



MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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Shavings from the President's Shop

So, here we are, facing the ides of March. Spring is just around the corner, along with the yard work, spring cleaning and all the outdoor things we put off all winter for the better spring weather. Every fall I think about the extra time I should have to spend in the shop through the long winter and then find myself wondering where all the time went. There are always grand plans of new things to try and projects to work on but the time still slips away without getting to the bottom of that list.

Shop time is precious. I know that when I get a couple of free hours to spend in the shop I have to make that time count. There's always that list of things I'd like to try, maybe something I saw at a meeting demo or something I saw in a video from the library. Sometimes it's just good to do a little clean up or spend some time sharpening up the tools. Other times I just don't have a solid idea of what I want to work on.

These are good times to poke around the wood rack and see what kind of inspiration comes up. I might come across a piece of wood that I set aside thinking that it would make a nice pen or a bowl blank that's ready to finish turn. It's not usually too long before I'm totally engrossed and the time just melts away. I hung a clock on the wall thinking that I would occasionally need to know what time it is but whenever I check, it's almost supper time and I have to rush to finish what I'm working on. I guess that's just the way things go.

Last month we had a first time demo from Jeff Selchow on turning pocket watches that I think we can all agree was an interesting demo. Jeff did a great job and I think he would agree that once you get going it's not as intimidating as one might think. I know there are many of our members that have never done a demo but this is something all members should think about. There is always

something we can learn from other turners whether they're new to the craft or seasoned veterans.

Think about the things you like to turn or techniques you use. It might be just the thing that another member is looking to gain some knowledge on.

Be safe,
Jon



Jeff Selchow demonstrating at the February 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 milwaukee-retail@woodcraft.com

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

Spotlight Turner

Dennis Trudeau

How young are you?

I am 73 years old

Where is your home?

My home is in Dousman

Family information?

Married 7 kids 19 grandkids 3 great grandkids

Vocation?

U.S. Marine Corps 24 years

Now work for U.S. Postal Service

How many lathes do you own?

Own one lathe

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

Don't know enough to answer that

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

Been with the club three years, Brother Tom Murphy

What do you enjoy most about turning?

Changing the shape of the piece you are turning.

What do you enjoy least about turning?

Cleaning up after

What was your first completed turned project?

Never completed one

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

Anything would be nice

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

I have seen a lot of nice pieces since I have been with the club.

I can't say any one is a favorite

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

Not at this time.

What is your favorite wood to work with and why?

No favorite, not enough experience.

Nicknames?

Sarge or Gunny From Marine Corps.

No words of wisdom.

I am getting ready to retire and want to get serious about working with wood turning or other wise.



Dennis Trudeau

AAW News

Australian Disasters

I am sure you are aware of the natural disasters occurring in Australia. Many of our fellow AAW members have been adversely affected by the situation. One of the benefits of AAW membership is the ERF - Emergency Relief Fund.

Year-End Grand Prize Winner

By now I'm sure you've heard that Cliff Mann of AZ won the Powermatic 3520B lathe donated by Walter Meier Powermatic/JET (<http://www.waltermeier.com/us/en/splash.html>). Cliff's local chapter, the Southern Arizona Woodturners Association, also won their prize of five JET mini-lathes. Not only were they great prizes but delivery was free. You can see more of the details at this link.

Monthly Drawings/Grand Prize Drawing

We are continuing with our monthly drawings. Nothing is required in order to participate other than being a member of the AAW. We have great prizes each month and will have a grand prize drawing again at the end of 2011. [Walter Meier Powermatic/JET](#) has again donated the grand prize (3520B plus the local chapter's choice of a JET fullsize or 5 minis).

Our January and February Winners

- Rick Coffman, FL - a tuition-only scholarship for a woodturning class from [Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts](#)
- Jeffrey Knichel, NJ - a tuition-only scholarship from [Anderson Ranch Arts Center](#)
- Del Porter, FL - a \$100 gift certificate from [Choice Woods](#)
- Ronald Nelson, WI - a Teknatool Nova G3 Chuck with No. 2 Jaws and insert from [Craft Supplies USA](#)
- Albert Brooks, CA - a five-DVD set from [David Ellsworth](#) Jeff Ziegler, PA - a \$100 gift certificate from [Hunter Tool Systems](#)
- Robert Matern, TX - a 4-DVD set from [Mike Mahoney](#)
- David Brink, NC - Wolverine Grinding Jig

Thank Our Sponsors

Please make sure that you thank all of our business members for their support of the AAW. These companies (and individuals) help make the organization great and offer many special benefits to our members. Let them know you appreciate them when you do business with them. We also thank those donors of the monthly and year-end grand prize drawings. You can find a complete listing at www.woodturner.org

Insurance Donations

Many chapters ask how they can assist with the expenses of the AAW. One of the benefits of being an AAW chapter is the insurance which may be required for certain meeting places and event opportunities. If your chapter (or an individual) wishes to assist with this expense, you may make a donation to help. "How much?" is an often asked question. We'll graciously accept any donation but many chapters use \$1 per member as a guideline.

Almost 14,000

The year 2010 closed with a total AAW membership of 13,941. While we were striving for 14,000, we can call it close enough. To continue to increase our membership, we ask that the chapters and individual members make a concerted effort to make their fellow woodturners aware of the AAW and the benefits of membership. The programs that are offered are only possible with a strong and growing membership.

AAW Links and Publicity

Getting the word out about the AAW is something that we all can help with. Please include a link on the chapter website to the [AAW home](#). Include one on your personal website as well. When you are asked to provide a bio for demonstrations, publications, or other public events, please include the fact that you are a member of the American Association of Woodturners. We can all help get the word out. If you need publicity materials to hand out at meetings, club events, or demonstrations, contact the Saint Paul office.

Going Green

The option to "go green" on the Resource Directory has been a big success. More than 6,000 members opted to forgo the printed copy. The online version will be available to all members and will always be the most current information available. Thank you to all who decided to make this choice.

AAW 25th Anniversary International Symposium

The time is getting closer. Our 25th Anniversary Symposium preparations, underway for quite some time, have kicked into high gear. You can find all of the latest at <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2011/>.

Registration, volunteer opportunities, special events, and more are to be found there. The site is continually updated with the latest information so check back often.

Kurt Hertzog
American Association of Woodturners

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<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 cibrust@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:
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The Woodworking Channel

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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 from 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

February 7, 2010 at Hwy 100 Culvers

In attendance: Max, Dave, Earl, Jon, Sandy, Jerry

- Discussed AAW Symposium piece. Carl, Mark and Dave worked on a prototype. Jon will ask for more ideas and help with the piece.

- By-Laws – We looked at Chicago's for ideas. Jon will ask Sandy and volunteers to form a team to look at ours to make changes if needed. Did the club ever register with the IRS?
- Art Liestman will be demoing May 14 and 15. Cost for Saturday is \$25, Sunday \$100 Space is limited.
- Jon is looking into other big name turners to demo.
- The Wood show February 18, 19, 29
 - Jerry will let us use his lathe.
 - Jeff needs help with the set up.
- The club now has a new website mawturners.com
- Anyone wishing to add links to their site or suggest other links contact the web master through the site.
- Jerry will create a list for the Mentoring Program.
- Carl, Mark and Dave worked on a prototype for the AAW Symposium piece. We would like more ideas and help to create the piece. The AAW Symposium will be June 24 – 26. We must enter the piece by Feb 28, and have photos by April 28. Entry fee is \$40. Anyone can enter their own entry in the "\$25" gallery.
- Bring in your shirt to have embroidered. Shirts will be sent when there is enough to ship. Cost will be \$12 per shirt.
- Sandy, Jim Swank and Ron Nelson will work on the By-laws and present them at a General Meeting to be voted on.
- Art Liestman will be demoing May 14 and 15. Cost for Saturday is \$25, Sunday \$100 Space is limited. Jon is looking into other demos.
- We need members to bring in wood for the wood raffle.
- The Library has applied for a \$700 grant from the AAW educational supplies.
- Jeff Selchow gave a demo on pocket watches.

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:** 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)

