



## MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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### MAWt eNews

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Check out our website at <http://mawturners.com>

#### Shavings from the President's Shop

Last month we had an interesting demo on design by Steve Labecki that should make us all think about our designs a little more when planning a piece. When I first started turning I spent most of my time just trying to make a cut without getting a catch, not paying too much attention to shape...which showed in my early pieces. Working in the print industry, I also have a graphic arts background. I could see that there were issues with the shapes of my pieces, I just didn't have the skill to get the shape I saw in my head transferred to the piece on the lathe. I still struggle with this at times but with plenty of practice, I think I'm getting better.

After investing time in a piece I think we all want to be able to step back and admire our accomplishment just knowing that this is the best piece yet but in most cases, all I see are the flaws. I am my own worst critic. I can see the tool marks that I missed in sanding, I can see the scratches in the finish and I can see part of the shape that in my eyes isn't quite right. My wife will tell me the piece is nice but she'll do that just so I'll remember to take out the trash. I have several people at work that like to see my turnings but most of them haven't seen many turned pieces so they don't make good critics either.

The best place for me to get a good critique is at club meetings. We have a broad range of skillset and experience and of course, a broad range of opinions. I know that if I bring a piece for the gallery I'll get not only an honest opinion but also good direction on how to make the next piece

better. This is a large part of why we meet, to learn the skills to improve our turnings. Tool control and technical skills are easier to learn than learning the design considerations that Steve talked about in his demo. We've all heard the saying "everybody has an opinion" but the shape of a well-made piece isn't necessarily up to opinion. As we learned from Steve, there are some rules to attain a shape that will be pleasing to the eye. This is why a good critique is so important.

Like me, I'm sure you are all your own worst critics so there is no reason to shy away from getting a critique on your work. If we don't have our work critiqued, then we have no way to know what to improve, this is how we learn. A good critic will not only point out the flaws but will also show you the positives. We need to keep in mind that at one point we were all new turners, we all started just trying to not get a catch and we've all improved over time. So don't be afraid to bring a piece for the gallery and embrace the positives and negatives of a good critique, your work will improve with the experience.

Stay safe,  
Jon

#### 2012 Club Meeting Dates

March 5  
April 2  
May 7  
Jun 4  
July 2  
August 6  
September 10

October 1  
November 5  
December 3

## Demonstrations



At the February meeting, Steve Labecki gave a presentation on good design methods.

Floyd Timm will turn bracelets using a home-made hook tool between homemade centers at the March meeting.

## Spotlight Turner

Floyd Timm

**Q1. How young are you?**

A1. 69

**Q2. Where is home?**

A2. Milwaukee

**Q3. Family information**

A3. Married, two children, two step children, 1 grandchild

**Q4. What is your vocation?**

A4. Retired

**Q5. Shop overview: How many lathes do you own?**

A5. One

**Q6. If you could upgrade to another lathe, what would it be and why?**

A6. Happy with what I have.

**Q7. How long have you been turning and what got you started?**

A7. 13 years, went to a turning class at Woodcraft.

**Q8. What do you enjoy most about turning?**

A8. Different grains of wood that are expose during turning.

**Q9. What do you enjoy least about turning?**

A9. Sanding

**Q10. What was your first completed turned project?**

A10. A rough turned bowl

**Q11. What is your favorite individual piece that you have turned and why?**

A11. A pierced sea shell

**Q12. What is your favorite form that you turn?**

A12. Natural edged burls

**Q13. What do you not turn now that you want to, or plan to in the future?**

A13. Not sure

**Q14. What is your favorite piece someone else has turned and why?**

A14. Binh Pho's works his color, design and distinctive pieces.

**Q15. Are there any turners, well known or not, that have influenced your turning?**

A15. Too many to list.

**Q16. What is your favorite wood to work with and why?**

A16. Black walnut, the colors and the way it finishes

**Q17. Do you have a nickname? How did you get it?**

A17. No

**Q18. Do you have any words of wisdom for your fellow turners?**

A18. Set goals and keep challenging yourself.

## MAWt Meeting Information

**M**AWT 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

**T**he 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 Carl Brust at [cjbrust@wi.rr.com](mailto:cjbrust@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](http://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](http://www.woodturner.org))
- AAW Forum ([www.aawforum.org/vbforum](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mawtlibrary@hotmail.com)



**New titles are add 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](mailto: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](mailto:cjbrust@wi.rr.com)

## For Sale

If you have equipment or tools for sale, please submit a detailed description and prices by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:skoz@wi.rr.com)

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### For Sale

12 volt DeWalt tools  
2- drills DW974  
1- circle saw DW930  
1- recip-saw DW937 (14.4V, but works with 12V battery)  
5- batteries (various ages)  
2- chargers

I recently started upgrading to 18 volt tools and need to sell off the 12 volt tools to pay for the

other tools I want to buy. I'm thinking \$250 for all or make me an offer Eric Jaeger 262-366-9617 I will bring them to the next meeting if you'd like to see them

Eric Jaeger  
262-366-9617  
[ericjaeger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ericjaeger@sbcglobal.net)

## 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@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)
- Craft Supplies (Club members receive 10% discount when mentioning Promotional Code- Clubmem)

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.woodturnersresource.com)

### **Woodcentral**

Woodworking information, discussions, chats, articles and sources for everything the woodworker needs. [www.woodcentral.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.aroundthewoods.com)

### **Woodturns**

The Online Woodturning Community Woodturning articles, woodturning directory, woodturning artists, woodturning projects, woodturning tools, etc. [www.woodturns.com](http://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](http://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.

## **Regional Classes and Events**

**On March 17th & 18th** we will be sponsoring a two day demo with **Lyle Jamieson** that is open to all and he will also be doing a hands on demo for a maximum of 6 registrants on the 19th. If there are more than 6 registrants, then we can add additional days for the hands on, as many as we can fill. The fee for the Saturday and Sunday all day demos will be \$35 per day, which includes lunch, if



registered any time before the day of the demo and there will be an additional \$5 charge for same day registration. The fee for the hands on demo will be \$110, also including lunch. Registration for the hands on demo will require a \$50 deposit to reserve a spot.

For information on Lyle's demo you can see an outline on his website here: <https://www.lylejamieson.com/instruction-classes/index.asp>

Lyle asked that attendees bring instant gallery pieces. For those attending the hands on demo, you will need a face shield (must have), a deep flute bowl gouge and any hollowing tools that you own no matter who made them.

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**May 13, 2012 Crime Stoppers Fundraiser**  
10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Crime Stoppers Mother's Day "Pancakes with Mom" fundraiser on Sunday May 13, 2012. If interested, please donate a turned item (or 2) for our fundraiser raffle table. Items can be brought in at or before the May MAWt meeting. For more information, please visit our website <http://www.tosacrimestoppers.com/> or call Gary Datka at (414) 443-0027.

## MAWt Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners**, February 4, 2012 at HWY 100 Culver's at 5pm

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

- Gary was given the OK to order a cabinet for storing the library. It was suggested to get a cabinet on wheels.
- It was determined to have a budget for the library to purchase new media in the amount of \$250 a year. If more is needed it will be presented to the board for approval.

- Sandy will start giving a brief financial report at the General Meeting. If anyone wants more details or has questions they can see her during the break at the meeting.
- We will hand out 5 - \$10 Woodcraft gift cards and one \$25 gift card during the Wood Raffle.
- The club will not have a booth at this year's Wood Show.
- Char will ask for help with the Wood Raffle.
- Jamison Demo:
- Lathes will be taken downstairs on Friday before the demo.
- Doors will open at 9am each day for the demo.
- The club will purchase a Wolverine for the grinder.
- Lunch will be provided each day.
- We still need wood, electric and gas chain saws, air compressor and face plates for the hands on.
- Each person doing the hands on is responsible for providing their own safety equipment.

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## General Meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners** February 4, 2012

- Mike Mahoney will be doing a demo in the Madison area March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Jamison demo is March 17 and 18. Hands on is March 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Each person doing the hands on is responsible for providing their own safety equipment.
- Business cards for the club are done.
- Our website, <http://www.mawturners.com/> has a *Members Only* section. Attend a meeting to get the password for this new section.
- We will hand out 5 - \$10 Woodcraft gift cards and one \$25 gift card during the Wood Raffle.
- Please support the Wood Raffle by buying tickets and bringing in wood.

- The club will not have a booth at this year's Wood Show.
- Our demo this month was Steve Labecki on Graphic design.

## MAWt e-News Submissions

**M**AWt 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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)

