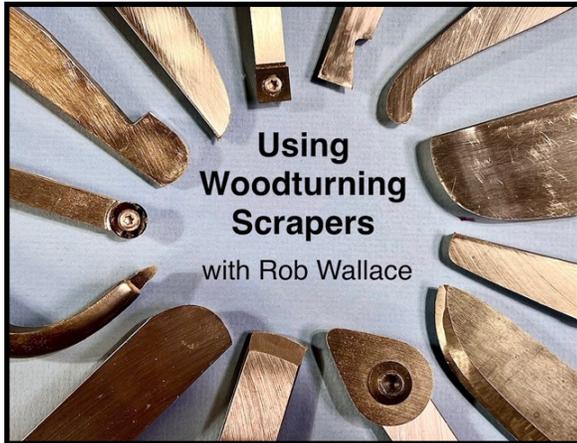




# Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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## January 10th Demonstration



It may be surprising to some woodturners that a large number of popular woodturning tools currently being used actually operate in the scraping mode: traditional scrapers, negative-rake scrapers, many (most?) hollowing tools, beading tools, "dovetail tools", chatter tools, and the majority of "carbide insert tools" being sold today. It is important that turners of all skill levels understand the applications, capabilities, and limits of woodturning scrapers, as well as knowing how to correctly present them to the object being turned to optimize their use for efficiency, improved surface quality, and safety. The demonstration will 1) explain the fundamental differences between scraping and shearing, will 2) demonstrate the difference between bevel-supported cuts and unsupported cuts, will 3)

explain how traditional scrapers and negative scrapers work, and will 4) emphasize the correct tool presentation for the range of woodturning tools used in the scraping mode. Additionally, the technique of 'shear scraping' will be shown and will be presented as an excellent technique to accomplish fine-scale shaping on the lathe, and to improve the quality of the surface left by gouges or other tools - this significantly reduces the amount of sanding needed to produce a quality surface that is ready for finish. The overall goals of the demonstration are to show the diversity of scrapers used in woodturning, explain their applications and limits, and to demonstrate effective techniques needed for them to produce optimal "off the tool" surfaces that are ready for sanding and finishing.

Rob Wallace has been involved in a range of woodturning activities 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. His interests have been focused on this aspect of woodworking as a creative expression of the use of wood as an artistic medium, and enjoys teaching about woodturning, concentrating his efforts on providing instruction on tools, equipment, and techniques. He has been a frequent demonstrator at local, regional, and national woodturning symposia, including the 2024 AAW National Symposium in Portland; he will be a demonstrator at the upcoming Turn On! Chicago Woodturning Symposium in July 2026. Each year for the past 17 years, he has presented the "Gizmos and Gadgets" activity for 'Special Interest Night' at the annual AAW Symposium. He also provides interactive remote demonstrations to woodturning groups around the country and internationally via the Internet. Rob 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. Rob served one 3-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Woodturners, is the President of the Ames Area Woodturners chapter of the AAW, 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.



Website: <https://www.robwallacewoodturner.com/>

## 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 January 10th Inside Out Turning 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.

Inside Out You Tube Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F68Sp9dFALs>

## Welcome to New Members

Ethan Roos from Cumming

Aaron Puderbaugh from St. Charles

Steve Cox from Clive.

Dustin Smith from Prole.

Brent Rolffs from Sully.

## **In Memoriam**

### **Mike Nieters**

Michael Thomas Nieters, age 75, of Des Moines, Iowa, passed away peacefully at home on December 11, 2025 as a result of MSA (Multiple Symptom Atrophy). He was born on January 9, 1950, in Rock Island, Illinois.

Full Obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/michael-nieters-obituary?id=60289732>

Rest in Peace, Mike.

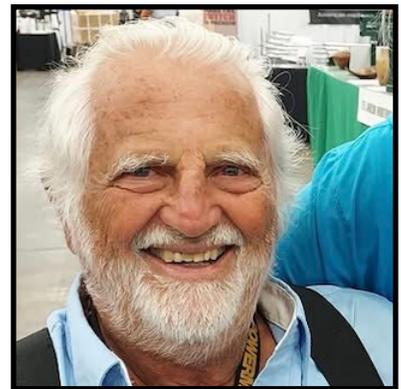


## **In Memoriam**

### **Jerry Turbett**

It is with sadness that we report the passing of member Jerry Turbett on Christmas Eve. Jerry has been a member of the Des Moines Woodturners since 2015 and was an active member of the Ames Woodturners club. A celebration of life event will be scheduled for a future date and will be announced when arrangements have been made.

Rest in Peace, Jerry.

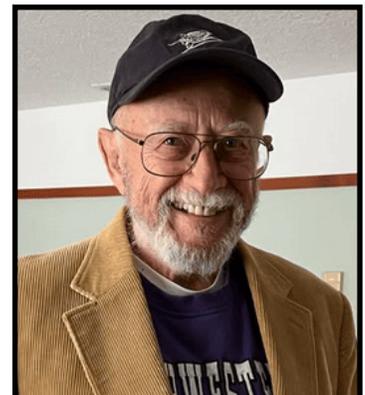


## **In Memoriam**

### **Jim Lynn**

For the long time members of our club, we just learned that Jim Lynn, formerly of Newton, passed away the week of December 17th at age 88. Jim was a very creative woodturner and an early benefactor when we started out on our own in 2013. He had a great sense of humor and was a fan of adding color to his work, much to the dismay of Chuck Dowler at the time.

Rest in Peace, Jim.



## **New New New New Wood Tool Exchange**

Do you have extra woodworking tools sitting unused in your shop?

Want to trade them for something new or clear some space?

We are launching a "Wood Tool Exchange" at our next social meeting on Wednesday, January 28, starting at 9 AM and ending at 11 AM . If this pilot goes well, we hope to make it a repeated event!

The Rules:

- **Members Only:** Participation is restricted to current club members.
- **Private Sales:** All money or trade negotiations are strictly between the buyer and seller.
- **Woodworking Focused:** Items must be related to wood-related tools or accessories.
- **Size Limits:** Items must be small enough to carry in. For larger machinery, please leave it in your vehicle and bring a photo to display.
- **Setup:** Tables will be provided in the meeting room for your items.
- **Labeling:** Please clearly mark each item with the seller's name and asking price.
- **Clean Up:** All unsold items must be taken home at the end of the meeting.

## **Future Educational Programs**

February 14: **Duane Groenenboom and Stan Merrell** —

Pressure Pots and Stabilization with Cactus Juice

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

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May 9: Brian Noble-Marx — Ovoid Bowls and Small Lidded Boxes  
Morning and Afternoon Presentations, Website: [www.noblemarx.com](http://www.noblemarx.com)

**Be sure to look at the last page of the newsletter  
for a bit of Christmas Cheer.**

## Mark Hayes and Duane Groenenboom Demonstration, Woodturning 101, December 12, 2025

**Mark** and **Duane** reviewed “things I wished I knew when I started woodturning” along with segments from the basic woodturning class they conduct for our club. Reference was made to an article written by Brian Simmons for the [First Tools for Learning Turning](#) which details “First Tools for Learning Turning”. A review was made of the spindle roughing gouge, ½ inch spindle gouge, a bowl gouge, and parting tools. Recommended use of various grades of high-speed steel (HSS) tools for cleaner cutting. Carbide bits were preferred for resin turnings. Mention was made to consider the higher cost of carbide replacement tips over time versus the cost of a HSS gouge.

Other suggested tools essential for turning were a moisture meter and a metal detecting wand for checking for metal in turnings. Urban wood is most likely to have metal in logs (nails, wire, bullets, etc.). For safety a full-face shield that meets or exceeds ANSI Z87.1 ratings along with use of an N-95 or higher rated dust mask.

**Mark** recommended use of battery powered full face shield with filters that provides a constant flow of filtered air across the face. Use of a shop hanging dust filter is also recommended to help remove fine dust in the air, even after you are done turning. Ear buds and similar devices are not recommended with turning so that you can concentrate on turning and be listening to your lathe. Sound changes may warrant stopping to examine the work for embedded objects or dangerous cracks.

Use of calipers while spinning or of a compass before mounting the workpiece when marking centers were demonstrated to help know the correct diameter for a tenon. Four jaw chucks with jaws about 1/3 the size of the blank were recommended. Various ways to mount workpieces in chucks without the use of a tenon (small squares, flat stock such as a spatula blank and mortises) were discussed. Also recommended to use either a jaw removal tool or wrench and not use the hex tool to tighten a chuck as a removal tool. Doing so can place stress on the chuck in areas it is not designed to withstand.

Turning tools are expensive so it was emphasized that all edges of the tool should be utilized before sharpening. Examples included the spindle roughing gouge using the tool flute up but also using both wings. Same with a bowl gouge; when hollowing a bowl create a valley near the edge of the bowl to define the wall thickness leaving the bulk of the central material in the bowl to create stability and then work to the bottom of the bowl alternating between moving down the bowl wall and the center mass.

**Mark** demoed the use of the spindle roughing gouge riding the bevel to create a sweep of slight curve. A carving stand that utilizes a chuck for work holding secured in the banjo or at the workbench for hand/power carving or woodturning was also shown.

Link to “First Tools for Learning by Brian Simmons” from the  
October 2025 issue of WOOD magazine:

<https://www.woodmagazine.com/first-tools-for-learning-turning-11784563>

## Volunteers Needed - Bring Cookies or 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.

**Print and fill out the form below to be reimbursed.**

### Des Moines Woodturners, Inc. – AAW Chapter 158

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## 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.

## State Fair Update

The club could use old chair and furniture spindles like these to make funky pens for the fair. Last year, spindles like the ones in the picture, were big sellers. Turners would remove the finish following the curve of the spindle and then use colored pens to decorate them. If club members could bring us spindle blanks like this, Myles Hegstrom will drill them and then club members can turn them.

We also need tree blanks that are 2.5" wide or wider and at least 7" long from various wood species.

-----Here are some targets of our top selling products that we need for 2026 that we need the club to make.

Funky/Simple pens – 350  
Short Spurtles – 35  
Long Spurtles – 20  
Tops - 160  
Segmented bowls – 9  
Christmas ornaments – 40

Medium Spurtles – 40  
Trees (6" tall or taller) – 295  
Bowls – 40  
Natural Edge bowls - 20  
Honey Dippers – 50



**Membership News from Dan Carlson**  
**Have YOU Paid YOUR Dues?**  
**After January 10, your dues will be \$25.**

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](mailto: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.

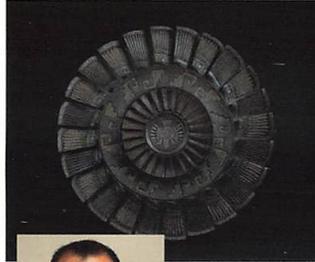
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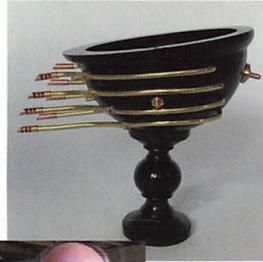
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Or scan the 2026 Symposium Link QR code to the left.



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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](http://tnwoodturners.org) and click the symposium tab. Registration opens September 1st, 2025.

**REGISTER AT: [tnwoodturners.org](http://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. DWMT 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. DWMT 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](mailto:johnaamberg@yahoo.com) for further information or to sign up.

### DWMT Board Meeting ++All are Invited++

Board meetings are open to all members.

The next board meeting is January 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:30 AM at Valley West.

## 2026 Training Classes

If you would like to enroll, email John Amberg at [johnaamberg@yahoo.com](mailto: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
Dustin Smith	Herman Riva	Kevin Roozeboom	4
Tim Ingram	Dennis Schneider	3	3
Elijah Ingram	Curt Barclay	2	2
Bob Jackson	Dana Oredson	1	1

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

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

Basic Sharpening	Basic Sharpening	Basic Sharpening	Basic Sharpening
April 6, 2026	May 18, 2026	October 12, 2026	November 16, 2026
Bob Jackson	Brad Huyser	Greg Alberts	4
Scott Smith	Jeff Newhook	Dana Oredson	3
Sharon Squibb	Curt Barclay	Herman Riva	2
Tim Ingram	Joe Kaskadden	Dustin Smith	1

## 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](mailto: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

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**Glen Farmer**, Ogden  
Phone 517-395-0317  
[gfarmeriii@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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**LeRoy Monson**, Wauke  
Home Phone: 515-987-1655  
Cell Phone: 515-745-9098  
[monsonlg@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

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**Jack Kennedy**, Winterset  
Phone: 515-462-3141j  
[jkennedywinterset@att.net](mailto:jkennedywinterset@att.net)

Jack will mentor in these areas:

1. Closed Segment Bowls
2. Open Segment Bowls

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**Jack Rolison**, Ottumwa  
Phone: 641-683-5647  
[jd.rolison@outlook.com](mailto: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  
222 Landmark Center,  
75 5th Street  
W St. Paul, MN 55102

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

Email: [memberservices@woodturner.org](mailto:memberservices@woodturner.org).

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

## Board Members and Officers

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

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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	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	Myles Hegstrom
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	Roger Nurnberg
Networking Meeting	June 24, 2026, 9:30 AM	Dan Carlson
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	Myles Hegstrom
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	
Networking Meeting	January 27, 2027, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	February 13, 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 <b>Gil Lea</b> offers a 20% discount on sharpening jigs	<a href="https://www.rightanglenow.com/">https:// www.rightanglenow.com/</a>	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

## **Des Moines Woodturners-The Week Before Christmas**

'Twas the week before Christmas, when all through the shops,  
The woodturners were busy, turning tops;  
Many gouges were hung by the lathes with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas would bring new ones there;

The club members were nestled all snug with no dread,  
While visions of State Fair danced in their heads;  
And some in their turning smock, and some with a cap,  
Had just settled down for there were turnings to wrap,

When within the shop there arose such a clatter,  
Everyone sprang to see what was the matter.  
Away from the lathe they flew like a flash,  
Grabbed their face shields, as the lathe threw a bowl of ash.

There on a pile of new-fallen wood chips,  
Thank goodness the bowl fell without any flips,  
When, what to their wondering eyes should appear,  
But hopes of a new lathe, and no longer fear,

And then, in a flash, it all became clear,  
A Powermatic, a Oneway, and a Robust were here.  
As all cheered, shouted and turned around,  
They awoke from deep sleep with feet firm on the ground.

Their eyes -- how they twinkled! their thoughts how merry!  
Christmas is coming, it is no longer scary!  
Everyone shouted, in the midst of their yearning,  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL SAFE TURNING!**