

Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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September 12th Demonstration By Richard Mandt & Gayle Borst Decoupage Wooden Bowls & Plates Turned on the Lathe

Richard (Swede) Mandt and his daughter, **Gayle Borst** will demonstrate a creative technique that combines traditional woodturning with decorative surface design. Their presentation focuses on transforming turned wooden bowls and plates into personalized works of art using decorative napkins, adhesives, and resin finishes.

They will walk through the full process, from surface preparation and applying a painted base coat, to carefully placing and sealing decorative napkin layers. A **key step** includes remounting the piece on the lathe after the initial resin coat to perform a final turn, creating a clean, crisp edge before completing the finish.

The process concludes with multiple resin applications to ensure a durable, high-gloss result. Along the way they'll share practical tips, lessons learned, and best practices to help avoid common challenges like wrinkles, dull, yellowy finishes, tearing, and resin pooling.

This **presentation highlights** not only the artistic possibilities of mixed-media woodturning, but also the value of creating meaningful, handcrafted pieces—especially when shared as a family experience.

Located at Valley West Mall



Richard ("Swede") Mandt & Gayle Borst Biography

Richard ("Swede") Mandt is an avid woodworker and veteran with a deep appreciation for craftsmanship. He first began turning in high school and returned to the craft many years later. He enjoys spending time in the shop creating turned pieces, mostly from found, local wood and sharing his skills, especially when collaborating on projects that bring creativity and family together.

Gayle Borst is Swede's youngest daughter. She enjoys crafting and sewing, with a passion for creative expression across different mediums. Her interest in embellishing turned pieces was sparked after her daughter, Veronica, gifted Swede a store-bought bowl that Gayle wanted to try to recreate using bowls turned by her dad. This inspired her to ask him to turn some pieces and begin experimenting with her own decorative techniques.

Together, they combine woodturning and decorative art to create unique, meaningful pieces while enjoying the process side by side.



Membership News - New Members

No new news on membership for the month of August.

Notes From the President Dennis Anderson

Iowa State Fair Success

A huge **thank you** to everyone who contributed to making our Iowa State Fair booth and sales a massive success! Whether you turned items to sell, drilled funky pen blanks, helped with setup and teardown, or managed inventory and supplies—your efforts were vital. Sales from the State Fair provide the primary funding for our club. These proceeds allow us to pay rent, purchase supplies, offer training, and bring in professional turners as we strive to be a premier resource for learning and improving woodturning skills.

We Are Moving!

September will mark our **final** Saturday meeting at the mall location. We are moving to **1901 Bell Avenue in Des Moines**. We will be relocating all club items from the mall to our new home following the **September 12 meeting**.

Fall Training Classes

Fall kicks off a brand-new round of training classes! Be sure to sign up early and take full advantage of this great opportunity to sharpen your turning skills.

Turning Challenge for September 12th

Ready your gouge and turn a **natural edge bowl** for the September turning challenge!
Everyone that brings a bowl turning will be included in a prize drawing.
Must be a newly turned bowl.



DWMT Board Meeting

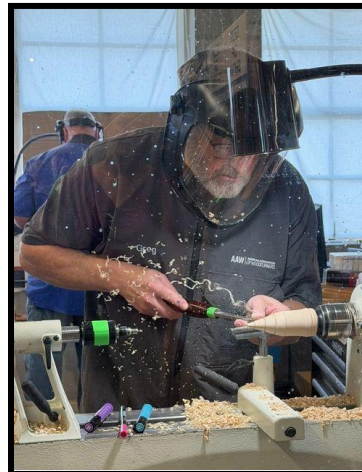
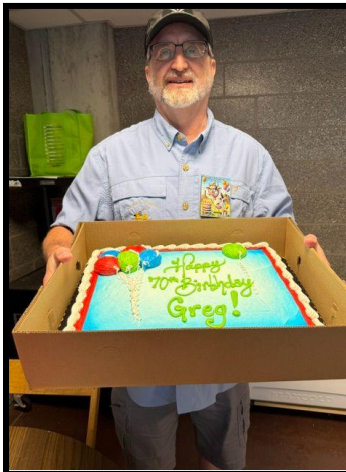
++All are Invited++

Board meetings are open to all members.
The next board meeting is September 23rd

Fun at the Fair

We hope you had fun at the state fair this year, whether you volunteered at the booth, turned something for the booth, turned something in for submission, or just stopped by!

Greg Ellyson celebrated his 70th birthday while the fair was ongoing. Happy Birthday Greg!



Directions to the New Club Location

Des Moines Woodturners: 1901 Bell Avenue. Enter at Bell Avenue Business Center sign and turn left to park on the west side. Enter door 101 and turn left and then right two times and follow the hallway to our room.



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.

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 a while 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 johnnaamberg@yahoo.com for further information or to sign up.

Basic Woodturning	Basic woodturning
Sep 14 & 21, 2026	Oct 19 & 26, 2026
Kevin Roozeboom	Tim Devine
Larry Bailiff	Sharon Squibb
Gary Reed	Dan Dutcher
Kepler Johnson	Marvin Cole
Philip Blobaum	1

Basic Segmenting	Basic Skew
Sep 28, 2026	Nov 2, 2026
Herman Riva	Brent Heuer
Dustin Smith	Curt Barclay
Dave Dvorsky	Herman Riva
2	Scott Core
1	Jamie Retzinger

Basic Bowl	Basic Bowl
Oct 5, 2026	Nov 9th, 2026
Larry Bailiff	Philip Blobaum
Gary Reed	John Carman
Kepler Johnson	Tim Devine
Gene Davis	Dustin Smith
Rod Putney	1

Basic Sharpening	Basic Sharpening
Oct 12, 2026	Nov 16, 2026
Herman Riva	Larry Bailiff
John Carman	Gary Reed
Kepler Johnson	Philip Blobaum
2	2
1	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 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	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
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	Jack Kennedy, Winterset Phone: 515-462-3141 jkennedywinterset@att.net Jack will mentor in these areas: 1. Closed Segment Bowls 2. Open Segment Bowls
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	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
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
1		
2		
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Total Requested:		

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

Requested By: _____
PRINT

Date: _____
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#: _____

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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.