



Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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December 14th Chapter Meeting Special Event: Appreciation Luncheon at 11:00 AM Guest Speaker: Eric Hanson

The December 14 Chapter meeting will be a luncheon meeting for members and spouse/significant other at our Mall location. Doors will open at 11:00 AM with lunch at 11:30 AM.

Special guest **Eric Hanson** who anchors KCCI 8 News this Morning and tells the stories of Iowa characters in his "This is Iowa" segments will be our speaker at 1 PM.

We are asking members to bring several items you have turned to be on display that day.

We need a count for those attending the lunch. You can reply by email to [Tom Whalley](mailto:TomWhalley@themodelshop@mchsi.com) at themodelshop@mchsi.com providing your name and number attending. This is a special highlight of the year, so be sure to make plans to attend.

NOTE: The time is earlier than our normal club meetings. No lathe turning will be done at this meeting.

Reflections by Tom Whalley, Past President

Since the fall of 2017, it has been my great honor to be the President of the Des Moines Woodturners. We have all been through a lot of changes together. Since then, we moved to our current space in the Valley West Mall after The Woodsmith Store building was sold, we survived Covid, and our membership has continued to grow to the 187 members we have today. If we look around our space today, we have perhaps one of the nicest meeting spaces and woodturning libraries of all the Chapters in the country. It can be said that the success of the team is not the bus driver, but rather the efforts of the team on the bus. You are the team. You, the members of the Des Moines Woodturners have made our journey together successful and continue to do so. The efforts of many have converted our meeting space from what it looked like when we moved in to what it is today. Wow! You, the members of the Des Moines Woodturners, have driven the success we have experienced at the Iowa State Fair, which has resulted in things like the purchase of 10 new lathes in our training center as well as hosting professional turners for some of our Chapter meetings (which will continue to happen), and more. We have a scholarship fund (which hopefully you will apply to for funds to assist you in going to classes and seminars) as well as a group of members who have volunteered to be mentors for you (see our website for the list of these folks as well as what they have volunteered their expertise to help you with). Many of you have also benefitted from the dedication of the folks on our training team. What a tremendous resource they have provided! Seven plus years as your President will come to an end following the December meetings, and I just want you to know that this "bus driver" is very grateful for the friendships, dedication, and encouragement from you, the members of the Des Moines Woodturners. As Bob Hope's theme song says - "Thanks for the Memories."

Volunteers needed to set up Holiday Lunch

Set up will be on Friday, December 13th at 9 am at the Valley West Mall

Future Educational Programs

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

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

March: **Logan Wittmer** - Metal Accents in Turnings

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

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

See Stan Merrell for reimbursement.

Calendar Update - Wednesday Networking Meetings

The December networking meeting will be on **December 18th**, not December 25th which is, well, Christmas Day!

Summary of Rob Wallace Presentation, November 9, 2024 Focus on Form-Improving your Turnings through Self-Critique

Rob Wallace has been involved in woodturning activities for over 30 years and is a frequent demonstrator at local, regional, and national woodturning symposia, including the recent 2024 AAW National Symposium in Portland.

His demonstration focused on the aspects of "Form" and was presented in three phases: The first was to review the importance of a pleasing general shape and proportions. The second phase was to review several pre-turned pieces, critique them for the good and bad visual aspects, and identify the problems of the forms shown. The third phase was to fix the problems identified by the group's critique.



Rob through a power point presentation showed the basic guidelines of a pleasing form. He explained the "aspect ratio" or the relationship between the height vs. the width. It is best if neither the height nor width is extreme compared to the other. He explained the "golden mean". This is the comparison of the height to the width of the piece. The piece, furniture, or building can have a pleasing shape if the width is about 1.62 times the height of the object.

Rob explained that the piece must have "balance" or look like it is at equilibrium or not ready to fall over and the "rule of thirds". The foot should be about 1/3 of the width of the piece and the largest diameter of the piece should be either at 1/3 down from the top of the piece or 2/3 down from the top of the piece.

Rob explained the importance of having "faired curves". The side of the piece looks best if the curves transition gradually without any flat lines along the sides. The piece should also look like it has "lift". As your eye follows the line of the sides, it should not give the impression of going into the table but ending above the table.

Rob showed the group several shapes of pieces and asked the group to critique the shape and explain what is good and what is not so good with the shape. He applied the rule of thirds, golden mean, aspect ratio, and faired curves to evaluate the shape.

Rob ended the demonstration by showing the group two different pieces he had recently turned that did not have a pleasing in form. The group critiqued the pieces to find the faults. He then returned each of the pieces to fix the faults or make the form more pleasing. This was an excellent demonstration for the group to see how each rule was applied and how much each piece improved in appearance.

Will Zitterich, Secretary



Mark Hayes



Dennis Anderson



Vern Kinderknecht



Mike Eckerty



Gary Lawrance



Bill Burchett



Leroy Monson



Mark Hayes

Participants in the November Challenge



Mike Hamilton

November Show and Tell



John Anderson



Tad Tadlock



Bill Burchett

Membership News from Dan Carlson

Time to Pay Annual Membership Dues

Membership is still 187, no new members in November.

If you have not paid your dues they can be paid by one of the methods below or in person at the December social meeting on December 18th. Renewal dues are \$20 until January 11th and then they go up to \$25.

You can use this link to pay using Apple Pay, Google Pay or by entering your credit card info.

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLZQ3T2MNE5T3/checkout/KE7LMU2IBZDOFDJKHEHIBLA5?src=sheet>

The link below can be used if you want to pay via PayPal.

<https://www.paypal.com/instantcommerce/checkout/6DN9GW2K65UJG>

You can mail a check payable to Des Moines Woodturners to:

Des Moines Woodturners
PO Box 71629
Clive, IA 50325

Dan Carlson

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515-720-0637

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.

Webpage: [DMWT Mentoring Program](#)

Dan Carlson, Clive
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, letter openers
5. Turning bottle stoppers

Glen Farmer, Ogden
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, Wauke
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

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

Dave will mentor in these areas:

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

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

Tad will mentor in these areas:

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

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

Jack will mentor in these areas:

1. Closed Segment Bowls
2. Open Segment Bowls

Training Class Graduates

Basic Sharpening



Tim
Heady

Scott
Core

Theo
Filanowicz

Basic Bowl



Duane
Stremke

Todd
Troll

Tom
Golding

Jim
Coddington

Basic Woodturning



Paul
Fitzpatrick

Vern
Kinderknecht

Jeff
Newhook

Brad
Huyser

Educational Opportunities

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

Registration opens November 18, 2024

Link: [AAW Symposium](#)

Information about Stuart Batty Woodturning Classes

Instructors & Woodturning School: All our instructors have substantial teaching experience. They have all taught at numerous other schools or woodturning clubs worldwide, on various lathe sizes with mixed-level students and countless different setups. Our school is deeply committed to the art of woodturning. Each student will turn on a new 2hp or 3hp Powermatic lathe. Lathes will be set to a comfortable ergonomic height based on the student's height. We provide the wood, tools, and chucks needed for each class; however, students are welcome to bring their tools.

Video Recorded Class Demonstrations: We are happy to announce that all our instructors have agreed to have their class demonstrations video recorded. This footage will be professionally edited after the class and made available for private online viewing by the students who have attended this class. Viewing will be time-restricted to 9 months after the class. All copyright to the footage from each class belongs to the individual instructors. This is unique in woodturning and will enable students to watch the instructor's various demonstrations without taking notes. It also allows students to refresh themselves on what they learned and practiced long after class. Note that many woodturning schools do not allow any video recording.

Start & Finish Times: All classes start at 8:00 a.m. and finish at 4:30 p.m. Instructors can run the class past 4:30 p.m. if necessary and believe it is safe to do so, as students are tired by the end of the day.

Lunch Provided: We will provide lunch for students in our kitchenette area each day at noon; this is included in the class cost.

Maximum Number of Students: Ten. We limit the number of students for each class to ten. Along with the instructor, all classes will have a minimum of one very experienced assistant.

Travel & Local Accommodation: Our facility is 4 miles from downtown Boulder, Colorado, and 30 miles from Denver International Airport. A bus runs every hour between the two. We are discussing discounted rates for our class students with a local hotel. We will arrange pick-up and drop-off for each day of class from this hotel.

Payment: 50% deposit, balance due two weeks before class start date. If a student needs to cancel, we will refund the deposit up to four weeks before class starts.









If a student cancels less than four weeks before the class, the deposit will be credited to a future class of their choice or refunded if we can fill the vacant space or have a waiting list for that class. There is a \$50 cancellation fee.

Accommodation: You're welcome to choose any accommodation you prefer; however, we've partnered with Homewood Suites by Hilton to offer you 15% of any booking (just click the underlined name) Each room includes a mini kitchenette, and it's within walking distance of a supermarket. There's also a minibus available to take you anywhere within a 5-mile radius of the hotel, allowing you to explore Boulder.

Click for Full Description of Each Class: [Stuart Batty Woodturning School](#)

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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Greeter	Donna Byers	Training	Duane Groenenboom
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Librarian	Rob Blink	Training	Tom Baker
Mentoring Program	Will Zitterich	Training	Jack Kennedy
Newsletter	John Amberg	Training	Dan England
Photographer	Gil Lea	Training	Mark Hayes
Refreshments	Volunteers Needed	Webmaster	Jim Bergeson

Event	Date	Refreshments
Chapter Meeting	Dec. 14, 2024, 11:30 AM	Appreciation Luncheon
* 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		

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 recent projects are: Wood Bottle Stopper, Shopmade Palm Saver for Comfortable Tools Make a Burnishing Tool, and Make a Seed Pot Press.

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](#)

[Woodturning Articles and Plans](#)

[Chapter Library List](#)

[Contact Board Members and Volunteers](#)

[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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