov. 13	4 openings

**Fall Classes (Second Announcement)** Now is a great time to sign up for the Fall classes. If you have not taken Basic Woodturning you will find it useful if you're new to turning, been away from the lathe for a while or would just like a refresher. It is a fun day and a confidence builder. In addition, it is the prerequisite for the other courses. Basic Woodturning is two days, 8:30 to 5 and costs \$40.

**Basic Bowl Turning:** This class touches on basics of wood harvesting, differences from spindle turning, and introduces the bowl gouge. You will practice on a poplar blank before turning your Hard Maple Bowl. The class is one full day. We provide the tools and blanks, you provide the accessories and face shield. The cost is \$20, payable on the day of the class.

**Basic Segmenting** This 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 the class. Pre-cut segments for glue-up practice will be furnished. Bring paper and pencil to take notes. This cost is \$20, payable on the day of the class.

**Basic Skew Chisel** This class will introduce students to the proper techniques and use of the tool as well as sharpening. Students will furnish their own skew chisel(s) (3/4 inch and up preferred). We will use the same accessories as in the Basic Woodturning Class. Of course, a Face Shield is required. The cost is \$20 payable, on the first day of class.

Please contact John Amberg at [johnaamberg@yahoo.com](mailto:johnaamberg@yahoo.com) or 858-220-1489 for further information or to sign up for classes.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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 – 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.

## 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](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

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