



MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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Shavings from the President's Shop

This month's shavings is going to be short because basically I haven't had any time to make shavings, not any turned shavings anyway. My wife decided that we needed hard wood flooring in our living room, so me being frugal (read too cheap to pay somebody to install), I spent a couple days installing some nice Hickory flooring. It turned out really nice, Hickory has such nice color variation, so nice that my wife decided I should also replace the carpet in the man cave with some nice laminate flooring which will also be installed by me...soon. Being handy has its draw backs. The good part is that by the time this flooring needs to be replaced I should be too old for all that crawling around on the floor.

This time of the year is difficult to get a lot of shop time, with the weather turning nice I'm sure most of us need to soak up some of that spring sunshine. I am looking forward to opening the big door in my garage shop before it gets too hot, it's also good to be able to fire up the air compressor and blow out a layer of saw dust.

There are a couple events coming up to keep in mind. June 8-12 is the national symposium in San Jose, CA, there is a lot of information on this in the AAW website for those thinking about attending. A little closer to home is Turn On Chicago which is August 3-5 at St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. Turn On Chicago is a bi-annual symposium put on by the Chicago Woodturners who do a fantastic job with this event. I was fortunate to attend last time and am looking forward to attending again this year. If you have ever thought about attending a symposium, this is an excellent chance to take advantage of a very well done symposium, you won't be disappointed.

It's back to my "honey do" list for me.

Be safe,
Jon

2012 Club Meeting Dates

May 7
Jun 4
July 2
August 6
September 10
October 1
November 5
December 3

Demonstrations



The April Presenter was Jason Swanson, who turned Easter Eggs. Egg shapes are not the easiest shape to turn and make look realistic. Jason showed his technique for turning these challenging shapes.

May Presenter, Ron Nelson will be doing a demo on photographing your turned objects. He will demonstrate how to create professional quality

photographs of your woodturning projects using inexpensive equipment. Much of the equipment can easily be built from materials readily available at a hardware store or home center. Before retiring Ron was one of the top photographers in his field, and absolutely has the eye for it. David Drickhamer will be assisting Ron on his demo. We are truly blessed that Ron is healthy and ready to help us out again with his artist talents and ability.

Spotlight Turner



Bonnie

Q. How young are you?

A. 54

Q. Where is home?

A. Waukesha

Family information?

A. Married to Steve and daughter Stefanie

Vocation?

A. Lab Technician

Shop overview: We have a small shop with lots of tools on wheels.

A. 2

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

A. A variable speed would be nice.

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

A. Steve got me started almost 2 years ago.

Q. What do you enjoy most about turning?

A. It's my playtime. I enjoy spending time with Steve in the shop.

Q. What do you enjoy least about turning?

A. Maybe the cleanup.

Q. What was your first completed turned project?

A. A slimline wood pen.

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

A. We recently finished a few segmented Celtic cross pens.

Q. What is your favorite form that you turn?

A. I like the segmented pens and now we are making Christmas ornaments with stands.

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

A. I'd like to try a segmented bowl or platter.

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

A. I've seen some very nice segmented hollow forms.

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

A. I've tried some of Barry Gross's pen designs. Casting the stamp pen and beer crown pen are two of my favorites.

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

A. I like walnut, curly maple and bloodwood together in segmented work.

Q. Got any nicknames? How did you get it?

A. Not really, but most people call me Bon.

Q. Any words of wisdom for your fellow turners?

A. Keep trying, the more you do something, the easier it gets.

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



Wolverine Sharpening System

INCLUDES:

- 8" Slow Speed Grinder
- Wolverine Grinding Jig With "Vee Arm, Flat Platform, and 2 bases
- Dressing Attachment
- Vari-Grind Fingernail/Side Grinding Jig
- "Sharp Fast" S900 Sharpening Guide
- Complete as Shown- \$250

Contact Duane at dcbauer15@wi.rr.com

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.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)

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

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<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.

Classes and Events

May 13, 2012 Crime Stoppers Fundraiser

10th 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.

June 8-10 2012 26th AAW International Symposium, to be held in San José CA, at the San José Convention & Cultural Facilities ... McEnery Convention Center. For more information: <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/>

August 3-5, 2012 Turn-On! Chicago

The Conference Center at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL. or more information: www.turnonchicago.com

MAWt Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners** April 2, 2012

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

- The Jamieson demo was discussed. We will decide what we want to do differently in the future.
- Thanks to all the made this possible.
- Who do we want to see in the future? We may need to plan up to one year in advance.
- What do we want to do for our next "Learn to Turn"?

- Can we get members from the club up north to do demos for us?
- Our meeting room is a mess. We need to do a better job of keeping it clean. Do we need a work day to take care of this? At each meeting we will ask for volunteers to clean up after the meeting.
- Do we need a Safety Chairman? If we develop a list of safety rules how do we make sure all club members are aware of them? Big sign? Web site? Newsletter?
- Pictures of each item in the gallery should be taken for the newsletter.
- We will review the AAW Insurance next month.

General Meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners** April 2, 2012

- The Jamieson demo went well but the club did take a small loss on it. What do we want to do differently next time?
- Thanks to everyone that helped to make it possible.
- Jimmy Clewes will be doing a demo up north later this year.
- Our meeting room is a mess. We need to do a better job of keeping it clean. At each meeting we will ask for volunteers to clean up after the meeting.
- After the demo we did a good clean up before doing our gallery review.
- Our Wood raffle is a very important way for the club to generate income.
- Please bring in wood that you would like to turn.
- Any wood left over at end of the night should be taken home by the person that brought it in.
- Our demo this month was Jason turning Easter Eggs.

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)

