



MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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Shavings from the President's Shop

For the last year I've been looking forward to going to the national symposium and now that it's over I must say that it was well worth all the anticipation. I was thoroughly impressed with the organization of the event and I can't imagine how many hours went into the planning. I understand that there were in excess of 1700 registrants, planning this event was no small feat. Registration was smooth and easy, there were many excellent demos to choose from, the vendor area was well set up and the banquet was well done.

I had a hard time choosing the demos to attend but over all I'm happy with the ones I chose. I passed up a chance to see John Jordan last year in Chicago so this was the first demo I saw this time. He does some very organic looking hollow forms, all done with hand held tools. The demo was very good; John does a good job explaining his process and gives a lot of very good information. One of my other favorites was Trent Bosch, I attended his carved platter demo. I had the opportunity to meet Trent at his shop in Colorado a couple years ago, really nice guy, very friendly. I also attended David Ellsworth's, standing room only, hollow form demo. It amazes me how effortless he makes it all seem.

There was also an added bonus to the scheduled demos; there were the demos that were happening in the vendor area done by many other well-known turners. Stuart Batty

had an amazing set up that he was doing demos in throughout the whole weekend. Jimmy Clews, Cindy Drozda and Mike Mahoney were in a couple of vendor booths along with many others.

Saturday morning I took the time to go through the gallery; this took quite a lot of time as there were hundreds of pieces to see. It's hard to imagine the amount of talent in the AAW unless you had a chance to see what was on display here. There was a wide range from basic bowls to intricate segmented pieces. There were many pieces that brought a whole new meaning to the words "pushing the envelope". As awe inspiring as it was, it was also a little intimidating. I know I've made progress in the few years that I've been turning but this brought to light just how much I still have to learn.

Another big highlight for me was going to dinner at an Italian restaurant with several other of our club members, the food was fantastic, thanks to Char for setting that up.

Be safe,
Jon

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.

Announcements

MAWt member, Jason Swanson, has been accepted into the Artist Gallery in Racine, WI. Jason's work will officially be available for sale on Monday August 1st in the gallery. The gallery is located downtown Racine on Main Street. Would you like to own a Jason Swanson original? Please check out his work at the Artist Gallery in Racine.

AAW News

AAW had a 25th anniversary party in Saint Paul, June 24-26, and a near-record 1719 of you attended. It was an incredibly joyous celebration of our craft that offered a wide selection of activities for all attendees.

We invited all past Honorary Lifetime Members to attend and were privileged to have many attend *and* demonstrate. Those attending were David Ellsworth (who gave a wonderful keynote address), Dale Nish, Al Stirt, Alan Lacer, Robyn Horn, Ray Key, Nick Cook, Bonnie Klein, Dick Gerard, Arthur and Jane Mason, and Albert LeCoff.

Three exhibitions were held in conjunction with the symposium: Roots-An Artist's Voice featuring work by artists reflecting on their own evolution; POP Merit Award winner David Ellsworth's Retrospective; and Turning 25-A Celebration that featured individual and collaborative works from many, many of our local chapters. Catalogs are available for all three exhibits by contacting AAW's office or

[ordering online](#). In addition to the AAW exhibits, there was a stunning exhibit of a portion of David and Ruth Waterbury's collection of wood art held at the Minnesota Institute of Arts. A companion book is available titled *Conversations with Wood: The Collection of Ruth and David Waterbury*. Another book that will be of interest to AAW members is *The Cutting Edge: Contemporary Wood Art and the Lipton Collection* by Kevin Wallace, which traces the evolution and development of wood art in the last 25 years.

Speaking of books, AAW's 25th anniversary book, *Woodturning Today: A Dramatic Evolution*, is now available for order. You can [order it online](#): or call the AAW office. It is a beautiful 256-page, four-color book filled with dramatic images and interesting stories of woodturning, the growth of AAW, and experiences of many members.

There is a very special opportunity for those wishing to make a \$1000 donation to AAW: A limited edition of the deluxe edition of the 25th anniversary book is available in a beautiful cloth-covered presentation box, which includes a small piece of original art made by an artist of your choice from the list of participating artists. These are unique pieces of art created especially for this special limited edition. Each book is numbered and each piece of art is a small treasure signed by the artist. *There is a very limited number available.*

The *2011 Symposium Handout Handbook* is also available for [purchase here](#): or call the AAW office to order. Sharon Bierman, a volunteer, has once again produced an outstanding resource book and the demonstrators have provided many detailed instructions for projects and techniques. For those of you who were not able to attend in person, reading and using the Handbook is the next best thing to actually being there.

Scott Kosteretz from East Troy, Wisconsin, is the lucky winner of Binh Pho's painted lathe. Thanks to Binh for the many, many hours he donated to AAW in creating a true working piece of art and to all of you who purchased tickets. Special thanks are also due to Powermatic for their generous donation of the lathe used as Binh's canvas. Money raised from the raffle will be devoted to improving AAW's web presence.

I would personally like to thank the many volunteers (far too many to name individually) who helped make our 25th anniversary international symposium the great event it was. We could not do it without you! Ours is an organization that is truly unique in the craft world in being such a sharing and open community. I am proud to call myself a member.

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts Special Discount for AAW Members

20% off

Any remaining 2011 workshop. You must identify yourself as an AAW member and mention this email while registering in order to receive your discount. Please call 865-436-5860 to register.

Join Arrowmont this season for an enriching one-week, two-week or weekend workshop. The courses listed at this [link](#) still have space available. Whether you are a full-time, professional artist, or a hobbyist just beginning to delve into the world of wood, there's sure to be a course that interests you.

Registration is open now and class sizes are limited. Act fast to reserve your space. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the workshops or call 865-436-5860.

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 librarians, Gary Datka and 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@fetchitup@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 Jon Behnke at 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)
- 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

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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.

Regional Events

The Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild announces its 7th biennial symposium, September 30th –October 2, 2011. For more information please go to the guilds website at www.ovwg.com. To register, contact: Bob Cochoy at cochoys@sbcglobal.net or call 937-427-2555.

MAWt Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting minutes of
Milwaukee Area Woodturners July
11, 2011
at HWY 100 Culver's at 5pm

In attendance: Max Schoenberger, David Drickhamer, Earl Elwell, Sandy Sheahan, Jerry Tackes, Don Boeck.

Absent: Jon Behnke

- August will be a "Learn to turn" with Demos on Easy tools, Hunter tool, and bowl gouges with different grinds, hollowing tools, skew, CA finish etc.
- Members *must* bring their own safety equipment.

- What do we need as far as equipment and wood for next month?
- Chris ok'd us to use additional lathes.
- The Ohio Symposium will be the last weekend of September.
- The demo tonight will be a recap of the AAW Symposium presented by Ron Nelson and Jerry Tackes
- Scott Kosteretz won the lathe at the Symposium. Congratulations Scott.
- The club Secretary should have a list of tools and other club property including the library. Don will put together the list for Dave.
- Check with other clubs about bringing in Lyle Jamison.
- Should we include links to other clubs on our web site?
- A Woodcraft customer donated several large pieces of Russian Olive. They don't want anything for the wood except to see what was made with the wood. What should we do with this wood? Auction or raffle off pieces or ?
- There is \$3002.62 in the checkbook.

Next meeting will be August 1

- The demo tonight is be a recap of the AAW Symposium presented by Ron Nelson and Jerry Tackes
- There were 100 pieces submitted at the AAW Symposium with only 19 being sold. Our piece was one of these and sold for \$300. Thanks to those that donated their time and materials to make this piece.
- Scott Kosteretz won the lathe at the Symposium. Congratulations Scott.
- August demo will be a "Learn to turn" Bring any tools you want to demo or tools you need help with. Everyone should bring their own safety equipment (glasses, dust mask etc). We will also have demos on Easy tools, Hunter tool, and bowl gouges with different grinds, hollowing tools, skew, CA finish etc.
- The Ohio Symposium (<http://www.ovwg.org/>) will be the last weekend of September.
- The club has purchased several DVD's and other items for the library using the grant money from the AAW.
- There is \$3002.62 in the checkbook.

General Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2011

Schedule of MAWt meetings:

September – August 29

October – October 3

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:**
 - Char Dee, Dennis Dee, Jason Swanson, and Sandy Sheahan
- **Library:**
 - Gary Datka, 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

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)

