



Des Moines Wood Turners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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Iowa State Fair Booth Was Another Success

by Tom Whalley, President

First, a big thank you to all those who in some way contributed to another successful showing at this year's fair. This includes all those that made something for us to sell, those who helped move our equipment to the fairgrounds and set it up, the other folks that helped set up and tear down, and especially to all the volunteers who did the turning demonstrations as well as selling our items. It is because of the efforts of these members that your membership dues continue to be one of the lowest of all chapters within the AAW. Also a big thank you to Brian Simmons for judging the woodturnings this year. To those that were not able to participate this year, please consider helping us out this coming year by making items and by volunteering to work at the booth next year.

We had folks from many states visit our location – one lady bought 13 spurtles! Sometimes we have unusual requests. One such request came from the Schieffer family from Cedar Rapids. Their son Lincoln has a nut allergy and wanted a spurtle that would fit in his “man bag”. The problem was that it could not have any defined ridges or markings that might harbor peanut butter should it be used by someone else. The solution – Chris Saleh offered to make one specific to Lincoln's needs. Here is the happy family with Chris presenting Lincoln his own spurtle. Pictured here is Lindsey, Maddie and his father Chris.

On the first Sunday, Josh Buettner, a producer and director from Iowa Public Television stopped by to film us in action for a broadcast later in the week. In case you missed seeing it, here is a link to the broadcast. <https://youtu.be/YXgxE1FNRjE>.



September Chapter Meeting — — — — “WHAT CAN GO WRONG”

Our next monthly meeting will be Saturday, Sept 9, at 1:00 PM, at the VALLEY WEST MALL. Our September presenter will be Will Zitterich demonstrating “WHAT CAN GO WRONG”.

Turning wood on the lathe should be enjoyable. But if the turner does not feel safe when turning it will not be very enjoyable. Beginning turners may not know what can go wrong which can lead to being a tentative turner and less than enjoyable turning.

To turn wood safely on the lathe, the turner should eliminate as many of the things that can go wrong as practical before beginning to turn. Things can still go wrong when turning even if you eliminate as many of the potential problems or flaws that you can imagine. Turning may not ever be completely safe but it will become safer when you eliminate as many of the potential problems or pitfalls as possible.

Will has turned all kinds of wood and in all kinds of conditions. Some wood should not be turned as it may not be safe to turn them. He will describe some of the things that can go wrong, explain why it is unsafe, and how the turner can either eliminate it or make the turning go more safely.

Will has studied and practiced woodworking for over five decades. A civil engineer by trade, his creativity and appreciation for beauty comes out in his bowls, vases, vessels, and urns. A native of Iowa, he has dedicated his craft to many fundraisers, church functions, and school charitable events. He has donated numerous works of art to support ALS and Breast Cancer Awareness and Research. The Story County Freedom Flight enjoys his donations each year to support Iowa Veterans.

Will's website is: <http://www.willworksinwood.com/>



September Chapter Meeting — — — “JIGS AND FIXTURES”

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE JIG OR FIXTURE FOR SHOW AND TELL

It's September and time to begin our monthly demonstrations in our new location. I would like to thank all the members who stepped up and volunteered to do demonstrations last year. Many of the faces are very familiar to the group as they consistently volunteer to organize and perform a presentation.

I would encourage the membership to volunteer to do a demonstration in the up and coming year. You do not have to be a professional, but choose a topic you enjoy turning and share your knowledge with the group. We usually bring a completed example of what you will be presenting and examples of the different steps of the process.

At our September 9th meeting I would like each of our members to bring an example of a jig that you have made, or purchased, that makes your turning easier and share it with the group. It can be an example of something simple or complex that you think the group could learn from. I have made several jigs that really help me when I make segmented bowls.



Bandsaw Jig for Cross Cutting/Ripping Logs

by Dick Meuler

This jig works for cross cutting logs as well as ripping log lengths up to 22.375 inches long. You can see this jig at the September 9 meeting at the VALLEY WEST MALL.



2023 Iowa State Fair Woodturning Awards - Congratulations!

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Bowl	Donna Byers	James Gunning	Jack Rolison
Box	Dick Meuler	David Rabe	James Gunning
Hollow Vessel	Jack Rolison	Stan Merrell	David Rabe
Kit Items	Phil Laudenklos	Donna Byers	Robert Blink
Natural Turned Item	Charles Tadlock	LeRoy G Monson	Charles Tadlock
Functional Items	Mark Widdel	LeRoy G Monson	Charles Tadlock
Seasonal	Dick Meuler		
Segmented Turned Item	David Rabe	Tom Whalley	Stan Merrell
Open Segmented Turned Item	Steve Yeager	Stan Merrell	Steve Yeager
Embellished Turned Item	David Rabe	David Rabe	
Stylized	Jack Rolison	Robert Wallace	Steve Yeager
Any Other Turned Wood Project	Doug Shirk	LeRoy G Monson	Steve Yeager

Best of Show	1st Runner Up	2nd Runner Up	3rd Runner Up	Honorable mention	Honorable mention
David Rabe	Donna Byers	Dick Meuler	Jack Rolison	Mark Widdel	Steve Yeager

Plan Ahead for the 2024 Iowa State Fair

July 31: Move equipment from the Training Center and Valley West Mall to the Iowa State Fair

August 3, 6 and 7: Booth set up and fine tuning

August 8 to 18: 2024 Iowa State Fair

August 19: Tear down booth and return items to Training Center and Valley West Mall

Membership Update

by Dan Carlson, Membership Director

Our current membership headcount stands at 169 members. During the months of May-August, seven new members joined our club. They are: Kal Edwards from Fontanelle, Dennis Williams from West Des Moines, Jerry Futer from Pleasant Hill, Dick Day from West Des Moines, Joe Kaskadden from Oskaloosa, Shell Funk from Des Moines and Tom Golding from Boone.

Welcome, all of you and hope to see you at the next meeting.

Once again I would like to thank Ron Jacobson for his generous donation of turning supplies and wood. We are able to use some of this for our stock to make items for next year's state fair as well as offer some nice pieces to our members. Thanks again, Ron.

We will have drawings at our upcoming chapter meeting so be sure to get your ticket and name badge when you come in the door. **Don't forget we meet at our suite in Valley West Mall at 1pm on September 9th.**

Rick Hutcheson Remembrance

Many of us met Rick when he was a professional scrollsawer. He led the Des Moines Woodworkers Scroll Saw Special Interest Group. As his scrollsaw business slowed down, Rick took up woodturning with a vengeance. He hosted and taught woodturning classes for several years and was a frequent woodturning demonstrator at our monthly meetings before he began having medical issues.



New Training Class Announcement - Basic Sharpening - October 16

The new sharpening class will use lathe mounted sandpaper sharpening wheels and wooden dowels to teach the techniques of sharpening. This class is primarily for gouges but will also touch on a variety of other common traditional turning tools such as parting tools, skew, bedan and scrapers. In addition, sharpening hollowing tools, thread chasers, hook tools and common flat carbide cutters will be discussed. After practice, students will have the opportunity to sharpen their own tools using the Oneway Wolverine Sharpening system and CBN wheels. The class will be from 9 am to 4 pm and will cost \$20.

Fall 2023 Woodturning Classes Enrollment

Basic Woodturning (9/18 & 25)	Howard Hackbart	Kim Eaton	Dennis Williams	Dan Coulson
Basic Segmenting (10/2)	Mike Mauro	Dennis Williams	Dan Hotka	
Basic Bowl (10/9)	Dick Day	Dennis Williams	Dan Coulson	Kim Eaton
Basic Sharpening (10/16) NEW CLASS	Dan Carlson			
Basic Woodturning (10/23 & 30)	Fuzz Floyd	Jerry Futer	Kal Edwards	Joe Kaskatden
Basic Skew Chisel (11/6)	Dennis Williams	Jerry Futer	Dan Coulson	
Basic Bowl (11/13)	Fuzz Floyd	Jerry Futer	Kal Edwards	
Are you signed up for a class you cannot take? Are you missing from this list? Contact John Amberg ASAP!				

Basic Woodturning: Now is a great time to sign up for the Spring 2024 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 awhile 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 consecutive Mondays, 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. The cost is \$20 payable, on the first day of class.

Please contact John Amberg at johnaamberg@yahoo.com or 858-220-1489 for further information or to sign up.

Spring 2024 Woodturning Classes		
Basic Woodturning	March 11&18, 2024	4 openings
Basic Skew Chisel	March 25, 2024	4 openings
Basic Bowl	April 1, 2024	4 openings
Basic Sharpening	April 15, 2024	4 openings
Basic Woodturning	April 22&29,2024	4 openings
Basic Segmenting	May 6, 2024	4 openings
Basic Bowl	May 13, 2024	4 openings
Basic Sharpening	May 20, 2024	4 openings

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

AAW Remote Demonstration Resource	Documents, videos, and a list of demonstrators with contact information.
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.

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	Temporarily closed. New location not determined.
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.

CHAPTER DIRECT WEB LINKS

Meetings and Events	Woodturning Articles and Plans
Chapter Library List	Contact Board Members and Volunteers
Membership Application Form	

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Please contact any member of the board with your comments, suggestions, or concerns.		
President – Tom Whalley	Treasurer - Stan Merrell	Programs - Bill Burchett
Vice President –	Education - Tad Tadlock	At-large – Mike Hamilton
Secretary - Will Zitterich	Membership - Dan Carlson	

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 suggestions on how to improve the newsletter, please send them to johnaamberg@yahoo.com .

Have you had any of these changes?

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Send changes to DMWoodTurners@gmail.com

Or call 515-720-0637

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of WOODTURNERS (AAW)

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.

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