



MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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Shavings from the President's Shop

Help Wanted

Milwaukee Area Woodturners Club seeking self starting, driven individuals for several positions. Applicants should be dedicated, motivated, organized and have vision for the direction of this fine organization. Duties to include getting involved, being in contact with other members and being a part of the solution. Compensation in the form of satisfaction for a job well done, appreciation of your peers and an occasional pat on the back.

The above ad may seem a little tongue in cheek but there is truly a need for this sort of help in our club. Putting together the pieces of successful club meetings and events takes all of the skills listed above by enough members to keep it all working and moving forward. It's easy to sit back and wait for someone else to step forward but we don't really have the luxury of an overabundance of volunteers.

Last month I put out a call for volunteers to form a committee to organize outside talent for demos, I still have open positions waiting to be filled. This is not a tough position, it won't take up all your time and you won't be alone...in fact, the more help we get the easier it will be. We can continue to draw from our local talent for demos but bringing in outside talent makes a huge difference. How many of you find the skew chisel difficult to master? What difference could it make to have Alan Lacer guiding you along? Who among us would like to turn a hollow and present it in a really unique way? Would a weekend with Alan Carter help with that? I'm sure many of you could come up with your own

scenario like these with any number of other professional turners that could be brought in.

Putting together demos like these are not difficult, especially if we have enough members lending a hand. There's no reason we can't have at least one major demo a year. Many of the possible turners to bring in are scheduled out quite far, to get somebody in for next spring we have to start now. Just an hour or two a month by a small committee could easily get this done. The return on time investment is huge. Don't be the person that waits to be asked or thinks they don't have anything to offer, you might be the one that gets that pat on the back.

Be safe,
Jon

2012 Club Meeting Dates

July 2
August 6
September 10
October 1
November 5
December 3

Demonstrations

Last Month's Demonstrator was David Krajec, who presented ways to the lathe for something other than wood turning.

Metal spinning has been around for many years and is considered to be one of the oldest methods of forming sheet metal. There is hieroglyphic evidence that shows the Egyptians knew of metal

spinning and it is believed to have been an art form in China. Paul Revere was a metal spinner. Spinners develop their own technique and it varies by the spinners experience and ability.

July's Demonstrator is Ed Brown, who will be showing us how to turn pens for profit, gifts or just instant gratification. He started making things on the lathe in the mid-1990's. At that time, the pen making industry offered a half dozen "component sets" or "kits". Even though Ed's favorite type of material to turn is resin. Tonight he will talk about even the very small cut off pieces of wood (which most of us can't throw away) have a purpose.

Spotlight Turner



Dave Drickhamer

Q. How young are you?

A. Old enough to know better. (63)

Q. Where is home?

A. Bay View area in Milwaukee

Family information?

A. Married to my best friend for 40ish years. Grandfather to 5 granddaughters. I also have two shop kitties that love to "help" in the shop.

Vocation?

A. Retired and loving it. I worked 37 years in the packaging business and 13 years military.

Q. How many lathes do you own?

A. Two. A Jet 1442 and a General 14" midi

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

A. I'm happy with what I have but if I were to get another I'd probably look at Powermatic.

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

A. I first turned in junior high school and only got back to it about 6 years ago when my wife wanted to try it. She still hasn't touched a lathe.

Q. What do you enjoy most about turning?

A. Taking a piece of wood and turning it into something that to me looks appealing.

Q. What do you enjoy least about turning?

A. Cleaning the shop. That's why I have grand kids.

Q. What was your first completed turned project?

A. My first completed project was a lidded box turned in Junior high. I still have and use it.

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

A. Usually the last piece I've turned.

Q. What is your favorite form that you turn?

A. I like turning pens. I also like making lidded boxes and miniatures.

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

A. I'd like to start turning more bowls, hollow forms and segmented pieces

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

A. There's too many to pick from

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

A. Our club is lucky to have many gifted turners. All of which do exceptional work. If I were to pick just a few I'd have to say Ron Nelson, Jerry Tackes

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

A. That's a tough one. For pens I like most exotics. For everything else any nice looking piece of wood.

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

A. Nothing I'd repeat here. I have to meet with you guys and gals.

Q. Any words of wisdom for your fellow turners?

A. Try new stuff, be safe and have fun.

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

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

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

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.

Classes and Events

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* June 4, 2012

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

- Turn on Chicago will be August 3-5
- It was decided to build a photo setup for photographing gallery pieces. We will ask Ron Nelson for his advice.

- **Woodcraft** will be hosting a **“Turn-for-Troops”** July 14
- A day to prepare for the Turn for troops will be July 1
- Demo ideas:
 - Back to basics
 - Alan Lacer –Skew
 - Form a “Demo Committee”
 - \$50 cash for demos by non MAWt members.
 - Next month’s demo is Ed Brown with Turning a Pen.
- CLUB MEMBER’S MAIL ADDRESSES ARE TO BE USED FOR CLUB BUSINESS ONLY

General Meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners** June 4, 2012

- **Turn on Chicago** will be August 3-5 in Mundelein, IL
- Trade show, Instant gallery, seminars, lodging, and meals are included in the fees.
- You can attend the Instant gallery and Vendor areas for the day without pre-registering. More info is available at <http://www.turnonchicago.com>
- Rough turned bowl blanks are available from Floyd for the Empty Bowls program. Bowls must be done by the September meeting.
- **“Empty Bowls”** will be held in October at the MATC South Campus. See Klaus Zunker for more info. <http://www.milwaukeeemptybowls.org/>
- Woodcraft will be hosting a **“Turn-for-Troops”** July 14. Let’s give Chris our support by helping with this event. If you turn pens ahead of time Chris will replace your pen kit.
- A day to prep for this event will be July 1st.
- If you turn pens ahead of time Woodcraft will replace your kits when you turn in your pens.
- We would like to form a Demo Committee. If you’re interested in being part of this contact Jon or Char.
- Jimmy Clewes will be doing a demo in Neenah Sept 8th. Seating is limited.
- There is \$3215 in the check book.
- Tonight’s demo was on Metal Spinning.

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 skozi@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)

