



MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners
American Association of Woodturners WI Chapter since January 2006

MAWt eNews

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

Shavings from the President's Shop

Earlier this year we talked about a mentor program, I'd like to take this time to talk about what this program is and how it will work. I think this is a very important program for our club, you could say that it is at the heart of what a turning club like ours is for. One of the main attractions to our meetings each is the monthly demo. We're all hoping to see something new or learn some new technique. I know that I've learned a lot and gained a lot of knowledge watching the demos each month, they also provide many new ideas and creates interest in things we haven't tried before. The only thing that lacks in a demo is the hands on approach, it's one thing to see a demonstrator use a technique or special tool but it's quite another to use that in our own shop. This is where the mentor program should take over. To have a mentor look over your shoulder and guide you through a new process would make all the difference in the world. We, as a group, gather to share knowledge and the goal of our club is education. I think that now is a good time to address this mentor program. We are getting very close to 100 members in our club with a very broad spectrum of knowledge and talent. We all bring

something to the table, there's always something more to learn. Soon we will have a signup sheet for the mentor program. I challenge you all to step up and enter your name with some skill or talent that another member may need help with. All you need to do is add your name, let us know what skill you may have and some contact information. If somebody contacts you, then you both can decide where to meet. If there is a lot of interest in any one thing then we could also try to schedule a Saturday that a small group could meet at WoodCraft or someone's shop. I know I have a list of member's that I would like to spend some time with and I also will be available to guide someone in maybe some pen making processes or whatever comes up.

Be Safe,
Jon



Jim Stephen demonstrating at the March meeting

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.

Upcoming Club Meeting Dates / First Half 2011

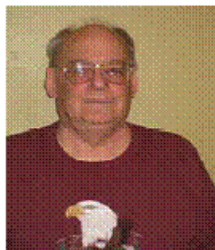
March 7, 2011
April 4, 2011
May 2, 2011
June 6, 2011

April Demonstrator



MAWt Board Member, Sandy Sheahan

Spotlight Turner



John Paul Thompson

How young are you?

I'm sixty three years old

Where is your home?

My home is in Franklin, Wisconsin.

Family information

My wife Linda and I have been married for thirty three years. We have no children but have a dog named Stretch.

Vocation

We are both retired, Linda from MPS where she was a high school special education and family and consumer education teacher and I from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, and the U.S.Army.

How many lathes do you own?

My shop is in the basement with most of the tools I need in a 12' x 20' area. My lathe is a Delta 46-701.

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

If I could, I would probably up-grade to a Jet 1642.

How long have you been turning, what got you started?

I started turning about a year ago when I took the beginner class at Woodcraft.

What is your favorite piece you turned?

My favorite piece I have turned is my second bowl, because I like the way it turned out.

What do you enjoy most about turning?

I enjoy turning pens, however, I like turning bowls a little more because I feel I have more artistic options. Sanding is the part I enjoy least, but feel it is extremely critical to a great piece.

What was your first completed turned project?

The first project I turned was a pen at an introduction to pen turning demonstration.

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

In the future I would like to make a segmented bowl with a scene to match the décor of our house.

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

One piece that I really like is a bowl created by Jerry Tackes which had sail boats around the bowl and a compass rose on the bottom

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

The turners who influenced me the most are the members of the Milwaukee Area Woodturners Club because they made me feel welcome and are more than willing to share their expertise with others in order to help them improve their knowledge, skills, and enjoyment of turning.

Words of wisdom

Allow your imagination to run wild and try something different

AAW News

Help Children through Beads of Courage

Beads of Courage helps children RECORD, TELL and OWN their stories of courage during treatment for cancer and other serious illness.

Lidded boxes are needed for kids to store their beads. Boxes need to be 5-6" in diameter and 2-3" deep with a loose fitting lid and a knob that's easy to grasp. Finished boxes should be delivered to the May meeting. For more information log on to the Beads of Courage website at www.beadsofcourage.org/

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 Carl Brust at cjbrust@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. For video selections and to check availability, please see our club librarian, Sandy Sheahan.

Demonstrator Scheduling

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 Jon Behnke at [Jon Behnke <fetchitup@live.com>](mailto:Jon.Behnke@live.com)

Club Mission

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.

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 Jason Swanson at wewoodguy@wi.rr.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" news letter 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.

MAWt Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2011 at HWY 100 Culvers at 5pm

In attendance: Jon Behnke, Max Schoenberger, David Drickhamer, Earl Elwell, Sandy Sheahan

- Discussed AAW Symposium piece. The entry fee has been paid. Photos due April 8.
- Bylaws: Sandy and her team have worked on the by-laws and have finished the first draft. The questions was asked: Do we need to be a 503G
- Lyle Jamison will be available to demo in the fall. He will find other functions in the area to combine with the trip to help with costs. He would demo tool control. We will inform other clubs about the demo. Suggested costs to attend would be \$25 for the Saturday class and \$125 for the hands on. We will find out when other clubs meet as not to interfere with their schedule and will check with Woodcraft's schedule
- We need to create a calendar for the club and plan ahead for demos as far as possible.
- Possible demos
Carl Brust – turning spheres
Sandy – turning platters
Max – pyrography and texturing
- MAWt will be purchasing Woodcraft gift cards each month for the wood raffle.
- The club will reimburse Jerry for the shield for his lathe that was broken while transporting to the wood show.

- The symposium piece is in the process of being created. Volunteers are still asked to step forward if they would like to help.
- The first draft of the By-laws has been completed.
- There is no treasure report. Don is on vacation.
- There have been some problems with our DVD's. We need to try to have several repaired. These are costly and limited items. Please handle these with care.
- Membership:
Carl reports that 28% have yet to renew their membership. 58% still need to provide proof of AAW membership. AAW membership is required to belong to MAWt.
- Floyd gave a short presentation for *Beads of Courage*. Lidded boxes are needed for kids to store their beads. Boxes need to be 5-6" in diameter and 2-3" deep with a loose fitting lid and a knob that's easy to grasp.
- Woodcraft will give special pricing for Ambrosia for the boxes.
- Our demo this month is Jim Stephen with off center turning.
- Jeff Selchow would like to thank all those that helped at the Wood Show.
- Bring in your shirt to have embroidered. Shirts will be sent when there is enough to ship. Cost will be \$12 per shirt.
- The club now has a new web site.
- Any members that have a website and would like to have it linked to the club web site contact the web master thru the clubs site at mawturners.com
- We are in need of members to bring in wood for the raffle

- **Member / Guest Registration:** Tom Palaubecki and Jim Swank
- **Meeting Set-up / Clean-up:** Char Dee, Dennis Dee, Jason Swanson, and Sandy Sheahan
- **Library:** Sandy Sheahan
- **Photography:** Don Boeck and Ron Nelson
- **Demonstrator Scheduling:** Jon Behnke
- **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 (3 Year Term)

Jon Behnke, President (2011-2013)

Max Schoenberger, Vice President (2009-2011)

David Drickhamer, Secretary (2009-2011)

Don Boeck, Treasurer (2009-2011)

Earl Elwell (2009-2011)

Sandy Sheahan (2011-2013)

Jerry Tackes (2011-2013)

Past Presidents / Board Member Advisory

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.