



MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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Shavings from the President's Shop

At last month's meeting the subject of the AAW insurance came up along with the requirement in our clubs bylaws to be an AAW member. At that time I had not fully researched the coverage of the policy so I could not answer all the questions that came up. There was some investigation done by a member of the Neenah club that led them to believe that in being an AAW member they were not covered for the no fault medical coverage that the AAW insurance policy provides. With this information they felt that some of their membership would be better served not being AAW members so that they would be covered for the no fault medical coverage, thus the drive to eliminate the requirement to be an AAW member.

As I am not an insurance expert I thought it best to go directly to the AAW to find out just what is covered. I contacted David Morris who is the chairman of the AAW insurance committee who then explained the coverage to me and offered to answer any questions that any of the members may have. I have a phone number and email for David if anyone would like to contact him themselves, he is very personable and knowledgeable.

I had a very good conversation with David, he is an insurance lawyer by trade so he could easily answer my questions and make clear the coverage of the AAW policy. As a member of the AAW, we each of \$1,000,000 worth of liability coverage at any club meeting or club sponsored event. This not only covers liability but also the legal fees involved. Along with the liability coverage the policy also has \$5,000 no fault medical coverage, this covers medical expenses in the case of a no fault accident at a club meeting or club sponsored event. In

normal cases, this coverage would only cover non-policy holders; much like auto liability coverage covers the person you injure and does not cover you. In this case, there was a rider written to the policy so that the no fault medical coverage covers not only non-members but also members. This is the bit of information that was missed by those in the Neenah club that investigated the coverage.

In light of this, I feel that the requirement to be an AAW member should remain in our bylaws. The advantages of being a member far outweigh the alternative. One of the main points that David made in our discussion is that just the liability coverage alone is worth the price of membership with all the other benefits just icing on the cake.

Be safe,
Jon

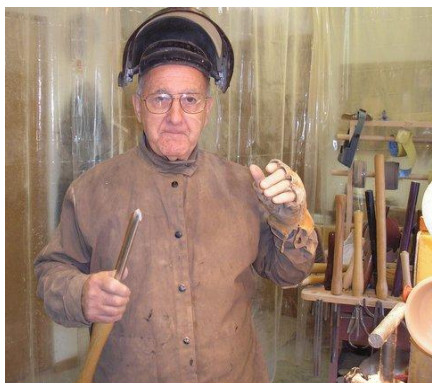
Remaining 2012 Club Meeting Dates

November 5
December 3... Christmas/Holiday Party

Demonstrations

Last Month's Presenter, Klaus Zunker who turned plant holders.

Spotlight Turner



Spotlight Turner Cliff Mitchell

- Q. How young are you?** A. 75
- Q. Where is home?** A. West Bend
- Q. Family information?** A. Widowed with 4 children 3 girls and a boy. * grandchildren and 5 great grand children
- Q. Vocation?** A. Auto body repair and painter
- Shop overview:** A. Well stocked storage unit and exposed basement.
- Q. How many lathes do you own?** A. Just one and really like it.
- Q. If you could upgrade to another lathe, what would it be and why?** A. No because I like what I have.
- Q. How long have you been turning and what got you started?** A. Over 10 years.
- Q. What do you enjoy most about turning?** A. Satisfaction and beauty in viewing the finish product.
- Q. What do you enjoy least about turning?** A. Sanding and cleaning up.
- Q. What was your first completed turned project?** A. Legs for a table.
- Q. What is your favorite individual piece that you have turned and why?** A. Big salad bowls for its beauty.
- Q. What is your favorite form that you turn?** A. Vases
- Q. What do you not turn now that you want to, or plan to in the future?** A. Higher end vases.
- Q. What is your favorite piece someone else has turned and why?** A. So many at the show and tell part of the club meetings.
- Q. Are there any turners, well known or not, that have influenced your turning?** A. I am self-taught

and seminars and tapes that are borrowed from the club.

Q. What is your favorite wood to work with and why? A. Cherry for its natural beauty.

Q. Got any nicknames? How did you get it? A. Mitch. Half of my last name.

Q. Any words of wisdom for your fellow turners?
A. Don't make the last cut!

MAWt Meeting Information

MAWT club meetings are held the first Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 P.M., at Woodcraft / Rhino LLC, 14115 W. Greenfield Ave. New Berlin, WI 53151 Phone: 262-785-6770, Fax: 262-785-6771, or <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=506>

Board meetings start at 5:00 P.M., the day of club meetings, at Culvers on Hwy 100, across from the former Woodcraft location.

Embroidered Club Logo Available

The club now has a source to embroider shirts with the clubs logo. Members need to bring their own shirt(s) to have embroidered. Shirts will be sent when there is enough to ship. Cost will be \$12 per shirt. If interested, please contact Bonnie Amundsen at 262-574-0577 or bonam@wi.rr.com

Member Gallery

You are invited to bring up to two pieces that you have recently turned. This is a great opportunity to share the "lessons learned" during your turning sessions with other members. Your participation inspires and challenges other to grow in their knowledge and skill.

Wood Raffle

You are encouraged to donate wood and buy raffle tickets as often as you are able. Please bring wood that you would like to turn

yourself. Your participation helps support the financial well-being of our club and is greatly appreciated.

Membership Process and Dues

Club membership is from January through December. New members that join after October 1 will not need to renew their membership until the end of the following year's membership period. Dues are as follows (this can change without notice): MAWt annual dues: \$20.00 and AAW annual dues: \$48.00 minimum (see AAW website (www.woodturner.org) for member options). All prospective MAWt club members must be a current AAW in order to join. A copy of a current AAW membership card, or copy of the front cover of your AAW magazine that displays membership information, or copy of your on-line AAW membership application payment is required at the time of joining the club.

AAW membership benefits are:

- AAW Journal: American Woodturner
 - Published quarterly
 - High quality full-color publication
- Large circulation
 - Variety of articles
 - Current trends
 - Techniques
 - Critiques
 - Galleries
 - Upcoming events
- Local AAW Chapters - Parent organization of more than 300 local chapters in North America and around the world
- AAW Resource Directory
- AAW Symposium – discounted fees for members
- AAW Website (www.woodturner.org)
- AAW Forum (www.aawforum.org/vbforum)
- Educational Opportunity Grants
- Liability Insurance for Chapters – U.S. and Canada
- Business insurance available for U.S. members

Questions about MAWt and AAW membership?
Please contact Carl Brust at: cjbrust@wi.rr.com

Club Library

We offer our members a growing list of topical resources that can be checked out and returned at the following month's meeting. Our library includes DVD's, books, and magazines that address many aspects of woodturning. This is a popular member benefit and the lending rules should be respected and honored. For the benefit and enjoyment of all club members, it is important that you return all MAWt videos and other educational materials at the following month's club meeting. To inquire about titles and check availability, please contact: Gary Datka, Club librarian at mawtlibrary@hotmail.com



New titles are added regularly to the club Library

MAWt Membership

Our membership consists of both novice and experienced woodturners. We place a high priority on teaching and expanding each member's turning skills and knowledge of the craft. We encourage each member to freely share ideas, insights, and lessons learned as a result of their experience. Having fun and good fellowship is required at all club functions.

MAWt Demonstrators Wanted

We are seeking demonstrators that have an interesting theme or approach to turning, and have demonstrated sound technique and skill level. Please forward your suggestions to Charlene Dee at: charsden@wi.rr.com

Member Services

Name tag or membership card requests or Contact information changes, such as: address, phone, email address, please send an email with your request to Carl Brust at cjbrust@wi.rr.com

For Sale

If you have equipment or tools for sale, please submit a detailed description and prices by the 15th of each month and we will include it in the following month's eNewsletter. Please email your information to Scott Kosteretz at skoz@wi.rr.com

For Sale

Tormek sharpening system - \$200
Craftsman 12 inch bandsaw - \$75
Spraytech Paint Sprayer #1620 - \$175

Ron and Diane Neuman are moving to California. Because of distance, a smaller shop, and changes in interests it is necessary to get rid of some of some tools. For more information please call: Ron Neuman at 414-801-6402

Member Supplier Discount Program

We are continually researching new woodturning resources that may offer our club members special discounts. If you have any suggestions, please contact Jon Behnke at [Jon Behnke <fetchitup@live.com>](mailto:Jon.Behnke@fetchitup@live.com)
Current Supplier Discounts:

- Woodcraft (Requires AAW or MAWt membership card to receive 10% discount)
- Rockler (Requires AAW or MAWt membership card to receive 10% discount)
- Klingspor's Woodworking Shop (Club members receive 10% discount on all non-powered merchandise)

Suppliers and Resources

We are looking to add new woodturning websites to our "Member Resources" newsletter section. If you have discovered interesting and informative websites related to woodturning, please send an email to: Scott Kosteretz (skoz@wi.rr.com)

Note: The editor has the right to include or exclude suggested websites based on space, relevancy, and club standards.

Manzanita Turning Burls

www.nativemanzanitaburl.com

CHOICE WOODS

Contact: Clay Johnson at 2801 Floyd Street, Louisville, KY 40209, 502-587-0777, 888/895-7779, www.choice-woods.com

"I only ship what I would want to receive"

Steve Russell's Lathe Talk

Free Monthly e-Zine: Steve Russell's Lathe Talk, a free monthly newsletter (e-zine) for subscribers of Steve Russell's "Woodturning Videos Plus" woodturning website. This newsletter will be delivered on or about the first of each month to the email address you indicated on your sign-up form. All back issues of this newsletter are available to subscribers.

Lathe Talk will offer tips and tricks to make your woodturning easier and more productive. I'll also show you ways to save money in your studio, so you can stretch your hard earned money. In addition, we will periodically offer subscribers only specials on our videos and e-books. To subscribe: Steven Russell
steverussell@woodturningvideosplus.com

The Woodworking Channel

If you haven't check this out, you will discover many woodworking video resources (Free to view) on this site including: A Wood working experience, AAW, Fine Woodworking, Intarsia and Marquetry, IWF, The American Woodshop, The Great British Woodshop and more! You can find this at: www.woodworkingchannel.com

American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

International, non-profit society dedicated to the advancement of woodturning by providing education, information, and organization.

www.woodturner.org

Woodturners Resource

This site includes: message boards, woodturning galleries, on-line video's, featured artists, websites, tutorials, projects and tips, event calendar, vendors and resources, and chat.

www.woodturnersresource.com

Woodcentral

Woodworking information, discussions, chats, articles and sources for everything the woodworker needs. www.woodcentral.com

Woodturning Online

Woodturning Online offers turning projects, plans and articles for *woodturners* including information on bowl, pen and segmented turning using the lathe and more. www.woodturningonline.com

Around the Woods

Wood turning lathe instruction, tips and techniques for the beginner or experienced turner. Wood turning lathe tips, techniques and projects to add to your joy in turning.

www.aroundthewoods.com

Woodturns

The Online *Woodturning* Community *Woodturning* articles, *woodturning* directory, *woodturning* artists, *woodturning* projects, *woodturning* tools, etc. www.woodturns.com

Mystic Burls

530-917-9642

mysticburls8@yahoo.com

<http://www.mysticburlwood.com>

Exotic Blanks

Ed Brown is now carrying Jason Swanson's segmented pen blanks under the brand name "Stripe Tease". For anybody who has admired Jason's segmented pens and would like to turn one of their own, please check out Ed's website

www.exoticblanks.com.

Woodcraft Classes

If you are interested in developing or expanding your woodworking skills, including woodturning, Woodcraft has classes for all skill levels. Please refer to your monthly Woodcraft flyer or request a class schedule during your next visit to Woodcraft. For more information, please call Woodcraft at: 262 785-6770

Classes and Events

Woodcraft will be having a Turn-4-Troops November 11. For more information, please call Woodcraft at: 262 785-6770

MAWt Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting minutes of ***Milwaukee Area Woodturners*** October 1, 2012

In attendance: Jon Behnke, Dave Drickhamer, Sandy Sheahan, Jerry Tackes, Char Dee, Jim Andresen

- Woodcraft will be having a Turn-4-Troops November 11.
- The board approved the purchase of 50 LED lights from IKA. The lights will be available to club members for \$15. Carl Brust will make the trip to purchase them
- No more replies from the demo survey have been turned in.
- The light stands for the photo setup have been ordered. Ron Nelson will be working on the setup.
- We are checking on price and availability for the light/camera setup for demos. Dennis will do the research and make the purchase.
- We need casters for the Powermatic to make it easier to move. We will check with Chris for availability.
- Board nominations will start tonight.
- Jon will check with the Saturday club and schedule Alan Lacer for March 23.
- AAW membership was brought up again.
- A motion was made by Jerry with a second by Char to poll the membership to maintain the

requirement of AAW membership. Motion passed with a vote of 4-2.



General Meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners** October 1, 2012

- Woodcraft will be having a Turn-4-Troops November 11.
- Empty Bowls will be October 13.
- Members are asked to return the demo survey. Either email to Char or print and bring to next meeting.
- Alan Lacer demo will be scheduled of March 23. There will be a demo on Saturday and hands on Sunday.
- A motion was made by Jerry with a second by Char to continue mandatory membership.
- A vote was taken with a show of hands to make the membership voluntary with a vote of 13 against making it mandatory and 9 to continue making it mandatory.
- The vote was set aside and tabled until more info can be researched on the advantages on AAW membership.
 - Board nominations started tonight with Ron Nelson and Ron Hinderman being nominated. Nominations will continue next month.
 - The demo tonight was Klaus Zunker making plant holders.

MAWt e-News Submissions

MAWt welcomes the submission of news stories, photos, calendar items, letters, announcements, or any other information that would be of interest to woodturners and relevant to woodturning. Below are guidelines for various submissions:
Please include your name and contact information (either a telephone number or e-mail address). Please send the information in a timely manner. Remember to include as much pertinent information, including the following:

- WHO** was involved?
- WHAT** was the event?
- WHEN** did the event occur?
- WHERE** did the event occur?
- WHY** was the event important?

Please send your e-News submissions no later than the 15th of each month. The editor has the right to edit or not to include the request based on space limitations or topics not relevant to woodturning. Please contact Scott Kosteretz at 414-852-3853 or skoz@wi.rr.com

MAWt Committees

If you aren't on a committee, you are encouraged to volunteer.

- ❖ **Member/Guest Registration:**
Tom Palaubecki and Jim Swank
- ❖ **Meeting Set-up/Clean-up:**
Dennis Dee, Jason Swanson, and Sandy Sheahan
- ❖ **Library:**
Gary Datka
- ❖ **Photography:**
Don Boeck and Ron Nelson
- ❖ **Demonstrator Scheduling:**
Char Dee
- ❖ **Member Gallery Facilitator:**
Jon Behnke
- ❖ **Wood Raffle Ticket Sales:**
Char Dee
- ❖ **E-Newsletter Editor:**
Scott Kosteretz
- ❖ **Membership:**
Carl Brust
- ❖ **Audio/Video:**
Dennis Dee

MAWt Board members

Jon Behnke, President (2011-2013)

Jerry Tackes, Vice President (2011-2013)

David Drickhamer, Secretary (2009-2011)

Sandy Sheahan, Treasurer (2011-2013)

Char Dee (2012-2014)

Jim Andersen (2012-2014)

Past Presidents / Board Member Advisory

Jason Swanson, Past President (2008-2010)

Scott Kosteretz, Past President (2005-2007)

