



MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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Spring is around the corner!

From the President's Lathe

Like I mentioned I have always feel that safety is one of the most important things to observe while turning wood on a lathe. Lathes are great to work with, but can be a dangerous tool if you are not careful.

Sometimes even if you are an experienced turner, you might be careless and think I have done this cut a hundred times before I do not need a face shield this time. You can be severely hurt or even killed if you do not remember proper safety guidelines.

Thanks & Safe Turning,

Char

Monthly Safety Tip

Before turning on the power to the lathe, rotate the stock by hand to be sure that it clears the tool rest. Never adjust the position of the tool rest while the lathe is running. Always remove the toolsets from the lathe's bed when sanding.

2013 Club Meeting Dates

Meetings are held at:
Woodcraft of Milwaukee
14115 W. Greenfield Ave.
New Berlin, WI 53151
262-785-6770

March 4th
April 1st
May 6th
June 3rd

Upcoming Demonstrations

March Demonstrator

My name is Norman Wiedemeier I live in Porterfield, WI - about 3 ½ hrs from Milwaukee. Monday night March 4th, 2013, I will be demonstrating how to turn a Multi-Axis three-footed bowl.

I own a Powermatic 3520 lathe similar to the one your club owns, but the older style.

I got interested in wood turning twenty-five years ago, I went to a wood show in Green bay, I saw a demonstrator turn a green birch log in to a thin wall natural edge bowl. At that point, I thought one day I want to do that, it really impressed me. Ten years later I became what I call a "Committed Turner," and I have been doing it ever since.

I enjoy all of the aspects of turning from roughing out a green piece of wood, turning it in to an object after it dries, selling it and then seeing someone with a smile on their face when they purchased it at an event.

I prefer turning footed bowls; I sell them at a few galleries and find that they are a successful item. I do my turning for this these galleries during the wintertime and then enjoy satisfaction & fortunate the rest of the year for my efforts.

One of the turners who have influenced me is Rob Nelson. Shortly after I joined the club in Neenah I brought in a limb from a beach tree, I did not think I could do anything with it. The next meeting Rob brought the piece back finished. It was a banana shaped bowl

with a nature edge. During the gallery, he said this was one of the pieces of wood he won at the raffle.

My favorite kinds of wood to work with are black walnut and cherry, but any kind of hardwood burl would also make me happy. Sometimes turners do not understand that the finish is so important. One thing that will always stick in my mind accrued at one of the first Symposium I attended. Jon Jordan picked up one of the first footed bowls I made and asked "Do you care if I critique it". I told him no I would like to know your opinion. First, he told me it was cute, nice and creative but "Your finish is not finished its unpolished." I then purchased a buffer and some other items to make my finishes better.

A couple of years later I was at another Symposium in Chicago, Jon was critiquing someone else's project and said the same thing. Then he pointed to my piece and said this is the finish you need to have, this person knows how to finish the finish. This made me feel like I had learned the lesson.

The only plans I have for the future is to rebuild the coring system I own. I want it to do a few things differently than what it does now. I have already purchased plans; now just have to fine the time.

The only words of wisdom I have for my fellow wood turners are;
Always keep your eyes opened to different, unique, unusual or even ordinary shapes in nature or else what other turner have already turned.

Recent Demonstrators



Cliff Mitchell



Sandy Sheahan

Spotlight Turner



Gary Datka

Q. How young are you?

A. 52

Q. Where is home?

A. Greenfield

Q. Family information?

A. Married – no kids

Q. Vocation?

A. Owner of C & G Printing and Promotions

Q. Shop overview:

A. I have 1 or 2 of everything and still need more!

Q. How many lathes do you own?

A. 1

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

A. OneWay

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

A. 8 Years, I did a project in high school and knew then.

Q. What do you enjoy most about turning?

A. Not always knowing what the wood will “turn into”

Q. What do you enjoy least about turning?

A. Cleaning up the shavings

Q. What was your first completed turned project?

A. A light pull (on a 42” lathe)

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

A. It has to be a bowl from a piece of wood that I got in the raffle, it has just about every inclusion that you can get in a piece of wood

Q. What is your favorite form that you turn?

A. Vessels

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

A. Urns

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

A. Bowls by Hank B., he used some interesting wood

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

A. Jimmy Clewes

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

A. Black Walnut or figured Maple both finish very well

Q. Got any nicknames?

A. No

Q. How did you get it? N/A

Q. Any words of wisdom for your fellow turners?

A. If you ever go through all your turning tools and figure out how much you have invested, don’t tell anyone else – They won’t understand!

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 bonam6@att.net.

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: 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



New titles are added regularly to the club Library

Please remember to return your overdue club materials at the January 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

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

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@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

mysticburls@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

Alan Lacer at Woodcraft

Demo: Saturday, March 23rd.

Cost is \$35 in advance for each day or \$40 for each day at the door.

Hands on workshop: Sunday, March 24th.

Cost for Hands On will be \$110 (Limit 6 people)

For more information on classes and events, please call Woodcraft at: 262 785-6770

MAWt Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes
Monday February 4, 2013

In attendance; Char Dee, Jim Swank, Jon Behnke, Sandy Sheahan, Ron Nelson, Jim Andresen

- Reviewed Scott Kosteretz's letter to the Board in which he had concerns in regards to our newsletter. Ron Nelson has been taking pictures and will be sending them in no later than the 15th. Char has made all demonstrator arrangements and will forward the schedule and will be in touch as changes occur.

· Current Officers

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)

Jon Behnke, Past President... (2011-2013)

All other committee chairs have remained the same.

- The Saturday Club will split the cost of the new lift
- The Board approved a motion to purchase a key code box for the Club's equipment cabinet. Sandy will investigate options and make the purchase.
- The annual \$500 Library budget amount was approved for Gary to acquire new additions. Jon will ask Gary to provide a current master list of the material in the Library to be put in the newsletter and also to have new additions announced in the e-news updates.
- Safety issues in regards to our demonstrators. A Bionic Face shield will be purchased and available for demonstrators.
- AAW insurance interpretations were discussed. We will be contacting the Hartford Company to get an independent quote.
- Food will be purchased, prepared, and available on site for the Saturday Lacer demo. Jon Behnke and Carl Burst will handle. Char has notified and invited members of the other state clubs of the date and time of the Demo. Dave Drickhamer has been accepting the registration. Currently have 8 registered in the hands-on.

MAWt e-News Submissions

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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 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 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)

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