

Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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June 13th Demonstration

Don't miss June's meeting and demonstration! We will be discussing practical woodturning gouge techniques and angles with an interactive demonstration element. Doors will open at **noon** with the program starting at **1:00 PM**

The leaders of the demonstration are **Duane Groenenboom, Mark Hayes, and Tad Tadlock.**

Key Learning Topics:

- **Bevel Angles:** Discover recommended angles for different woodturning gouges.
- **Angle Importance:** Learn why the bevel angle affects your cut and safety.
- **Troubleshooting:** Identify if your tool is sharpened correctly or needs adjustments.
- **Technique Review:** Correct your stance, tool rest height, and presentation to the wood.

What to bring:

- **Challenging Tools:** Bring any gouge that gives you trouble while turning.
- **Questions:** Prepare your specific questions about sharpening and tool control.

Notes From the President Dennis Anderson

Showcase Your Work at the Iowa State Fair!

The Iowa State Fair runs from **August 13–23**. I want to encourage club members of **all skill levels** to enter at least one item this year. It is a fantastic opportunity to show the public the diverse range of beautiful things our chapter can turn.

Judging Entry Deadline: July 1.

Rules, Fees, Entry Form: Available online: <https://iowaifl.fairwire.com/>

Urgent: Club Meeting Location Search

We are still actively hunting for a new home for our chapter meetings and live demonstrations.

Current Status: Our lease at Valley West Mall has transitioned to a **30-day rolling basis** with no guaranteed long-term timeline.

The Challenge: Finding a suitable location that accommodates large demonstrations while staying within our club budget is proving difficult.

How You Can Help: Please keep your ears to the ground! If you know of a person, local business, or venue that might be willing to share or lease a larger space to us, please reach out to the board immediately.

🙌 A Huge Thank You to Our Volunteers!

Our presence and success at the Iowa State Fair depend entirely on your generous hands. Thank you to everyone who turns inventory items to sell, handles booth setup and teardown, demonstrates on the lathe, or manages sales.

We would especially like to recognize:

Duane Groenenboom & Mark Hayes for meticulously tracking our physical inventory.

Dan Carlson for managing and coordinating the volunteer work schedules.

Membership News - New Members

Please welcome these two new members who joined in May: **Dan Dutcher** from Waukee and **Jim Williams** from Johnston.

Turning Challenge for June 13th

The turning challenge for June is a Finial.
Everyone that brings a finial will be included in a prize drawing



Tool exchange and Sale Summer Update!

With no formal programs in June and July, members may buy and sell items at both the monthly chapter and social meetings.

Rules for selling are found on page 5.

Brian Noble-Marx Demonstration, May 9, 2026 Ovoid Bowl

Brian Noble-Marx began the demonstration showing several ovoid bowls he has made. They are made from turning a rectangular wood spindle blank. He made the blank by gluing two boards together with paper in the glue line to be separated later. He described how the gentler curves are the larger the bowl will become. He used numbers from a Fibonacci sequence to make the bowl shape pleasing. He wants to choose the width, depth, and length carefully as when one dimension is changed it affects the other ones and he wants them to fit the wood spindle he has chosen.

He used a spindle roughing gouge to turn the outside shape of the bowl. Then he sanded with a large random orbital sander. He likes to use a 5 inch sander to make the curves smooth and gentle up to 220 grit. Brian then took the sanded spindle off the lathe and used a chisel to separate both pieces at the glue line. He mounts each half on a face plate with cleats with blue tape to match the curvature and hold the blank secure as he turns in the bowl shape. The faceplate with the blank mounted is run through a planer to keep the flat spot on the faceplate parallel to the top of the blank. This will keep the bowl top parallel to the table.

He put the faceplate on the lathe and used a parting tool to gauge the depth of the bowl. This position of the faceplate is necessary to turn the shape of the width of the ovoid bowl. If the center of the bowl spindle was located properly the edges of the bowl sides will be an equal distance to the bowl edge. The last step was to create a bead around the bowl edge.

He ended the presentation at noon. This was a good demonstration to show turners the planning necessary to make the bowl shape as desired and the attention to detail necessary to have the edges of the curves come together properly with the edges of the bowl.

Will Zitterich, Secretary

DWMT Board Meeting

++All are Invited++

Board meetings are open to all members.

The next board meeting is June 24th at approximately 10:30 AM at Valley West.

Brian Noble-Marx Demonstration pt. 2, May 9, 2026 Lidded Box

Brian Noble-Marx began the demonstration to make a lidded box with a 2x2x6 ½ inch cherry blank. He used a scroll chuck to mount the blank and turned the shape of each end. The blank should be checked to see that it is securely held as he is turning the blank at 2100 rpm. He used a bowl gouge to square up the end and used a parting tool to establish the bottom of the top. He wants the length of the box bottom to be about 1.6 the length of the box top. He used a bowl gouge to shape the top and began hollowing out the top. He wants straight sides for the inside of the top. He then sanded the inside of the top now because it is easier to sand when it is still on the lathe. Using a handsaw Brian cut off the top from the bottom of the box at the location he had chosen to get the right proportions.

Brian turned the top of the box dimensions to match the inside dimensions of the top to get a good fit. It needs to be tight enough to stay attached to the bottom when the rest of it is turned but not tight enough to crack it. A Forstner bit was used to hollow the box bottom to keep the sides straight and square. He then put on the lid and turned the final shape.

Will Zitterich, club Secretary

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!

Tool Exchange and Sale

Each Wednesday Morning Networking Meeting

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

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

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.

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](#)

<p>Dan Carlson, Clive Phone: 515-720-0637 dano1466@yahoo.com</p> <p>Dan will mentor in these areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Getting started with pen turning 2. Turning small ornaments 3. Turning small lidded boxes 4. Turning sam rippers, letter openers 5. Turning bottle stoppers 	<p>Tad Tadlock, Winterset Phone: 515-201-7403 tad4tahoe@aol.com</p> <p>Tad will mentor in these areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Natural &naked edge bowls 2. Large & small bowls 3. Platters 4. Boxes 5. Open void vessels 6. Sharpening
<p>Glen Farmer, Ogden Phone 517-395-0317 gfarmeriii@yahoo.com</p> <p>Glen will mentor in these areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bowl turning 2. Ornaments 3. Hollow forms 4. Coloring 5. Platters 6. Spindle work 7. Boxes 8. Harvesting wood/Blank cutting 	<p>Jack Kennedy, Winterset Phone: 515-462-3141 jkennedywinterset@att.net</p> <p>Jack will mentor in these areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Closed Segment Bowls 2. Open Segment Bowls
<p>LeRoy Monson, Waukee Home Phone: 515-987-1655 Cell phone: 515-745-9098 monsonlg@aol.com</p> <p>LeRoy will mentor in these areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Jack Rolison, Ottumwa Phone: 641-683-5647 jd.rolison@outlook.com</p> <p>Jack will mentor in these areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Website: <https://www.woodturner.org/>

Des Moines Woodturners Calendar

Event	Date	Refreshments
Chapter Meeting	May 9, 2026, 10 AM & 1 PM	Myles Hegstrom
Networking Meeting	May 27, 2026, 9:30 AM	Tom Golding
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	Scott Smith
Networking Meeting	July 22, 2026, 9:30 AM	Steve Mumford
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	Michael Johnson
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	Kepler Johnson
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	John Amberg
*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	
Networking Meeting	February 24, 2027, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	March 13, 2027, 1 PM	
Networking Meeting	March 24, 2027, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	April 10, 2027, 1 PM	
Networking Meeting	April 28, 2027, 9:30 AM	
Chapter Meeting	May 8, 2027, 1 PM	
Networking Meeting	May 26, 2027, 9:30 AM	
* Rescheduled due to Holiday		

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 PAYMENT REQUEST VOUCHER (Please print or type all data)



Indicate Payment Type (Check one):

DMWT Expense Reimbursement Vendor Payment VISA CC Purchase

Purpose of Expenditure: _____

Please itemize and total attached receipts or invoices requiring payment.

	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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Total Requested:		

I hereby certify that these expenses were incurred for the operation of the Des Moines Woodturners.

Requested By: _____ Date: _____
PRINT PRINT

Signature: _____

Make Check/Payment Payable to: _____

(Check one): Requestor
 Vendor → _____
 USB VISA CC _____









Mail Check to this address: _____
(PRINT CLEARLY) _____

Deliver this payment request to Stan Merrell

SPACE BELOW FOR DES MOINES WOODTURNERS INC ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Approval Signature _____ Date _____
 Acct: _____ Date Paid: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Check #/EFT#: _____

Board Members and Officers

President: Dennis Anderson (515) 975-8573 dennis.anderson.dca@gmail.com		Treasurer: Stan Merrell (515) 491-5411 srmerrell1@gmail.com	
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Programs: Tara Kinder (319) 939-1727 tjkinder1994@gmail.com		Safety: Mike Hamilton (515) 822-6771 kmhamilton9@msn.com	

Links to the DMWT Website

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

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	5% Member Discount except for Power Tools and Sale Items	2900 University Ave West Des Moines	515-254-9494