



## MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

American Association of Woodturners WI Chapter since January 2005

### MAWt eNews

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

### Monthly Safety Tip

Keep the woodturning tools (roughing-out gouge, round-nose scraper, square-nose scraper, skew chisel, spindle gouge, bowl gouge, parting tool, spiral tool), sharp. A dull chisel requires that you apply excessive feed pressure. Set up the sharpening grinder where you can reach it without moving away from the lathe. Grip the tool being used firmly. Hold the tool's handle in your right hand and support the tool's leading end with your left hand. Prop the tool on the tips of your fingers and grasp the side or top of the blade with your thumb. The index finger should rest comfortably along the ledge of the toolrest. And before you make that last cut remember to always sharpen the tool before that cut. Or even better keep a sharp tool next to you and when you are going to make that last cut pick up that tool and make your cut. You might be surprised how nice that little tool tip can help out. My dad told me that tip and when I remember to do it it's sweet, thanks again DAD. (AKA - Cliff Mitchell)

### 2013 Club Meeting Dates

Meetings are held at:  
Woodcraft of Milwaukee  
14115 W. Greenfield Ave.  
New Berlin, WI 53151  
262-785-6770  
7:00-8:30 PM  
May 6<sup>th</sup>  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
July 1<sup>st</sup>

### Upcoming Demonstrations

#### *This Month's Demonstrator*

Hello my name is Ron Nelson most everyone knows me as the guy with the camera around his neck at the meetings shooting pictures.

I'll be demonstrating to the club how to Turn Finials.

I belong to only one club The Milwaukee Area Wood turners club and have been involved since the beginning of the club.

I'm retired and live in Milwaukee with my lovely wife (who is writing this) and three cats who have left their paw print all over it. I have two grown kid's one girl and one boy. My wife and I look forward to summer when we can get out on our matching Harleys. I have been a woodworker for many years, but started turning about ten years ago.

I own a Jet 16-42 lathe, truly a great machine (like a Harley). In 2004, I took one of Hank Bardehagen's Bowl Turning Class; I still have the cracked bowl I made from that class that will always leave special memories about the day with Hank and becoming his woodturning "friend." Not long thereafter at a woodworking show in 2004 or 2005 my wife **\*\*insisted\*\*** on buying a mini-lathe at the Woodcraft booth, as with the lathe purchase they offered a free pen turning class she wanted to take. She said "Oh the machine is so inexpensive... only \$150!" Well I showed her...the next day I was back at Woodcraft and bought over \$800 worth of chisels.

As far as mentoring, yes, I do mentoring, and if anyone wanted to learn anything from me and wanted to spend time in my shop with me, it has always been an open door policy and everyone is welcome if you want to lean from me and my ways.

I love everything about turning...even the cleanup at the end of a project. If you look at my shop keeping things in order makes it easier the next time you work on something you can find it.

I really do not have any favorite piece I've made, but I know my wife has her favorites and will not give them up.

The turners who have influenced me in my turning are Hank Bardenhagen, Cindy Drozga, Jimmy Clewes, Mike Stafford.

I don't have a favorite kind of wood I just like Burls because of their beauty dose not make a difference what type "JUST BURLS"

Do I have any plans in the future like new equipment or projects, sure but I don't know what they are yet, they will just show up after my wife see something she likes and wants (insist) me to make it.

My words of wisdom to fellow wood turners are "If you aren't having fun you're doing it wrong".

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#### Looking back...



**Our May Demonstrator, Rob Nelson**

### 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.

### 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 Bonnie Amundsen at 262-574-0577 or [bonam6@att.net](mailto:bonam6@att.net).

### Member Gallery

**Y**ou 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

**Y**ou 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

**C**lub 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: [cjbrust1@gmail.com](mailto:cjbrust1@gmail.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**

**Please remember to return your overdue club materials at this month's meeting!**

## 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 [cjbrust1@gmail.com](mailto:cjbrust1@gmail.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)

## 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](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. For more information, please call Woodcraft at: 262 785-6770

## **Classes and Events**

### **AAW Symposium in Tampa, FL...June 28-30, 2013**

The annual AAW symposium is the highlight of the woodturning year, meeting in different locations throughout the United States. It has become the most attended woodturning event worldwide. Each symposium features three days of woodturning [demonstrations](#) and meetings, led by several talented experts:

- Internationally known woodturners
- The highest quality woodturning instructors
- Knowledgeable local talent
- Multiple rotations are held simultaneously so attendees have many different types and styles of woodturning demonstrations available. Many of the demonstrations are held multiple times so the attendee has the opportunity to attend sessions they may have missed.
- Each symposium has had a unique flavor, but most of them have the following features:
  - A rotation schedule of more than 100 classroom-type demonstrations and panel discussions, hosted by the world's best woodturning professionals.
  - An instant gallery like no other on earth, with up to three pieces submitted by each attendee.
  - A Saturday night banquet.
  - The Friday Special Interest Night, where like-minded turners get together for some fun.
  - An auction of tools, wood, and fine woodturnings. Funds from the auction fund [scholarships](#) for woodturning education.

The largest woodturning tradeshow anywhere, including tool and lathe manufacturers, vendors of wood and other materials, and suppliers related to woodturning.

For more information please call: **651-484-9094**

## **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:**  
Carl Brust and Tom Palaubecki
- ❖ **Meeting Set-up/Clean-up:**  
All members
- ❖ **Library:**  
Gary Datka
- ❖ **Photography:**  
Don Boeck and Ron Nelson
- ❖ **Demonstrator Scheduling:**  
Char Dee
- ❖ **Member Gallery Facilitator:**  
President's pick
- ❖ **Wood Raffle Ticket Sales:**  
Char Dee
- ❖ **E-Newsletter Editor:**  
Scott Kosteretz
- ❖ **Membership:**  
Carl Brust
- ❖ **Audio/Video:**  
Dennis Dee

## MAWt Board members

Char Dee, President	(2012-2014)
Jim Swank, Vice President	(2013-2015)
Sandy Sheahan, Treasurer	(2011-2013)
Jim Andresen, Secretary	(2012-2014)
Ron Nelson, Board Member	(2013-2015)

## Past Presidents / Board Member Advisory

Jon Behnke, Past President	(2011-2013)
Jason Swanson, Past President	(2008-2010)
Scott Kosteretz, Past President	(2005-2007)

