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Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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November 11 Chapter Meeting All About Hollowing Systems presented by Rob Wallace



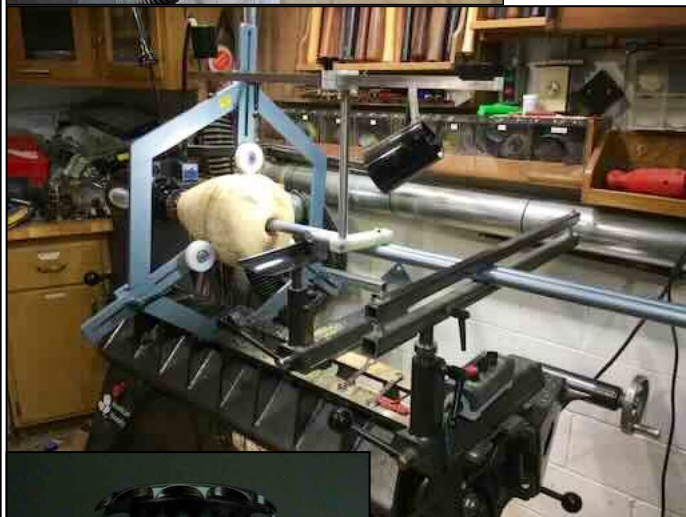
Rob Wallace has been engaged in woodturning for over 30 years and enjoys the challenge of showcasing the beauty and figure of wood in the various pieces he creates at the lathe. He has participated in a wide range of juried art exhibitions throughout Iowa and sells his turned artwork by consignment or commission at several different galleries. He also enjoys teaching about woodturning, focuses his efforts on providing instruction on tools, equipment, and techniques, and has been a frequent demonstrator at local, regional, and national woodturning symposia. Rob served one term on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Woodturners and has been an active member of the Board of Trustees of the Octagon Center for the Arts in Ames, serving as its President for several years. In

addition to woodturning, he has interests in gardening, fishing, amateur radio, and brewing beer.

This program will show a few of the different kinds of systems available for hollowing vessels.

Rob will primarily show set-up and use of the following 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)



"Elbo Tool" hollowing

Rob 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.

Here is Rob's website: www.robwallacewoodturner.com/

!!!!!! Important Schedule Change !!!!!!!

The monthly Wednesday morning networking meetings will be one week earlier in November and December due to the holidays. Join us November 15 and December 20. There will NOT be a meeting on November 22 or December 27.

Election of Officers

At the November Chapter meeting you will have the chance to influence the future of the DMWT. It is time for elections of officers. All the current officers and board members are standing for re-election.

We are in need of a Vice-President. Please consider it, and if you are interested, speak to Tom Whalley.

Board Members and Officers

Please contact any member of the board with your comments, suggestions, or concerns.

President: Tom Whalley (515) 321-6323 themodelshop@mchsi.com	Treasurer: Stan Merrell (515) 491-5411 srmerrell1@gmail.com	Programs: Bill Burchett (641) 891-0334 billburchett@hotmail.com Dennis Anderson (515) 975-8573 dennis.anderson.dca@gmail.com
Vice President: Volunteer Still Needed	Training: Tad Tadlock (515) 201-7403 tad4tahoe@aol.com	Safety: Mike Hamilton (515) 822-6771 kmhamilton9@msn.com
Secretary: Will Zitterich (515)-232-1765 wzitterich@mchsi.com	Membership: Dan Carlson (515) 720-0637 dano1466@yahoo.com	

Special Meeting - February 3rd - Pat Carroll from Ireland

Pat will be visiting the DMWT on February 3rd and providing us with two FREE demonstrations. Complete details to follow. For more information about Pat, visit his website at [PatCarrollWoodturning](http://PatCarrollWoodturning.com).

This will be a special meeting and will NOT replace the regular Chapter meeting of February 10th.

All About the Questionnaires from Tom Whalley, President

We have received many great responses to our questionnaires, but I still want to hear from the rest of you. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard. The board is listening and will be doing what it can to implement your suggestions. Please, if you have not already done so, complete your questionnaire and drop it in the mail. Your Chapter has even provided the postage for you to do so.

Some Initial Observations

Programs. Many of you are requesting for the monthly demos to include projects most members could actually do and to gear some of them toward beginners. Also, it's about 50-50 to either have one longer demo or 2 to 3 short demos each month. A couple folks suggested mixing that up – have one long one for one month and 2-3 short ones the next month. During the months of multiple demos, this would be a great time to offer at least one of those geared toward a program for the members just starting out in woodturning.

Show and Tell. The results of this portion of the survey say we have a huge misconception of what we hoped show and tell would be. Too many responses (about 4 to 1) have been “my work isn't good enough!” This is absolutely NOT what show and tell is meant to be. This is, never has been, nor will it ever be a contest or competition. This is about you showing your project and telling us about challenges making it, how you overcame them, and asking the crowd for ideas on how to correct a problem area you are facing. That's it! Some members have responded that they feel show and tell takes away from instruction time. This is also instruction time. This portion of the program may be just what newer turners might be looking for that will help them improve a problem or technique they have been struggling with.

Show and Tell is meant to be an educational and inspirational part of our meetings. It's about asking questions about your project to learn from experienced members how you can improve. Please NEVER EVER think your work is not good enough, because it IS good enough. Show and Tell is designed to be a learning and sharing experience, not a critique. Many members have also discovered that by showing their project and asking for advice, they have gained the confidence they once lacked. If anyone wants a critique or more feedback, they can always ask someone for that at another time, one-on-one.

DMWT Thanks Jane Wendel by Dan Carlson

Jane Wendel from Ankeny has donated the pen turning equipment from the shop of her late husband, Rev. David Wendel. Thanks to Dennis Anderson for picking it up and bringing it in for the club to sell. Some of the items we are able to use in our training center saving the cost of purchasing these items and the remainder will be sold to our members at future club meetings. I will announce when some or all of these items will be available for your purchase. I anticipate that we will put many of these items together and sell as a package. This would be perfect for the member that wants to get into turning pens and other kits that are turned on a mandrel.

Taxes and Giving

Effective January 7, 2014 the Internal Revenue Service determined Des Moines Woodturners Inc. is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors may be able to deduct contributions they make under IRC Section 170. The organization is further qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devices, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. Be sure to ask your tax advisor if your deduction would qualify.

How to receive tax-deductions for your charitable donations: The charitable donation deduction allows you to lower your taxable income for donations or gifts to qualified, tax-exempt organizations. To get the deduction, you must itemize on [Form 1040, Schedule A](#). Gifts of equipment, tools, accessories, books, videos, etc. will be deductible only if the items are in "good used condition or better."

Volunteering Deductions: Although you can't deduct the value of time or services donated to an organization, you can deduct any costs that are incurred during volunteering, such as gas mileage or the cost of a volunteer uniform.

Cash, Check or other Monetary Gift Donation: For these contributions (regardless of amount), you must maintain a record of the contribution. A bank record or written communication from the qualified organization containing the name of the organization, the amount, and the date of the contribution.

Property Donation: You can deduct the fair market value of property you donate to qualified organizations. [See Publication 561](#), *Determining the Value of Donated Property*.

Please consider DMWT in your estate and tax planning. Your donations to Des Moines Woodturners Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, may be eligible for a tax deduction, but always check with your tax advisor.

For complete details: <https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc506>, Topic No. 506, Charitable Contributions.

Wig Stands

Contact: Dan MacAlpine

Hair loss following chemotherapy is a traumatic event. Woodturners can help. After the patient obtains a wig, they need a place to store it when not wearing it. Dan MacAlpine is organizing a group to make wig stands. If you would like to help, contact Dan at dmacalpine71@gmail.com.



Festival of Trees and Lights - Last Call

Contact: Greg Alberts at 515-314-7389

There will be a box behind the counter at the Valley West Mall for your ornament donations for the Festival of Trees and Lights. The last day to turn them in is at our Chapter meeting on November 11th.

We are also looking for a few more people who want to have fun decorating the tree, November 19th at 1pm at the Community Choice - Veteran's Auditorium. Call Greg if you are interested.

Re-Store Gift Card Available

Contact: Tom Whalley

You might have noticed a new floor under the lathe at the mall. The plan initially was to install a wood laminate floor over the carpet; however, once we got into that process, we discovered there were additional unknown issues that prevented doing that. We purchased the flooring from the Re-Store but had to return it since we could not use it. As a refund, they gave us a \$367.00 credit which can be used to purchase anything there. We would appreciate it if any member who might be considering a purchase at the Re-Store use this gift card and then reimburse the club accordingly so that we can recoup our investment. All you would need to do is take the card there for payment. Then bring the receipt to our treasurer along with your check in that amount to pay the Chapter for the items you purchased there. This could be done by multiple members until the entire amount has been redeemed.

With the Christmas holidays quickly approaching, the card could be purchased from the chapter and donated to a non-profit organization that could then purchase items they need there, as well.

If anyone is interested in using the card for their own needs or to purchase it to donate to an organization of their choice, please contact Tom Whalley at 515-321-6323 or email Tom at themodelshop@mchsi.com.

Membership News

A warm welcome to our two new members, Neal Dahlen from Pella and Jerry (Jerbo) Reiman from Carroll.

Membership Dues are Due from Dan Carlson, Membership Director

You may pay your dues anytime between now and January 13th at the same low price of \$20. After January 13th the dues are \$25. There are several ways for you to easily pay your dues.

1. Pay in person at any of the meetings between now and January 13th. You can pay by cash, check or credit card.
2. Mail a check payable to Des Moines Woodturners for \$20 and mail to:
Des Moines Woodturners
PO Box 71629
Clive, IA 50325
3. Pay online by clicking on the link below. This is a secure site. The link to pay online is:
<https://square.link/u/IgeJ6Szb?src=sheet>

If you have any questions about your dues, please email Dan at dano1466@yahoo.com.

2024 Iowa State Fair Contact: Duane Groenenboom

The DMWT is funded through sales at the Iowa State Fair. (Your dues also help, thanks.) As usual we need items to sell. Bowls, dibbles, spurtles, pens, platters are all excellent sellers. Please find Duane to get free blanks.

Training News
Contact: John Amberg



Basic Woodturning Class

Dick Meuler (instructor), Fuzz Floyd, Jerry Futer, Tim Nelligan, Joe Kaskadden, Tad Tadlock (instructor)



Skew Class

Tom Baker (instructor), Dan MacAlpine, Dan Coulson, Dennis Williams, Jerry Futer, Duane Groenenboom (instructor)

Photos by John Amberg

Fall 2023 Woodturning Classes Enrollment

Basic Bowl (11/13)	Tim Nelligan	Jerry Futer	Kal Edwards	Kim Eaton
Basic Sharpening (11/20)	Dan Carlson	Dan MacAlpine	Howard Hackbart	Joe Burklund

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

Spring 2024 Classes Are Available For Enrollment

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	2 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	3 openings

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

Board Meetings are Open

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.

Chapter Volunteers

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

Volunteers at Work



The wood supply for club members to make spurtles and rolling pins for the club to sell at the state fair has been replenished. These are ready for you to pick up at the next club meeting. Thanks to those who helped with cutting the materials.

Volunteers at Work

A big thank you to Kal Edwards and Stan Merrell for the catalpa brought in at our last meeting at the mall. Kal picked it up from the donor in Greenfield and stored it in his shed. Stan picked it up from Kal and cut it up into turnable pieces. After we announced that it was in the parking lot for members to take, it was all gone very quickly. I guess some of you like to turn catalpa.

Woodturning FUNDamentals - Great for Beginners

If you are a member of the AAW, you can access the Woodturning Fundamentals page at the AAW website. The August issue (2023 August 12:3) features detailed instructions for an Ice Cream Scoop Kit, An Elegant Pen Holder and "What I know about tenons". The instructions can be downloaded and printed without charge.

Here is the link:

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Resources/Woodturning-Fundamentals--Publication-/Woodturning-Fundamentals.aspx>

Links to the DMWT Website

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

Additional Educational Opportunities

AAW Articles and Videos	AAW Articles, Videos, Safety and More (AAW membership required)
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.
TurnAWoodBowl Videos	Excellent series of free You Tube videos about turning Bowls. Kent Weakley also has a website: TurnAWoodBowl.com

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 \$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.

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.
- ** 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](#)

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Email: memberservices@woodturner.org

Membership Benefits - 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 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'd ever want especially in hardware and fastener area. Hours: Mon thru Fri 7 to 8, Sat 7 to 6, and Sun 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. Hours: Mon thru Fri 7 to 5:30, Sat 8-5:30. Phone: 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 thru 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 <u>sold</u> 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.

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.