



## MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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### MAWt eNews

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

#### Shavings from the President's Shop

**A**t last month's meeting our demo was a hands on Learn to Turn; we had four lathes set up with different tools to try. Along with demonstrating my hollowing rig, I got a chance to try Max's Hunter tool. I think this format works well and I think this would be good to do more than once a year. It gives us all a chance to try a tool before we buy, we all know how much the "latest and greatest" tool can cost. This brings me to the topic for this month, tools. What amazes me is the amount and variety of "new" tools that have come out in the few years that I've been turning. They all make some claim to make turning better, faster, and easier with little or no learning curve. One brand has even named their tools "Easy"! I'm sure I'm not the only one to browse through the tool sections in the store and online thinking if I only had this tool or that tool I would be a better turner...then I look at the price tag and wonder if that fancy new tool will really be worth it. In many cases, when it comes down to it, I realize that I can do most everything I need to do with the tools I have. I find that what I'm sometimes lacking is either lack of knowledge of a certain cut that I'd like to make or lack of practice in making that cut smoothly.

I've been working on birdhouse ornaments; my plan is to have a bunch of these by Christmas. I've made several styles, some with finials on the bottom, different style roofs and all with turned perches. All were made with regular tools, spindle gouges, skewers and parting tools. I have a small quarter inch spindle gouge that I like to use for detail work; it works well for small beads and coves. I noticed that after making four or five ornaments that my cuts were getting smoother,

my tool control is getting better. The only problem with this is the fact that when it comes time to decide what to turn I must admit that I can't stick to one thing very long. One day I may turn a pen, the next may be a bowl and then a couple ornaments or I may just try something completely new. The old saying "jack of all trades, master of none" comes to mind. Maybe someday I'll have turned enough of everything to be good at all of them, guess I'll just keep practicing for now.

The September demo will be Cliff Mitchell turning a burl, I'm sure it will be very informative. My wife and I will be going on a much needed vacation so I will unfortunately miss the meeting, Max will do a fine job filling in for me in my absence.

Be safe,  
Jon

#### Spotlight Turner



George Wawryzniak

**Q. How young are you?**

A. I am 62

**Q. Where is home?**

A. Franklin, WI

**Q. Family information?**

A. Married to Kathy for 39 years. We have 3 children, Geoff, Paul, & Andrea

**Q What is your vocation?**

A. For the last 8 years I've been teaching microbiology and Anatomy & Physiology at MATC. Prior to that, I was a clinical microbiologist at a number of hospitals.

**Shop overview:**

**Q. How many lathes do you own?**

A. One, a Delta variable speed

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

A. I haven't really looked into this, but I envision something that would enable me to turn a larger item.

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

A. I've been turn a little less than 2 years. I wanted to make a Super bowl trophy for the Fantasy football leagues that I'm in (3 done so far) and I realized that my bird carving skills just wouldn't do the job. I took a class from Hank Bardenhagen and got hooked. He made it look so easy and fun to do.

**Q. What do you enjoy most about turning?**

A. Creating something that someone else thinks is a work of art.

**Q. What do you enjoy least about turning?**

A. Sharpening the gouges.

**Q. What was your first completed turned project?**

A. Turned a bowl in Hank's class out of Ambrosia maple

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

A. I turned a chess set that I gave to a friend who was retiring.

**Q. What is your favorite form that you turn?**

A. I'm into turning pens now, but I like trying most anything.

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

A. I want to do more boxes, especially threaded ones. I also want to look into segmented tuning.

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

A. Nothing in particular, but I'm amazed at the beautiful pieces other turners have produced.

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

A. Not really

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

A. Any darker wood that you can see the grain pop while finishing it.

**Q. Got any nicknames? How did you get it?**

A. No

**Q. Any words of wisdom for your fellow turners?**

A. I can accomplish anything I put my mind to.

**MAWt Meeting Information**

AWT club meetings are held the first Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 P.M., at Woodcraft M/ 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.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.woodturner.org))
- AAW Forum ([www.aawforum.org/vbforum](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:cjbrust@wi.rr.com)

## For Sale

If you have equipment or tools for sale, please submit a detailed description and prices by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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@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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.woodturnersresource.com)

### **Woodcentral**

Woodworking information, discussions, chats, articles and sources for everything the woodworker needs. [www.woodcentral.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.aroundthewoods.com)

### **Woodturns**

The Online Woodturning Community Woodturning articles, woodturning directory, woodturning artists, woodturning projects, woodturning tools, etc. [www.woodturns.com](http://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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> biennial symposium, September 30<sup>th</sup> –October 2, 2011. For more information please Go to the guilds website at [www.ovwg.com](http://www.ovwg.com). To register, contact: Bob Cochoy at [cochoys@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cochoys@sbcglobal.net) or call 937-427-2555.

## **MAWt Board Meeting Minutes**

Board meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners** August 1, 2011

at HWY 100 Culver's at 5pm

In attendance: Max Schoenberger, Dave Drickhamer, Earl Elwell, Sandy Sheahan, Jerry Tackes, Don Boeck, Jon Behnke

- The board decided to make a donation in Hank's name to the Clearing in the amount of \$150.
- Lyle Jamison is available early March to demo. The demo will be two full days. There will also be multiple hands-on days available. Cost will be approximately \$35 a day for the demo and \$100-\$150 a day for the hands on. Lyle may also be available for one on one training. Cost for this has not been determined yet. Jon will contact other clubs about the demo.
- There was a Presidents meeting at the symposium. One topic of discussion was separate insurance for club board members and officers. Is this something we need to check into?
- Ron Nelson donated a toolbox for the club to store club property. The toolbox has been moved to the meeting room. We need to have extra keys made.
- We will look into purchasing a swing away tail stock extension for the Powermatic. We will contact the other club to see if they want to share in the approximate cost of \$250.
- The September meeting is August 29. The demo will be turning a burl.

### General Meeting minutes of **Milwaukee Area Woodturners**

August 1, 2011

#### **Schedule of MAWt meetings:**

September – August 29

October – October 3

- The demo tonight is a “Learn to turn” Demos will be: Hollowing with a Jamison rig, CA finish, and how to use other tools people have questions about.

- The demo on the 29<sup>th</sup> Cliff Mitchell will demo turning a burl.
- Lyle Jamison will be available to demo in early March. There will be two full day demos and several hands on classes. Cost will be approximately \$35 a day for the demo and \$100-\$150 a day for the hands on.
- We now have a book showing all the pieces displayed at the AAW Symposium for the library.
- At the October meeting we will start nominations for board members/officers. If your interested in one of these positions now is your chance to participate in some of the decision making for your club. There will be 4 openings.
- Don't forget the September meeting will be August 29. There will be no meeting in September.

### MAWt e-News Submissions

**M**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:skoz@wi.rr.com)

## Past Presidents / Board Member Advisory

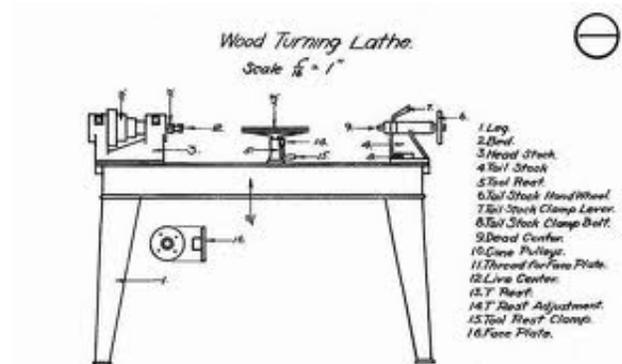
Jason Swanson, Past President (2008-2010)

Scott Kosteretz, Past President (2005-2007)

## MAWt Committees

If you aren't on a committee, you are encouraged to volunteer.

- ❖ **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)  
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