



Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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Special Meeting - Saturday, February 3rd - Pat Carroll from Ireland

Special club meeting February 3 with professional woodturner Pat Carroll from Ireland at our Mall location. First demo starts at 9:30 AM and the second demo starts at 1:00 PM. Each session is a different program. Pat will show some advanced skills including incorporating a router with the lathe and other special effects. There is no charge for this event.

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.



February 10th Chapter Meeting Rescheduled due to weather from January 13th Turning with Small Pieces

Daniel Henderson will present a method of turning that has minimal waste, can be done with smaller amounts of wood and allows maximum creativity. Starting with two pieces of wood and minimal processing he will make a beautiful bowl. You will enjoy watching this demonstration and learn something you can try at home. As time permits, Daniel will discuss and demonstrate his method of constructing and turning a plate with added flair that makes it unique.

(Photo by Dennis Anderson)

Des Moines Woodturners Woodturning Scholarship

The Des Moines Woodturners offer a scholarship program for the benefit of chapter members. Woodturning can be an expensive endeavor. The cost of equipment such as a lathe, bandsaw, chainsaw, sharpening system, buffing system and the myriad of items like drive centers, scroll chucks, live centers, adapters, jaws, and faceplates can mount rapidly. In addition is the cost of turning tools, embellishing tools, specialty tools and a host of accessories, supplies and finishing products, not to mention the cost of wood if you don't have the capacity to harvest your own.

By the same token, three and five day woodturning educational events are also expensive when located out-of-state. Travel costs, lodging and tuition can easily run \$1,000 to \$1,700 per event.

This scholarship is not intended as a source of financial aid for those who might otherwise not be able to afford the educational experience. Instead, it is offered as an incentive to those serious about woodturning who are willing to expand their skills and knowledge and bring those skill-sets back to share with our members in a variety of ways. The scholarship can provide recipients a 25% to 50% discount toward the overall cost of their attendance expenses.

The purpose of the scholarship is to expand personal woodturning skills and knowledge and share their experience with fellow members by:

- Attending Chapter events and sharing their learning experience.
- Showing examples of their work as a result of their learning experience.
- Demonstrating what they learned at a chapter meeting, event, or class.
- Sharing their overall learning experience and confidence building experience.
- Encouraging members to expand their woodturning skills via similar educational experiences.
- Volunteering for Chapter leadership positions (wide variety of opportunities).

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Programs

March 9: Club member **Tad Tadlock** will demonstrate how to make fantastic tops that are envied by all ages of people. This is something you can learn to make on your own lathe. And, your chance to use that knowledge to make some tops for the club to sell at the State Fair this year. Who can make a top that spins the longest?

April 13: Club members **Will Zitterich** and **Mike Hamilton** will share their knowledge and answer questions related to turning green wood. This is a premier opportunity to learn how to make a green log into a beautiful project.

May 11: Matt Monaco is professionally trained and operates a full-time woodturning studio in the Ozark region of Missouri, making dedicated collections, signature series vessels, lidded containers, and spindle-turned items for industries of craft, interior design, and the high-end furniture trade. At center of Matt's work is his understanding & mastery of tool control, sharpening and cutting execution as an expression of traditionally crafted design as fine art -- in producing forms & items that are made to be as tactile as they are sublime, and created with intent & purpose. This meeting will have a morning session (this will be before the usual 1 PM meeting start time) teaching use of a skew and an afternoon session demonstrating how he turns his Signature Bowl Series.

Mark your calendar now for both the morning and afternoon session.

Check out his work here: <https://www.monacobowls.com/>

Date TBD: Panel discussion with experienced turners.

April Turning Challenge

Turning Material: One 8 foot 2x4 construction grade board.

Project: No restrictions.

You can use all or part of the board. The project can be a single piece or multiple pieces. If multiple pieces, all the pieces must be related, such as a chess set. Enhancements of any kind are permitted (spiral tool, chatter, paint, dye, carving, sand-blasting, torching, etc.).



EXCEPTION to ENHANCEMENTS: No fractal burning allowed.

Winning projects will be prominently displayed in the Valley West showcase and, if space is available, at the Iowa State Fair booth. All entrants will be entered in a prize drawing.

Bring your projects to our April 13th Chapter meeting at the Valley West Mall.

Contact Mike Hamilton at kmhamilton9@msn.com if you have questions.

Reminder - Networking at the Chapter Meeting

If you would like to spend some time with your fellow turners, the Valley West location will be open before and after the Chapter meeting. The doors will open at 12 pm and close at about 4:30 pm.

Refreshments - Volunteers Needed

There is a refreshment sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Products for the 2024 Iowa State Fair Contact: Duane Groenenboom

The DMWT is funded through sales at the Iowa State Fair. As usual we need items to sell. Bowls, dibbles, spurtles, pens, platters and tops are all excellent sellers. Please find Duane to get free blanks and to return completed product.



Board Members and Officers

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

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Chapter Volunteers

AV Producer	Tom Baker	Scholarship Program	Mike Hamilton
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Camera	Craig Wyckoff	Training	Dick Meuler
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Greeter	Donna Byers	Training	Duane Groenenboom
Librarian	Don Skarin	Training	John Amberg
Library Assistant	Bob Fischer	Training	Stan Merrell
Mentoring Program	Will Zitterich	Training	Tom Baker
Newsletter	John Amberg	Training	Jack Kennedy
Photographer	Gil Lea	Training	Dan England
Refreshments	Volunteers Needed	Webmaster	Jim Bergeson

DMWT Calendar All Meetings at Valley West Mall

Pat Carroll Demo #1	Feb. 3, 2024, 9:30 AM
Pat Carroll Demo #2	Feb. 3, 2024, 1:00 PM
Chapter Meeting	Feb. 10, 2024, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Feb. 28, 2024, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Mar. 9, 2024, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Mar. 27, 2024, 9:30 AM
84% Solar Eclipse	Apr. 8, 2024, 1:58.57 PM
Chapter Meeting	Apr. 13, 2024, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Apr. 24, 2024, 9:30 AM
Matt Monaco Demo (morning)	May 11, 2024, time TBD
Chapter Meeting Matt Monaco Demo	May. 11, 2024, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	May. 22, 2024, 9:30 AM
AAW 38th Symposium	May 23-26 (Portland, OR)
No Chapter Meeting in Jun	No Chapter Meeting in Jun
Networking Meeting	Jun. 26, 2024, 9:30 AM
Deadline to order Iowa SF competition entry tickets	Jul. 1, 2024
No Chapter Meeting in Jul	No Chapter Meeting in Jul
Networking Meeting	Jul. 24, 2024, 9:30 AM
Set up booth at ISF	Jul. 31, 2024
Last Day to turn in entries for Iowa State Fair	Aug. 3, 2024
No Chapter Meeting in Aug	No Chapter Meeting in Aug
Iowa State Fair	Aug. 8 to 18, 2024
Networking Meeting	Aug. 28, 2024, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Sep. 14, 2024, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Sep. 25, 2024, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Oct. 12, 2024, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Oct. 23, 2024, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Nov. 9, 2024, 1 PM
* Networking Meeting	Nov. 20, 2024, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Dec. 14, 2024, 1 PM
* Networking Meeting	Dec. 18, 2024, 9:30 AM

* Rescheduled due to Holiday

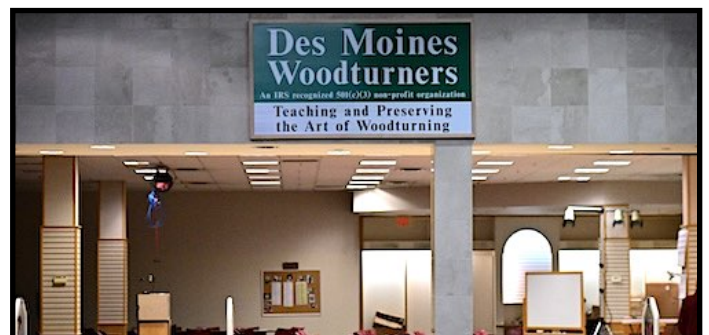
Valley West Mall 1551 Valley West Dr West Des Moines IA 50266



Satellite View



View of Outside Entrance



View of Inside Entrance

Training News
Contact: John Amberg

Fall 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.

Fall 2024 Woodturning Classes

Basic Woodturning	Sept. 16 & 23, 2024	4 spaces
Basic Segmenting	September 30, 2024	4 spaces
Basic Bowl	October 7, 2024	4 spaces
Basic Skew Chisel	October 14, 2024	4 spaces
Basic Woodturning	Oct. 21 & 28, 2024	4 spaces
Basic Sharpening	November 4, 2024	4 spaces
Basic Bowl	November 11, 2024	4 spaces

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



Spring 2024 Woodturning Classes

Basic Bowl	April 1, 2024	2 spaces
Basic Bowl	May 13, 2024	1 space

Spring 2024 Waiting List

There are a few spots left in the Spring Training Schedule. If there is a class you would like and it is full, please contact John Amberg to get on the waiting list.

November Woodturning FUNDamentals PDF - Great for Beginners

If you are a member of the AAW, you can access the Woodturning Fundamentals page at the AAW website. The November issue (2023 November 12:4) projects are Cheesy Project Kit, Turn a Cheeseboard, Next Level Spin Tops, Illuminated Bubble Light Ornament, Turning an Inside-out Snowman and Wood Bottle Stoppers. The Pro-Tips article is "Things I Wish I Had Known When I Was A Beginning Turner".

The PDF can be downloaded and printed without additional charge.

Here is the link: <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Resources/Woodturning-Fundamentals--Publication-/Woodturning-Fundamentals.aspx?62f6f80253df=2#62f6f80253df>

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.

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.

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	The new retail store is open. A 10% discount is available on most items without a cord. 2900 Clocktower Square, Suite #230, West Des Moines. https://thewoodsmithstore.com/ Mon thru Fri 9 to 6, Sat 9 to 5, Sun 12 to 4. Phone: (515) 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 hardware and fasteners. 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. 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.

American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

We recommend an AAW membership because it offers you many additional woodturning resources:

- ** Six issues of American Woodturner magazine each year.
- ** Four issues of Woodturning FUNdamentals PDF each year.
- ** On-line access to all previous issues of American Woodturner and FUNdamentals.
- ** On-line access to videos and many other learning resources.

[AAW Membership Join or Renew](#)

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