



Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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October Demonstration by Chris Saleh - A Christmas Tree with Floating Rings



Chris began his woodworking journey by working with his dad in his workshop, doing flat work and turning. His dad was a cabinet maker by trade and a hobby turner for about 15 years. Chris started turning about three years ago and has been covered in sawdust and shavings since. Chris started making bowls and platters, and recently has gained appreciation for spindle turning. He's gaining experience using the skew chisel and learning how to chase threads.



October Display by Dick Meuler - Christmas Tree Ornaments



I enjoy turning both spindle and cross grain projects but likely turn more spindle stock because of the wide variety of items that fit that format. I most enjoy creating items that solve problems as simple as gas can stoppers to replace lost ones to two piece medallions to complete a bowl that somehow has a hole in the bottom. I've worked with wood for 70 years, as my dad had a simple shop with a line shaft that powered a scroll saw, lathe and a tiny table saw purchased from Montgomery Ward in the 30's or 40's. Any turning I did was primarily scraping and sanding. Then I went through the Basic Learning to learn the correct way to use tools. Investing in better tools and a sharpening

system made all the difference in the world. Once you really "catch on" to the proper sharpening and safe tool handling techniques, it seems to take no time to create a project that fills you with pride.



Corrections to the September Newsletter

Iowa State Fair Booth Was Another Success

The link to the video of the WoodTurning booth at the State Fair was incomplete.

The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXgxE1FNRjE>

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

The link to Will Zitterich’s website was incomplete.

The link is: <http://www.willworksinwood.com/>

Looking Ahead to the November 11 Chapter Meeting All About Hollowing Systems presented by Rob Wallace

This program will show a few of the different systems available for hollowing vessels. I will primarily show set-up and use of the following types of systems:

1. “Hand” hollowing system using an arm brace on smaller vessels.
(Sorby handle; John Jordan hollowers)
2. A “D-arm” captured hollowing system (Jamieson system)
3. A captured boring bar hollowing system (Sinner/Advanced Lathe Tools System)
4. An articulated arm hollowing system (the “Gizmo”, similar to the “Elbo Tool” hollowing system)

I will explain similarities and differences, “learning curve” of each, their relative ease of use, and other “pros and cons” of the different systems. This demo is meant to give an overview of the different kinds of hollowing systems available for those turners who are considering buying a system or upgrading the one they have currently.

Board Meetings are Open to All Members

Any member of the Des Moines Woodturners can attend the Board meeting. The Board meets monthly following the Networking meeting held at the Valley West Mall on the 4th Wednesday. The time the meeting starts is variable, so just stay after the networking meeting and grab a seat.

Thank You to Chuck Haas

The Des Moines Training Center has completed its move to the space provided by the generosity of club member Chuck Haas. Chuck has supported the educational mission of the DMWT for many years. We truly appreciate his kindness.

Our Club Runs On Volunteer Power

The Des Moines Woodturners is an all volunteer organization. The more the members help out, the better the club runs. Please consider how you can help.

Duane Groenenboom is now helping keeping the State Fair Products in order (and lending a hand at the Training Center). **Bob Fischer** is our Library Assistant. **Dennis Anderson** is assisting Bill Burchett with Programs.

Thanks to **Rob Beattie** for cookies at the Chapter meeting on October 14 and to **Steve Downey** for donuts at the October 25 Networking Meeting.

If you are a volunteer and we have not recognized you, please let me know (johnaamberg@yahoo.com).

Des Moines Woodturners Mentoring Program

by Will Zitterich

Are you a new turner with a new lathe and itching to start turning but the club's turning classes are full or months away from beginning? What can you do? You may want to go to the Des Moines Woodturners website at www.dmwoodturners.com and read about the club's mentoring program. The page for the Member Mentor Program lists a number of volunteers members in good standing who are willing to share their experience and answer specific questions to help you with a particular problem. Each mentor's strengths are noted along with their name and city location. Select the one who might be the best for you to contact based on your questions and how close they live to you and make contact with them. The information about each mentor turner is listed as well as the preferred method to contact them. It will be up to the volunteer mentor to decide if they can help you and whose shop will be used and how they can help you with your turning needs.

Keep in mind that is not a class and will not replace the Des Moines Woodturners sponsored classes. Neither is it a method for someone to complete a specific job. It is an educational tool to help you learn to turn safely, answer questions, or help with specific turning problems. Safety is foremost in both woodturning practices and shop environments. This includes safe tool use, sharpening techniques, and personal safety.

If you would like to take advantage of this program, please go to the website page for "[Documents and Downloads](#)" and download two documents. One is for "[Woodturning Safety is YOUR Responsibility](#)" document and the other is a "[Member \(Mentee\) Liability Waiver](#)" document. Both of these documents must be read, signed and given to the Member Mentor you have chosen when you first meet them.

Festival of Lights

Contact: Greg Alberts [\(515\) 314-7389](tel:5153147389)

Once again the Woodworkers, Woodturners, and Woodcarvers clubs are collaborating to decorate a tree to benefit Blank Children's Hospital. This is the 40th year of the Festival.

We're asking for handmade, wooden, finished Christmas tree decorations to decorate a seven-foot tree. Typically the Woodsmith Store has let us drop off finished ornaments, but with their move and pending reopening date, that hasn't been firmed-up yet.

Completed ornaments will need to be turned in by November 1, and I'll let you know the drop off location as that date approaches.

We're also looking for someone to make or donate a tree skirt, as well as a tree topper, both of which will stay with the tree and go to the winning bidder.

We're also looking for help to decorate the tree on Sunday afternoon, November 19, starting at 1:00, at Veterans Memorial, downtown Des Moines.

Let Greg know if you can help with tree skirt, tree topper, or decorating the tree.

Plan Ahead for the 2024 Iowa State Fair

Today until August 7: Turn and contribute product to be sold at the booth
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

Chapter Volunteers

AV Producer	Tom Baker	Maintenance	Volunteer Needed
Camera	Tom Baker	Newsletter	John Amberg
Camera	Craig Wyckoff	Photographer	Gil Lea
Greeter	Vikki Morain	Refreshments	Volunteer Needed
Greeter	Donna Byers	State Fair Products	Duane Groenenboom
Librarian	Don Skarin	Training	Dick Meuler
Library Assistant	Bob Fischer	Training	Tad Tadlock
Mentoring	Will Zitterich	Training	John Amberg
		Webmaster	Jim Bergeson

Looking Forward to February - Pat Carroll from Ireland

Pat will be visiting the DMWT on February 3rd and providing us with two FREE demonstrations. The exact details are still being worked on. Here are pictures of some of his work. For more information about Pat, visit his website at [PatCarrollWoodturning](http://PatCarrollWoodturning.com).



Update your contact information (phone, email, address) by emailing DMWoodTurners@gmail.com or calling [515-720-0637](tel:515-720-0637).

Training Center News

We are settling into our new facility (we moved from Suite 430 to 425). As previously, we share the space with the Woodworkers. We have new, more spacious cabinets and now the lathes are set permanently. Fine tuning will continue until it feels just right. If you would like to take a look, drop by during a Monday class. Our most recent graduates are seen on the next page.



Basic Woodturning Class

Tad Tadlock (instructor), Dennis Williams, Dan Coulson, Howard Hackbart, Kim Eaton, Dick Meuler (instructor)



Segmenting Class

Jack Kennedy (instructor), Dan England (instructor), Dan Hotka, Dennis Williams, Howard Hackbart, Dennis Anderson, Stan Merrill (instructor)



Bowl Class

Duane Groenenboom (instructor), Howard Hackbart, Kyle Knee, Dennis Williams, Tad Tadlock (instructor), Dan Coulson

Fall 2023 Woodturning Classes Enrollment

Basic Sharpening (10/16)	Dan Carlson	Dan MacAlpine	Howard Hackbart	Joe Burklund
Basic Woodturning (10/23 & 30)	Fuzz Floyd	Jerry Futer	Tim Nelligan	Joe Kaskadden
Basic Skew Chisel (11/6)	Dennis Williams	Jerry Futer	Dan Coulson	Dan MacAlpine
Basic Bowl (11/13)	Fuzz Floyd	Jerry Futer	Kal Edwards	Kim Eaton

Are you signed up for a class you cannot take? Are you missing from this list? Contact John Amberg ASAP!

Now Is A Great Time to Sign Up for Spring 2024 Classes

Basic Woodturning: 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. Enhance your spindle turning skills. 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. This is a one day class and costs \$20.

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 is a one day class and costs \$20.

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. This is a one day class and costs \$20.

Basic Sharpening: The 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. This is a one day class and costs \$20.

Spring 2024 Woodturning Classes		
Basic Woodturning	March 11 & 18, 2024	4 openings
Basic Skew Chisel	March 25, 2024	2 openings
Basic Bowl	April 1, 2024	4 openings
Basic Sharpening	April 15, 2024	Full
Basic Woodturning	April 22 & 29, 2024	4 openings
Basic Segmenting	May 6, 2024	3 openings
Basic Bowl	May 13, 2024	4 openings
Basic Sharpening	May 20, 2024	4 openings

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

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.

AAW MEMBERSHIP – JOIN or RENEW TODAY

[AAW Membership Join or Renew](#)

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Website: <https://www.woodturner.org/>

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 (prices subject to change)

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 \$10.00 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.

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 johnnaamberg@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT – SUPPLIER DISCOUNTS

Among 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!! (see next page)

Woodsmith Store	Temporarily closed. New location is ClockTower Square next to Fresh Thyme.
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 would ever want especially in the hardware and fastener area. Hours: Monday through Friday 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.

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