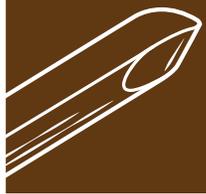
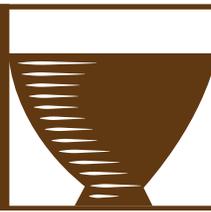


MILWAUKEE AREA WOODTURNERS



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April 2020

From Ron Zdroik - President of Milwaukee Area Woodturners

Hi to all fellow MAWT members,

In these uncertain times with the coronavirus pandemic and staying-at-home, the MAWT Board and I would like to wish good health to you, your family, friends and neighbors, and sincerely hope everybody is staying safe and healthy. Our April meeting was cancelled and many other events, such as the AAW Symposium and Turn-On Chicago Symposium have been called off. Future circumstances and government directives as well as member's apprehension will dictate when the club will meet again as a group but thankfully there is some hope in our small corner of southeast Wisconsin as the Board and a dedicated group of members are diligently working hard behind the scenes.

Upcoming events include:

The Mike Mahoney remote demonstration on May 2nd is ready to go, with the possibility of additional demonstrators in the near future. Although going online was already in the works before the health crisis erupted, our excellent video crew quickly jumped on the Zoom bandwagon. We will be sending out a Zoom invitation later this month for the Mahoney demo. Most people have some form of digital device and since Zoom works on desktops, laptops, tablets, and cellphones, most of our members will be able to view his demonstration. All you need is a good internet connection.

The club will try to coordinate additional remote demonstrators, online meetings, occasional newsletter updates, even some snail mail.

While we can't meet in person, we can still have our monthly Show and Tell.

If you have some turning projects from the past month, snap some good photos*, write a small description and email it to

MAWT ONGOING PROJECTS

**Remember to keep
up the club's
dedication to these
very important
programs**



Turn for Troops – Carl Brust has hundreds of pen kits donated by Woodcraft. He will mail packages of 15 kits (you need to provide your own wood blanks). When completed, you can drop them off at Woodcraft - in the mail box at the base of the stairs to the meeting area .

**Contact Carl at
cjbrust1@gmail.com
to get a free
package or two mailed to you.**

**Our May meeting at
Woodcraft has been replaced
by the Mike Mahoney
online demonstration -
Sat., May 2nd / 9am -12 Noon**

Additional information will be sent late April

Tom Hipsak at thipsak@wi.rr.com. Tom will produce a video of them and we'll get it out to the members to enjoy.

(* Make sure you send the photos to Tom as **HIGH-RESOLUTION**, not reduced in size, and as an **ATTACHMENT** in your email, along with your name and brief descriptions. **SUBMIT PHOTOS BY APRIL 18**)

Although we are working hard on the digital front, the club still has several active outreach programs that all members can help promote by continuing to turn in your shop. All you need is some wood and tools – please check out the blue side bars for these ongoing projects.

Early this year, Barb Nelson asked me about sending her hand-made cards to members who may be struggling with illnesses, have a death in the family, or just a thank-you for a job well done. She wants to return the thoughtful kindness members gave to her and her late husband Ron. Contact Barb directly (rknelson100@sbcglobal.net) with the name of anyone you think might be in need of a special card and the reason so she can personalize it.

During this time when many businesses are closed, remember the suppliers and vendors who provide you with the wood, tools and equipment you need for woodturning. Our wonderful host Woodcraft is still open for business as are numerous on-line stores. Please patronize them with your purchases.

We know that the camaraderie and fellowship of a real meeting can't be replaced by an video on your laptop but MAWT will continue to work hard keeping members updated and connected during these very difficult times. We thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support. Together we can keep the Milwaukee Area Woodturners community active and strong.

Be safe - be healthy - and keep turning!

Best regards,

Ron Zdroik

President of Milwaukee Area Woodturners
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At our last meeting, Rick Erdmann donated lots and lots of bowls for the Empty Bowls Project. Everyone has plenty of blanks now, so you should be busy turning bowls. When we finally can get back together for a real meeting, please bring them in. I am hoping for a table filled with bowls!

(Bowls should be approx. 5-7" in dia. -about the size of a soup bowl but not used for actual soup)



We are also asking for Beads of Courage bowls. The corona-virus might be filling the headlines but Wisconsin Children's Hospital still needs vessels. It will be a while before we can deliver them so you have time to turn a vessel with a lid. If you need a BOC bead, please contact me.

(Interior size should be 6" dia. x 4 - 5" ht. minimum, use clear varnish, dried to odor-free)