



Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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October 12th Presentations

The October Chapter meeting will feature two of our own club members.

Tom Whalley will demonstrate three different ways to turn trees using just a few tools with minimal use of sandpaper.

John Anderson will share how he uses various texturing tools to enhance his turnings.



Tom Whalley

For nearly 60 years, woodworking has been a part of member Tom Whalley's life either as a hobby or as a way to disappear into a world of fascination and creativity. I am inspired by anything that I think could be interpreted with a story told in wood. Woodworking to me has never been simply cutting apart boards and assembling them in a different configuration, but rather opening a piece of wood and looking for opportunities.

"I turned my first bowl on December 4, 2014, and have loved turning since then. It is my hope to share my passion and appreciation for both the art as well as the natural beauty we're given through wood.

"I am driven by experimenting with techniques. If I see something, my challenge is to figure out how to create it in my own way, and then develop the processes necessary

to accomplish it. This not only applies to the design of a project, but the finishing techniques as well. My challenge has always been to see if I can.

Tom is a past president of the Des Moines Woodworker's Association, current president of the Des Moines Woodturner's Chapter, and a member of the Association of American Woodturners. He has also judged woodturning competitions. His woodturning pieces are in two galleries and have been sold throughout the US as well as internationally.

Getting Coffee or Water? Maybe sign up to bring refreshments!

There is a refreshment sign-up sheet on the post near the coffee pot.



John Anderson

John Anderson has been an active woodworker for around 40 years and has enjoyed doing woodturning for the last 28 years. He has many interests in woodturning, and over this time he has made a lot of pens, ice cream scoops, pizza cutters, crush grinders, spin tops, bowls, and a variety of other turned items. He enjoys the process of using the lathe and mastering the skills needed to use a range of turning tools to make these items. Many of them are given to family and friends, mostly as wedding gifts and birthday gifts - some also become Christmas presents or toys for his grandchildren. John also donates some of his pieces to the youth group at his church as part of fundraising efforts. John recently retired from the City of Ames Public Works Division - the retirement gift he received from his fellow city workers was a Jet 1221 VS mini lathe! He lives in Story City with his wife Lori, is active in church and other groups, and is a member of both the Des Moines Woodturners Association and the Ames Area Woodturners, where he

enjoys attending club meetings and woodturning symposiums to learn more about techniques and different kinds of turned objects.

Election of officers for 2025

Section 8.3.2 of our Chapter's by-laws states: "The names of nominees shall be announced to the membership either at the regular October monthly meeting and/or in the October Chapter Meeting Announcement prior to the regular November monthly meeting." Section 8.4 says: "The annual meeting and election will take place at the regular November monthly meetings of the Chapter with the term of office running from January 1 through December 31 of the following calendar year. Election will be by voice vote unless multiple persons are running for the same board position, which then requires a ballot vote. Proxy votes submitted by mail or email to a board member received prior to the day of the election will be allowed."

The nominees for the 2025 board's officers and directors are as follows:

President – Dennis Anderson

Vice President – Mark Hayes

Secretary – Will Zitterich

Treasurer – Stan Merrell

Director at Large –Mike Hamilton

Director of Membership – Dan Carlson

Director of Education – Tad Tadlock

Director of Programs – open

The Program Committee

We need volunteers to serve on the Program Committee! This committee will line up programs for the monthly Chapter meetings. Additionally, they will make recommendations to the board for professional turners to do demos at a Chapter meeting. Duties will also include sending the necessary documents to the demonstrator for their signature prior to the time they do the program. This would be a great opportunity for newer members to get involved in a Chapter activity. Many members of our Chapter have suggested numerous people for demos, so it would not have to be totally up to the committee to find these folks. The committee just makes it happen.

Without this committee, we will not have demonstrations next year.

Future Educational Programs

November: **Rob Wallace** - Basic Principles of Bowl and Vessel Design

December: Christmas Party

January: **Glen Farmer** - Finishing the bottom of Bowls

February: **Dan Henderson** - Turning an Oval

Membership News from Dan Carlson

New members are:

Todd and Tara Kinder of Grimes. Todd is a woodworker and just getting started turning. Tara is new to turning.

Todd Gaff from Bondurant. Lists himself as a beginner.

Darrell Brown from Des Moines. Lists himself as a beginner.

Three of the new members are interested in learning how to turn bowls and pens. A good opportunity for a special interest group gathering.

Reminder - Networking at the Chapter Meeting

If you would like to spend some time with your fellow turners, the Valley West location will be open before and after the Chapter meeting. The doors will open at 12 pm and close at about 4:30 pm.

Steve Sinner presentation to DM woodturners Sept 24, 2024 Summary

Steve Sinner is a Master Woodturner and is known as a master in hollowing deep vessels. He has a unique technique for turning vases to create outstanding artwork on finished vases. He created his own tools to achieve more precise hollowing which evolved into a business: Advanced Lathe Tools, LLC. Steve explained that his vases all have a unique shape. He collaborates with a partner on artwork to make sure he is achieving that same shape before he continues turning the vase. He uses sugar maple with straight grain and no knots as the wood of choice for his vases. He can fill in a knot with epoxy if necessary. He put a 6-inch diameter and 12-inch-long piece of maple on the lathe to demonstrate his process. He is careful to make sure the drive center is centered on the pith. In this way the green vase will dry more uniformly. He will turn the vase, hollow it, and coat it in Anchor Seal and hang it upside down to dry. When the moisture content gets below 15 %, he will be able to do the final turning and finishing. If the vase is frozen just before the drying process it will reduce the drying time. He does not monitor the lathe speed but uses the lathe lower range for larger pieces and the higher range for small pieces. He only uses a two-pronged drive center to more effectively attach to a blank with uneven end on the blank. He began by using a large roughing gouge to take off the bark and turn the blank into a uniform cylinder and then used scrapers to create a dovetail on the drive center end of the cylinder to fit a Vicmarc chuck and create the top of the vase. He is very careful to make the top of the vase flat just below the neck and a fishhook shape on the neck at the bottom of the vase top. He made a raised area on the vase to give the wheels on the center steady a track to run on to minimize discoloration of the wood. He will hollow the vase using a center steady to achieve a uniform thickness to enhance uniform drying. Steve uses all kinds of finishes on his vases. He uses Golden acrylics to paint pieces and fills cracks with epoxy and wood dust. He also uses bronze reacting paints and molding paste. He stipples the surface with an engraver to make the texture. He also adds paint dots and moves them around with blasts of air. The inside of the vase is painted black if the natural color interferes with the base appearance. The finish is Minwax spar urethane Helmsman. Mr. Sinner demonstrated making a small goblet with very thin walls he obtained by shining a light into the goblet as it was being hollowed. A pierced design is also made using an electronic indexing wheel set up on lathe for that purpose. At the end of the demonstration he offered to critique some of the members' pieces. Mr. Sinner was a judge for the turned pieces at the State Fair this year. The critique was on a broad number of topics as shape, color, thickness, style, wood choice, amount of threading, proportions, and the base should not overpower the piece. He also made a point for judged pieces; judges may be reluctant to judge a piece if any other objects are added to the piece. So, enhancements to a piece as flowers, jewelry, or stand may prevent it from being judged. He did offer many complimentary comments about the pieces critiqued.

Summary by Will Zitterich

Update on Judging State Fair Entries from Steve Sinner

I apologize for not making myself clear at the meeting Saturday.

At least one member did not understand that the addition of enhancements to an entry to a juried show is not acceptable; while the same thing is just fine for displaying the work for the show.

For example, if there were a dozen vases entered, all with bouquets of flowers, the floral arrangements would inevitably affect the judgement of the juror. That would be unfair to the makers.

Therefore, the addition of enhancements results in the disqualification of the entry – regardless of how many entries there are.

Add all the jewelry, flowers and whatever you please after the judging.

I hope this helps to clarify the matter.

Also, the piece I turned cracked before we had packed up. Probably even before the demo was over. My failure to bring and apply Anchorseal was the reason for that. I may not have made the point that Anchorseal or an equivalent must be applied as soon as possible, especially to the end grain. Normally, I would apply it as soon as I finished shaping the top portion – before proceeding to shape the rest.

Steve Sinner

Des Moines Woodturners Woodturning Scholarship

The Des Moines Woodturners offer a scholarship program for the benefit of chapter members. Woodturning can be an expensive endeavor. The cost of equipment such as a lathe, bandsaw, chainsaw, sharpening system, buffing system and the myriad of items like drive centers, scroll chucks, live centers, adapters, jaws, and faceplates can mount rapidly. In addition is the cost of turning tools, embellishing tools, specialty tools and a host of accessories, supplies and finishing products, not to mention the cost of wood if you don't have the capacity to harvest your own.

By the same token, three and five day woodturning educational events are also expensive when located out-of-state. Travel costs, lodging and tuition can easily run \$1,000 to \$1,700 per event.

This scholarship is not intended as a source of financial aid for those who might otherwise not be able to afford the educational experience. Instead, it is offered as an incentive to those serious about woodturning who are willing to expand their skills and knowledge and bring those skill-sets back to share with our members in a variety of ways. The scholarship can provide recipients a 25% to 50% discount toward the overall cost of their attendance expenses.

The purpose of the scholarship is to expand personal woodturning skills and knowledge and share their experience with fellow members by:

- Attending Chapter events and sharing their learning experience.
- Showing examples of their work as a result of their learning experience.
- Demonstrating what they learned at a chapter meeting, event, or class.
- Sharing their overall learning experience and confidence building experience.
- Encouraging members to expand their woodturning skills via similar educational experiences.
- Volunteering for Chapter leadership positions (wide variety of opportunities).

Mentoring Program

The Des Moines Woodturners Inc. (DMWT) invites members to use the Mentor Program. Below is a list of volunteers, members in good standing, who are willing to share their experience and answer specific questions to help you with a particular problem. Each mentor's strengths are noted along with their name and city location. Select who might be best to contact, based on your questions and how far they are from you. As volunteers, it will be up to the mentor to decide if they can help, whose shop will be used and what mentoring will look like based on the need.

Dan Carlson, Clive, Iowa
Phone 515-720-0637
Dano1466@yahoo.com

Dan will mentor in these areas:

1. Getting started with pen turning
2. Turning small ornaments
3. Turning small lidded boxes
4. Turning seam rippers,
pen letter openers
with or without a kit
5. Turning bottle stoppers

Glen Farmer, Ogden, Iowa
Phone 517-395-0317
gfarmeriii@yahoo.com

Glen will mentor in these areas:

1. Bowl turning
2. Ornaments
3. Hollow forms
4. Coloring
5. Platters
6. Spindle work
7. Boxes
8. Harvesting wood/Blank cutting

LeRoy Monson, Waukee, Iowa
Home Phone: 515-987-1655
Cell Phone: 515-745-9098
monsonlg@aol.com

LeRoy will mentor in these areas:

1. Spindle (including duplicating)
2. Bowls
3. Platters
4. Lidded box
5. One-way sharpening and set-up
6. Tool control
7. Bandsaw and lathe maintenance

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Dave Rabe, Ottumwa, Iowa
Phone: 641-680-1129
rjanetdave@gmail.com

Dave will mentor in these areas:

1. Basket illusion
2. Hollowing
3. Coloring/airbrush

Jack Rolison, Ottumwa, Iowa
Phone: 641-683-5647
jd.rolison@outlook.com

Jack will mentor in these areas:

1. Bowl turning
2. Finishing
3. Coloring
4. Sharpening

Tad Tadlock, Winterset, Iowa
Phone: 515-201-7403
tad4tahoe@aol.com

Tad will mentor in these areas:

1. Natural & naked edge
2. Large & small bowls
3. Platters
4. Boxes
5. Open void vessels
6. Sharpening

Jack Kennedy, Winterset, Iowa
Phone: 515-462-3141j
jkennedywinterset@att.net

Jack will mentor in these areas:

1. Segmented Bowls
2. Open Segmented Bowls

Training Class Graduates



Basic Woodturning

Dick Meuler (instructor), Tim Heady, Duane Groenenboom (instructor), Tom Smith, Theo Filanowicz, Mark Hayes (instructor), Tad Tadlock (instructor)

2024 Fall Class Enrollment

If you are enrolled in a class you did not want or not enrolled in a class you thought you were enrolled in, please contact John Amberg ASAP. (johnaamberg@yahoo.com)

Basic Bowl	Oct. 7	Theo Filanowicz	Jerry Reiman	Tim Heady	
Basic Skew	Oct. 14	Ted Redenius	Kim Eaton		
Basic Woodturning	Oct. 21 & 28	Bryan Stearns	Jerry Peek	Tom Golding	Duane Strempeke
Basic Sharpening	Nov. 4	Theo Filanowicz	Bill Chrisman	Kim Eaton	Duane Strempeke
Basic Bowl	Nov. 11	Todd Troll	Jerry Peek	Tom Golding	Duane Strempeke

Training News
Contact: John Amberg

Fall 2024 Woodturning Classes

Basic Bowl	Oct. 7, 2024	1 space
Basic Skew Chisel	Oct. 14, 2024	2 spaces
Basic Woodturning	Oct. 21 & 28	Full
Basic Sharpening	Nov. 4, 2024	Full
Basic Bowl	Nov. 11, 2024	Full

Fall 2024 Classes are available for enrollment

Basic Woodturning: If you have not taken Basic Woodturning you will find it useful if you're new to turning, been away from the lathe for awhile or would just like a refresher. Enhance your spindle turning skills. It is a fun day and a confidence builder. In addition, it is the prerequisite for the other courses. Basic Woodturning is two consecutive Mondays, 8:30 to 5 and costs \$40.

Basic Bowl Turning: This class touches on basics of wood harvesting,

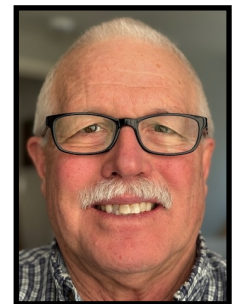
differences from spindle turning, and introduces the bowl gouge. You will practice on a Poplar blank before turning your Hard Maple bowl. The class is one full day. We provide the tools and blanks, you provide the accessories and face shield. This is a one day class and costs \$20.

Basic Segmenting: This class will cover the basics of making segmented projects, from calculating segment angles and sizes, ring diameters needed, segment wood prep, gluing and clamping, to accurate cutting fixtures. You'll glue together furnished pre-cut segments and clamp them. Turning will be demonstrated but students won't be using the lathe in the class. Pre-cut segments for glue-up practice will be furnished. Bring paper and pencil to take notes. This is a one day class and costs \$20.

Basic Skew Chisel: This class will introduce students to the proper techniques and use of the tool as well as sharpening. Students will furnish their own skew chisel(s) (3/4 inch and up preferred). We will use the same accessories as in the Basic Woodturning Class. This is a one day class and costs \$20.

Basic Sharpening: The sharpening class will use lathe mounted sandpaper sharpening wheels and wooden dowels to teach the techniques of sharpening. This class is primarily for gouges but will also touch on a variety of other common traditional turning tools such as parting tools, skew, bedan and scrapers. In addition, sharpening hollowing tools, thread chasers, hook tools and common flat carbide cutters will be discussed. After practice, students will have the opportunity to sharpen their own tools using the Oneway Wolverine Sharpening system and CBN wheels. This is a one day class and costs \$20.

Please contact John Amberg at johnaamberg@yahoo.com or 858-220-1489 for further information or to sign up.



Educational Opportunities

Woodworking in America October 11 and 12, Des Moines 50% Discount Available

Woodworking In America is coming October 11-12, 2024 to Des Moines. The club is getting a special discount of **50%** off the ticket price. Use discount code **GUILD50**.

Signup here: <https://secure.interactiveticketing.com/1.42/dc0cc4/#/select>

We're hosting a number of top woodworking speakers:

Gary Rogowski Marc Spagnuolo Matt Cremona Alexis Dolese

Amanda Russell Patrick Edwards Matt Monaco

Wilbur Pan Ben Strano Logan Wittmer

Phil Huber and more

They'll be presenting on everything from hand planes, to project assembly, sawmilling, router joinery tools, and 3D printing for woodworkers. During the two days of presentations and demos, you can talk, ask questions, and learn more about woodworking you can put to use in your shop right away.

Find out more here: <https://www.woodsmith.com/article/woodworking-in-america-2024/>.

PS -- For those members who are already signed up, they can email Events@aimmedia.com to get the new rate.

American Association of Woodturners 39th International Symposium June 12-15, 2025, St. Paul, MN.

Registration opens November 18, 2024

Possible Free Admission plus: 2025 AAW Symposium Package (\$1,500 prize value).

Link: [AAW Symposium Information](#)

Enter by 11:59 p.m. ET on November 1, 2024.

Only one entry is valid per person.

No purchase necessary. Sweepstakes entry is limited to legal US and Canadian residents only.
[Rules and restrictions apply.](#)

Link: [AAW Symposium Sweepstakes](#)

Board Members and Officers

Please contact any member of the board with your comments, suggestions, or concerns.

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Chapter Volunteers

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Newsletter	John Amberg	Training	Jack Kennedy
Photographer	Gil Lea	Training	Dan England
Refreshments	Volunteers Needed	Training	Mark Hayes
		Webmaster	Jim Bergeson

Chapter Meeting	Oct. 12, 2024, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Oct. 23, 2024, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Nov. 9, 2024, 1 PM
* Networking Meeting	*Nov. 20, 2024, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Dec. 14, 2024, 1 PM
* Networking Meeting	*Dec. 18, 2024, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Jan. 11, 2025. 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Jan. 22, 2025, 9:30 AM
Tennessee Woodturners 36th Symposium	Jan. 31 -Feb. 1, 2025 Franklin, Tn.
Chapter Meeting	Feb. 8, 2025, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Feb. 26, 2025, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Mar. 8, 2025, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Mar. 26, 2025, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Apr. 12, 2025, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Apr. 23, 2025, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	May 10, 2025, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	May 28, 2025, 9:30 AM
No Chapter Meeting June	No Chapter Meeting June
AAW 39th Annual International Symposium	Jun. 12 thru 15, 2025 St. Paul, Mn.
Networking Meeting	Jun. 25, 2025, 9:30 AM
No Chapter Meeting July	No Chapter Meeting July
Networking Meeting	July 23, 2025, 9:30 AM
Iowa State Fair 2025	August 7 thru 17, 2025
No Chapter Meeting August	No Chapter Meeting August
Networking Meeting	August 27, 2025, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Sep. 13, 2025, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Sep. 24, 2025, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Oct. 11, 2025, 1 PM
Networking Meeting	Oct. 22, 2025, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Nov. 8, 2025, 1 PM
*Networking Meeting	*Nov. 19, 2025, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting	Dec. 13, 2025, 1 PM
*Networking Meeting	*Dec. 17, 2025, 9:30 AM
* Rescheduled due to Holiday	

August 2024 Woodturning FUNdamentals PDF - Great for Beginners

If you are a member of the AAW, you can access the Woodturning Fundamentals page at the AAW website.

The August projects are: Eyeglasses Case, Walking Cane, and Laminating Wood for Turning.

Here is the link: [Woodturning Fundamentals](#)

Newsletter Content

Please send in photographs of your work; we would love to see what you have made. If you have articles that you would like to have published or suggestions on how to improve the newsletter, please send them to johnaamberg@yahoo.com.

Links to the DMWT Website

[Meetings and Events](#)

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[Membership Application Form](#)

Additional Educational Opportunities

[AAW Articles and Videos](#)

AAW Articles, Videos, Safety and More (AAW membership required)

[Virtual Woodturning Demos](#)

Driven by master woodturner Trent Bosch. Most demos require a \$10 fee for a two-hour demo, but you can access the archived demo later if you wish. There are several turners providing demonstrations using this website.

[TurnAWoodBowl Videos](#)

Excellent series of free You Tube videos about turning Bowls. Kent Weakley also has a website: TurnAWoodBowl.com

Des Moines Woodturners Wearables

Members wanting Des Moines Woodturners logo embroidered on clothing are advised to purchase shirts, sweatshirts or turning smocks of their choice and style. These must be BRAND NEW and UNWASHED and can be delivered to any officer or board member. When enough items are collected to meet minimums, they will be taken to the embroiderer. Be sure to attach a note with your name to the collar of each garment submitted indicating if and how you want your name embroidered along with the Chapter logo. Costs to add the standard logo are \$10.00 per item. Personalized names can also be added for an additional \$6.00 per item. Chat with **Rob Beattie** if you have questions. 515-282-4532 or beattie.r@mchsi.com.

Membership Benefits - Supplier Discounts

One of the benefits of DMWT club membership are discounts with participating suppliers. We strongly encourage you to use local suppliers whenever possible. Before they ring you up, show discount suppliers your Des Moines Woodturners membership card. BUY LOCAL when you can, Mail Order when you have no other choice!!

Woodsmith Store	A 10% discount is available on most items without a cord. 2900 Clocktower Square, Suite #230, West Des Moines. https://thewoodsmithstore.com/ Mon thru Fri 9 to 6, Sat 9 to 5, Sun 12 to 4. Phone: (515) 254-9494
True Value Hardware	63rd and Grand in WDM offers a 10% discount on most non-sale items. If you're in doubt, ask a sales associate. They are known for having nearly anything you'd ever want especially hardware and fasteners. Mon thru Fri 7 to 8, Sat 7 to 6, and Sun 9 to 5. Phone: 515 279-9905
Acme Tools	629 SW 9th St. in Des Moines offers a 10% discount to members except for sale items and power tools or things with a cord. If you're in doubt, ask a sales associate. Mon thru Fri 7 to 5:30, Sat 8-5:30. Phone: 515 244-4189
Renewal by Andersen	517 Railroad Ave. in WDM (Valley Junction) offers 5% discount on top of any other promotion(s) for home/business replacement windows and doors. Mon thru Fri 8-5. Phone: 515 274-9700
Woodcraft	8645 Bluejacket Road, Lenexa, KS 66214, Phone: (913) 599-2800, Email: kansas-retail@woodcraft.com . Website link . 10% discount supplier for woodturning tools, supplies, and accessories not <u>sold</u> locally. Show your DMWT membership card in store for discount on most items except tools with a cord or battery and other selected premium and sale items. Only valid for in-store purchases.

American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

We recommend an AAW membership because it offers you many additional woodturning resources:

- ** Six issues of American Woodturner magazine each year.
- ** Four issues of Woodturning FUNdamentals PDF each year.
- ** On-line access to all previous issues of American Woodturner and FUNdamentals.
- ** On-line access to videos and many other learning resources.

[AAW Membership Join or Renew](#)

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