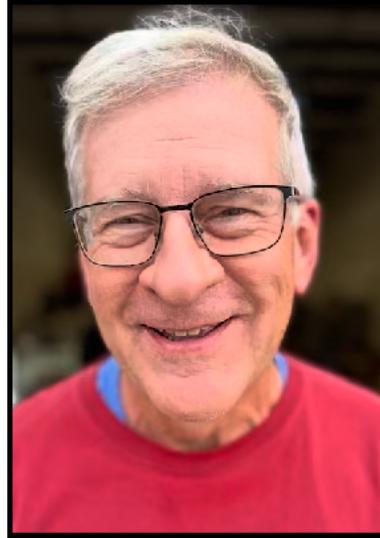




Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

December 2025 a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization Bulletin 2025-12

December 13th Demonstration Duane Groenenboom and Mark Hayes Woodturning 101



- * Beginner tool selection
- * Anchor, bevel, cut
- * Various ways to size a tenon
- * Various chucking methods
- * Tool wear/use to maximize tool life
- * Questions from the membership

Mark Hayes:

I'm a lifetime woodworker, a practice I learned from my father and grandfather. Retired in 2023 and joined the club in December 2023. Bought my lathe and started turning in February 2024. Made my first funnel in the Basic Bowl class :). These days when not helping teach the club's turning classes you will find me in my shop turning - because if you're not turning every day you're not doing it right. I seldom turn multiples and enjoy exploring various methods of embellishing my work.

When not in my shop you may find me working on our acreage tending to the garden, orchard, wildlife habitat, the animals that we raise or riding the gravel roads of Story County on my bicycle.

Duane Groenenboom:

I've always enjoyed working with wood. As a kid I would salvage the wood peach boxes we would get in the summer and make bird houses from them. While I was farming, I enjoyed building hog buildings and other items needed on the farm. After I quit raising pigs and shifted to an IT career, I had time to focus on building furniture and woodturning.

Around 2003 my son inherited his grandfather's Shopsmith and I started a turning project on it and enjoyed it immensely. It didn't take me long to buy a 14" Jet lathe after turning on the Shopsmith. Working on a lathe is now my favorite part of woodworking. During my turning career I have experimented with segmented turning, turning trees, and bowls. Now that I am retired, I have more time to try turning different species and items like pens, tops, resins, and punky wood that has been stabilized. I am also part of the training team and enjoy sharing my knowledge with new turners.

From the President
Dennis Anderson
A time to be thankful and charitable.

Des Moines Woodturners is a great club, but that greatness only exists when each of us contribute in many ways (demonstrations, training, purchasing treats, clean-up, State Fair, mentoring and more). Thanks to each one who contributed in some way to the club in 2025. And, if you did not, why not plan to be an active contributing member in 2026? December is also a great time to turn something as a gift to someone else. Shop made turnings are always appreciated by those who receive them.

May you each have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

DMWT You Tube Channel

Our dedicated club videographer, **Tom Baker**, has been working tirelessly to create a YouTube channel for our club videos. Currently, there are a handful of videos available, and Tom will continue to add more, starting with the most recent recordings and working back to older ones.

Please note that not all videos from our meetings may be uploaded, primarily because many professional turners monetize their demos and may not grant us permission to share those recordings on our channel.

We encourage you to subscribe to our YouTube channel, as this will not only keep you updated on the latest content but will also enhance our visibility on the platform.

Here's the link to our channel:

[**Des Moines Woodturners YouTube Channel.**](#)

We believe you will appreciate the effort Tom is putting into this project.

Be sure to subscribe and enjoy the videos!

Turning Challenge for December 13th
Christmas Trees
No Restrictions

Please put your name on the back of the Turning Challenge card
or on the bottom of your turning

Tape the Turning Challenge Card to the bottom of your turning.

Elected Club Officers and Board Members

President – **Dennis Anderson**
Vice President – **Mark Hayes**
Secretary – **Will Zitterich**
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Director at Large – **Mike Hamilton**
Director of Membership – **Dan Carlson**
Director of Education – **Tad Tadlock**
Director of Programs – **Tara Kinder**

Welcome to New Members

Tim Ingram from West Des Moines
Elijah Ingram from New Virginia
Bob Jackson from Des Moines
Curt Barclay from Shenandoah

Volunteers Needed Bring Cookies and Donuts

Please bring 3 dozen donuts for the Wednesday morning Networking meeting.
Please bring 4 packages of cookies for the Saturday afternoon Chapter meeting.
The sign-up sheet is near the desk at Valley West.
Volunteers are needed for all meetings of 2025.
Bring your receipts to **Stan Merrell** for prompt and cheerful reimbursement.

Check Your Calendar - Networking Meeting Date Change

Because of the upcoming Holidays the date of the Wednesday morning Networking Meeting has been changed.

December Networking: December 17th (Not December 24th)

Tad Tadlock demonstration, turning tops, Nov. 8,2025

Tad Tadlock explained the process of turning tops on the lathe, materials used, and the types of wood that can be used to turn a top. Almost any wood could be used but Tad likes to use hard maple as it turns easily. Tops can vary in shape and size but to spin properly most of the weight should be near the bottom or tip and the center of gravity as low as possible. It is up to the turner to add their design flare with any of the paint markers available. Tad did explain that the minimum size should be at least 1 ¼ inches in diameter and 2 ½ inches long to avoid being a choke hazard for children.

Tad Tadlock began the demonstration with a 2-inch square and 4 inch long piece of hard maple. This will make two tops that will be at least 1 ¼ inches in diameter. He turned a tenon on each end of the wood blank and mounted one of the tenons in a Vicmarc chuck. He used the tailstock to stabilize the turning and then turned the blank round using a roughing gouge at about 950 rpm. He used a small spindle gouge to shape the bottom part of the tops and the tip on which the top spins. The tip should not be sharp as the top will not spin as well as a blunter tip. He cut grooves at the bottom of the top to enhance the design. He demonstrated a Sorby texturing wheel and a chatter tool to add some roughness to the bottom of the top to make the paint of the markers stand out. Tad parted off the top with a parting tool. He spun the top on the table to show it spun and even spun the top upside down.

Tad turned another top on the other half of the wood blank. He used a texturing tool. On this top he used orange, black, and some yellow paint markers. He explained how the colors and design can be varied using the wider or narrower parts of the markers. He also spun the top on the table and spun it upside down. He has turned tops at fairs and enjoys watching the interest it creates in kids. Tad may have inspired new potential turners, judging by the their focus on the turning it will be something they will remember their whole life.

Will Zitterich, Secretary

Future Educational Programs

January 10: **Rob Wallace** — Scrapers

February 14: **Duane Groenenboom** — Stabilization with Cactus Juice

April 11: **Don Kruse** — Inside Out Turning

May 9: Brian Noble-Marx — Ovoid Bowls and Small Lidded Boxes

Morning and Afternoon Presentations, Website: www.noblemarx.com

Ottumwa Woodworkers League

Here is a link to a story about the origin of the Ottumwa Woodworkers League:

<https://ktvo.com/news/local/the-ottumwa-woodworkers-league-what-it-is-and-how-it-started>

Need more information: Dave Rabe is a member.

Phil Holtan demonstration turning a burl into a bowl, Oct. 11, 2025

Phil Holtan brought several of his wood-turning projects like bowls and boxes to show some of his work. He grew up in Iowa and has been turning for 45 years. Thousands of people have taken his classes. He finds burls in river valleys which make the best burl bowls. Burl bowls sell for about twice as much as a regular bowl. Burls are abnormal growth on trees and may be either an eyed burl or layered burl. Eyed burls are round and layered burls can be multiple shapes.

Phil wants to turn burls after about 1/3 of the water has come out of the burl. Big burls on small trees are best and should be cut to maximize the number of bowls that can be made from the burl. It is difficult to turn a dry burl as they may have more insect damage and cracks in the burl. He gets several burls by advertising in small town newspapers. He also needs to be careful that he is not buying a poached burl or stolen burl.

Phil selected a black cherry burl to demonstrate turning a burl. He uses multiple coats of teak oil or spray lacquer. He used cardboard templates to mount the burl on the lathe to get the most from the burl. The burl was mounted on a scroll chuck and he began by turning a small tenon on the foot of the bowl. He wants a small tenon only about 3/16 of an inch high. If the tenon is too small it may come off the chuck when it is cored with the McNaughton coring system. Cracks are filled with CA glue and wood dust.

Phil used the McNaughton coring system to cut each bowl from the burl. He cores the largest bowl first as it is the best burl and most expensive. He keeps the tail stock in position to stabilize the burl as it is cored. He cored the burl at about 500 rpm and used different knives to core each bowl blank. It is not an exact science and coring the burl can be difficult and the knives can get wedged in the burl and stop the lathe.

Phil used different lathe tools as a 55 degree bevel angle with a second bevel an Ellsworth grind, the wings of the gouge to get a shearing cut and smooth the surface, and a freshly ground scraper positioned at a 60 degree shearing cut. He began the turning with a 55 degree bevel gouge and a pull cut at a 45 degree angle.

Phil cored the burl and popped out each bowl blank using the McNaughton coring system. The coring did not always go smoothly and Phil found some of it difficult to core. But this demonstration by Phil Holtan was a good example of what a turner should expect if they begin coring a bowl. Phil gave each turner a realistic expectation of coring a burl and will help a turner decide if they want to try coring a burl.

Will Zitterich, Secretary

DWMT Board Meeting ++All are Invited++

Board meetings are open to all members.

The next board meeting is December 17th at approximately 10:30 AM at Valley West.



Fancy Trees Class

Greg Ellyson led us through a detailed and fun demonstration of his signature Fancy Trees.



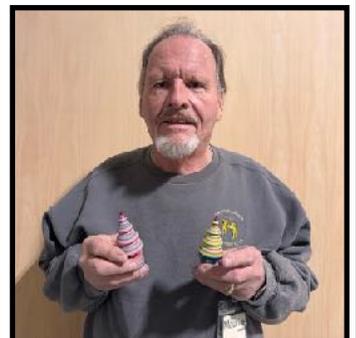
Vern Kinderknecht



Jeff Newhook



Duane Strempe



Maurice Herold

Here is the You Tube link to Greg's Fancy Tree presentation to the DMWT:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stx976mzbcg>

Membership News from Dan Carlson

Have YOU Paid YOUR Dues?

As of December 1st we have 199 members.

Your board has voted to keep the dues the same for 2026 as has been the case for the last several years. As you know this is possible due to your generosity by making things we can sell at the state fair. This also pays for our professional turners we bring in to demonstrate something for you we hope you are interested in and can learn from.

Dues for 2026 are \$20 renewal and \$25 for new members to join their first year. If you haven't already, you should be receiving an email from me with instructions on how you can pay your dues if not already paid. Some of you are paid in advance and I will let you know that. Like last year, you have several ways to pay your dues.

1. Online using your credit card via a "Square" link. (Link below)
2. Online using your PayPal account. (Link below)
3. A check mailed to our mailbox - Des Moines Woodturners, PO box 71629, Clive, IA 50325
4. By cash or check at any of the upcoming meetings but no later than January 10th, 2026. After that the dues increase to \$25. Do not send cash through the post office. Pay Dan Carlson or Stan Merrell.

Any question contact me at dmwoodturners@gmail.com or call Dan at 515-720-0637.

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Use your phone camera to scan QR code to go the Square payment site.

Are you signed up for a Woodturning Class?

Please check the Training Classes page. There have been a number of changes in class assignments. Please make sure you are in the right class at the right time. If there is an error, please email [John Amberg](#) ASAP.

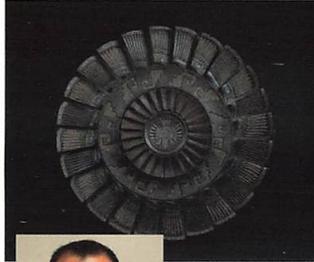
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www.tnwoodturners.org
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TAW 37TH ANNUAL WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners is one of the oldest AAW woodturning chapters. At present TAW boasts a membership roster of 225+. Established in 1987, the TAW has presented 36 prior woodturning symposiums, granted numerous woodturning scholarships and has established an Outreach Grants Program to help support the art and craft of woodturning.

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners (TAW) presents its 37th Woodturning Symposium. The 2026 Symposium features these leading woodturners and turning artisans: Mike Mahoney, Roberto Ferrer, Keith Gotschall, and Emma Cook. A gallery of wood turned art will be on display throughout the symposium. Attendees are invited to bring up to four pieces of their own work to display in the gallery and an additional piece may be entered in the People's Choice Gallery. Additionally, a vendor area will be stocked with tools, wood and other woodturning related supplies and equipment. The Saturday night banquet and auction will conclude the symposium activities

The 2026 event will be held again at the Marriott Cool Springs Hotel and Convention Center on Cool Springs Blvd. in Franklin, TN. The symposium opens with early registration starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday evening. Friday morning registration begins at 7 a.m. with the symposium opening starting at 8 a.m. with a full day of rotations. Saturday features a full day of rotations followed by the evening dinner banquet. We will give away a POWERMATIC PM2014 lathe immediately following the auction. You must be present to win! The auction will begin immediately after the dinner and will include donated wood turned pieces, tools, wood and other related supplies. Attendees are encouraged to donate a wood turned piece, wood, or supplies to the auction.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Club and its mission by supporting continuing education in woodturning through the TAW scholarship program and the TAW Outreach Grant Programs which have in prior years included grants to the Narrow Gate Foundation wood working program. For complete symposium details go to tnwoodturners.org and click the symposium tab. Registration opens September 1st, 2025.

REGISTER AT: tnwoodturners.org



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Training News

Woodturning Classes

General Information: You will receive an information packet by email approximately 1 month before the class. It contains a list of required accessories, location and safety information. A reminder will arrive about 1 week before the class. The fee is collected on the day of the class. There is no penalty for cancellation, but please let us know ASAP if you have to cancel.

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. DMWT provides the tools and wood. Homework is assigned between classes so you will need access to a lathe. Basic Woodturning is two consecutive Mondays, 8:30 to 5. Cost: \$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. DMWT provides the tools and blanks, you provide the accessories and face shield. This is a one day class. Cost: \$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. Cost: \$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. Cost: \$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. Cost: \$20.

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

Blanks Needed for State Fair 2026 from Duane Groenenboom

I reviewed what blanks are available for spurtles, tops, and rolling pins and think we will have enough for 2026.

We will need more cedar blanks and funky pen blanks. We need to start harvesting cedar this fall so it will be dry enough for handing out next spring. **Stan Merrell** and I harvested some last April, and it is in the warehouse. I'm estimating it will be enough for 75 trees.

Cherry limbs also make good trees especially if it has spalted a little. I think honey locust branches could also make some interesting trees. Sycamore trees also sell well. I'm sure there are other species that would make interesting trees.

2026 Training Classes

Enrollment in the 2026 Training Classes. If you would like to enroll, email John Amberg at johnaamberg@yahoo.com or see me at the meetings.

All Classes are on Mondays from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Basic Woodturning	Basic Woodturning	Basic Woodturning	Basic Woodturning
March 9 & 16th, 2026	April 20 & 27th 2026	September 14 & 21, 2026	October 19 & 26, 2026
Dana Oredson	Herman Riva	4	4
Tim Ingram	Dennis Schneider	3	3
Elijah Ingram	Curt Barclay	2	2
Bob Jackson	1	1	1

Basic Skew	Basic Segmenting	Basic Segmenting	Basic Skew
March 23, 2026	May 4, 2026	September 28, 2026	November 2, 2026
Dana Oredson	Scott Smith	4	Brent Heuer
Scott Smith	Sharon Squibb	3	Curt Barclay
Mark Hayes	Tom Golding	2	2
Sharon Squibb	1	1	1

Basic Bowl	Basic Bowl	Basic Bowl	Basic Bowl
March 30, 2026	May 11, 2026	October 5, 2026	November 9, 2026
Dana Oredson	Herman Riva	4	4
Tim Ingram	Dennis Schneider	3	3
David Breese	Curt Barclay	2	2
1	1	1	1

Basic Sharpening	Basic Sharpening	Basic Sharpening	Basic Sharpening
April 6, 2026	May 18, 2026	October 12, 2026	November 16, 2026
Dana Oredson	Brad Huyser	4	4
Scott Smith	Jeff Newhook	3	3
Sharon Squibb	Curt Barclay	2	2
Tim Ingram	1	1	1

Training Class Graduates



Basic Skew, November 3

Patty Hemphill, Tom Golding, Dave Hendricks, Steve Mumford



Basic Bowl, November 10

Dan Oberender, Scott Smith, Sharon Squibb



Basic Sharpening, November 17

Brent Heuer, Tom Golding, Duane Strempeke

Mentoring Program

The Des Moines Woodturners Inc. (DMWT) invites members to use the Mentor Program. Below is a list 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 who might be best to contact, based on your questions and how far they are from you. As volunteers, it will be up to the mentor to decide if they can help, whose shop will be used and what mentoring will look like based on the need.

Webpage: [DMWT Mentoring Program](#)

Dan Carlson, Clive
Phone 515-720-0637
dano1466@yahoo.com

Dan will mentor in these areas:

1. Getting started with pen turning
2. Turning small ornaments
3. Turning small lidded boxes
4. Turning seam rippers, letter openers
5. Turning bottle stoppers

Glen Farmer, Ogden
Phone 517-395-0317
gfarmeriii@yahoo.com

Glen will mentor in these areas:

1. Bowl turning
2. Ornaments
3. Hollow forms
4. Coloring
5. Platters
6. Spindle work
7. Boxes
8. Harvesting wood/Blank cutting

LeRoy Monson, Waukee
Home Phone: 515-987-1655
Cell Phone: 515-745-9098
monsonlg@aol.com

LeRoy will mentor in these areas:

1. Spindle (including duplicating)
2. Bowls
3. Platters
4. Lidded box
5. One-way sharpening and set-up
6. Tool control
7. Bandsaw and lathe maintenance

Tad Tadlock, Winterset
Phone: 515-201-7403
tad4tahoe@aol.com

Tad will mentor in these areas:

1. Natural & naked edge bowls
2. Large & small bowls
3. Platters
4. Boxes
5. Open void vessels
6. Sharpening

Jack Kennedy, Winterset
Phone: 515-462-3141j
jkennedywinterset@att.net

Jack will mentor in these areas:

1. Closed Segment Bowls
2. Open Segment Bowls

Jack Rolison, Ottumwa
Phone: 641-683-5647
jd.rolison@outlook.com

Jack will mentor in these areas:

1. Bowl turning
2. Finishing
3. Coloring
4. Sharpening

Educational Opportunities

DMWT 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).

American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

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

- ** Six issues of American Woodturner magazine 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](#)
American Association of Woodturners
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75 5th Street
W St. Paul, MN 55102

Phone: (651) 484-9094 direct or toll free US (877) 595-9094

Email: memberservices@woodturner.org.

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

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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
Camera	Tom Baker	State Fair Products	Duane Groenenboom
Camera	Craig Wyckoff	Training	Greg Livingston
Greeter	Vikki Morain	Training	Tad Tadlock
Greeter	Donna Byers	Training	Duane Groenenboom
Librarian	Theo Filanowicz	Training	John Amberg
Librarian	Jeff Newhook	Training	Tom Baker
Mentoring Program	Will Zitterich	Training	Jack Kennedy
Newsletter	John Amberg	Training	Dan England
Photographer	Gil Lea	Training	Mark Hayes
Refreshments	Volunteers Needed	Webmaster	Jim Bergeson

Des Moines Woodturners Calendar

Event	Date	Refreshments
Chapter Meeting	Dec. 13, 2025, 1 PM	Dave Dworsky
*Networking Meeting	*Dec. 17, 2025, 9:30 AM	Stan Merrell
Chapter Meeting	January 10, 2026, 1 PM	Ted Redenius
Networking Meeting	January 28, 2026, 9:30 AM	Duane Groenenboom
Chapter Meeting	February 14, 2026, 1 PM	Dave Hendricks
Networking Meeting	February 25, 2026, 9:30 AM	Dennis Schneider
Chapter Meeting	March 14, 2026, 1 PM	Marvin Cole
Networking Meeting	March 25, 2026, 9:30 AM	Mark Hayes
Chapter Meeting	April 11, 2026, 1 PM	Larry Lynch
Networking Meeting	April 22, 2026, 9:30 AM	Daniel Henderson
Chapter Meeting	May 9, 2026, 1 PM	
Networking Meeting	May 27, 2026, 9:30 AM	
America's State Fair (proposed)	May 29 to July 19	Iowa State Fairgrounds (America 250th)
Chapter Meeting	June 13, 2026, 1 PM	
Networking Meeting	June 24, 2026, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	July 11, 2026, 1 PM	
Networking Meeting	July 22, 2026, 9:30 AM	
Iowa State Fair	August 13 - 23, 2026	Iowa State Fairgrounds
Networking Meeting	August 26, 2026, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	September 12, 2026, 1 PM	
Networking Meeting	September 23, 2026, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	October 10, 2026, 1 PM	Dan MacAlpine
Networking Meeting	October 28, 2026, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	November 14, 2026, 1 PM	Maurice & Bryan Herold
Networking Meeting	*November 18, 2026, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	December 12, 2026, 1 PM	
Networking Meeting	*December 16, 2026, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	January 9, 2027, 1 PM	

* Rescheduled due to Holiday

Woodturning FUNdamentals Website - Great for Beginners

If you are a member of the AAW, you can access the Woodturning Fundamentals page at the AAW website.

Latest Articles: Wedding Guest Book Pen, Air Freshener Kit, Shopmade Palm Saver for Comfortable Tools and Make a Burnishing Tool.

Here is the link: [Woodturning Fundamentals](#)

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.

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. The DM Woodturners logo and your name costs \$16.00 paid at the time the item is given to Rob Beattie. 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!!

RightAngleNow	DMWT Member Gil Lea offers a 20% discount on sharpening jigs	https:// www.rightanglenow.com/	515-205-7522
Ace Hardware - Ankeny	10% except for Sale Items, Repair Services, Rental and Gasoline Powered Equipment	3020 SW Oralabor Road Ankeny	515-809-1104
Ace Hardware - Johnston	10% except for Sale Items, Repair Services, Rental and Gasoline Powered Equipment	5800 Merle Hay Rd Johnston	515-276-2854
O-Donnell Ace Hardware	10% Member Discount except for Sale Items, Repair Services, Rentals, Power Tools and Gasoline Powered Equipment	4808 University Des Moines	515-277-0062
O-Donnell Ace Hardware	10% Member Discount except for Sale Items, Repair Services, Rentals, Power Tools and Gasoline Powered Equipment	5715 Hickman Rd Des Moines	515-255-2240
Park Fair Ace Hardware	10% Member Discount except for Sale Items	100 E Euclid Ave Des Moines	515-243-6000
Acme Tools & Equipment - Power Tools	10% Member Discount on Woodworking Accessories. Does not include Sale Items, Power tools or Service and Parts.	629 SW 9th St Des Moines	515-244-4189
Bradley Tool & Fasteners - Sharpening & Equipment Rebuilding	10% Member Discount except sale items, power tools/equipment, tool/equipment parts, tool renovation/repair services.	6250 NW Beaver Dr Ste A4 Johnston	515-331-0878
Sharpening Solutions - Des Moines	Approximate prices are \$1/inch for planer/jointer knives, and \$15 for standard circular saw blades. Additional charges for triple chip grind or high tooth count blades	2614 E Douglas Ave Des Moines	515-577-4535
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Altoona 3770 8th Street SW Ste F	515-967-6974
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Ames 1624 South Duff Ave	515-232-2124
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Ankeny 817 E 1st St	515-964-7890
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Clive 1985 NW 94th St	515-251-2973
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Des Moines 515 16th St *Commercial*	515-280-3365
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Des Moines 5408 Douglas Ave	515-278-0481
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Des Moines 1040 E Army Post Rd Ste A	515-285-0072
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Grimes 2570 E 1st St	515-300-9407
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Marshalltown 105 Nicholas Dr	641-752-0229
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Oskaloosa 117 High Ave W	641-673-8441
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Ottumwa 1231 Theatre Dr	641-684-6564
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	Waukee 140 Hickman Rd	515-987-4048
Sherwin Williams - Paint & Finish	20% discount off all in stock regular price items. 5% discount off in stock sale items. Up to 30% off of the Sher-Wood wood finishes.	West Des Moines 830 Grand Ave	515-226-0603
True Value Hardware - West Des Moines	10% Member Discount except for Sale Items, Repair Services, Rental, Electrical and Gasoline Powered Equipment	63rd & Grand West Des Moines	515-279-9905
White Cap Supply - Power Tools & Fasteners	10% Member Discount except for Power Tools and Sale Items.	1631 2nd Ave. Des Moines	515-243-6969
Woodcraft Store - Tools & Supplies - Iowa City	10% Member Discount, except tools that have a cord or battery. There are a few specific brands including Festool and SawStop which exclude even non-powered accessories from our discount, to so be sure to ask before purchase.	3 Escort Lane Iowa City, IA	319-259-7175
Woodcraft Store - Tools & Supplies - Kansas City	10% Member Discount except tools that have a cord or battery plus sale items. There are a few other low margin items that the Discount may not apply to so be sure to ask.	8645 Bluejacket Rd Lenexa, Kansas	913-599-2800
Woodsmith Store - Tools & Supplies	10% Member Discount except for Power Tools and Sale Items	2900 University Ave West Des Moines	515-254-9494