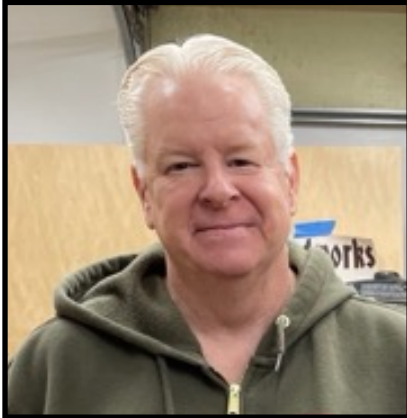




Des Moines WoodTurners Chapter Meeting Announcement & Newsletter

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January 11th Chapter Meeting Demonstration Glenn Farmer Finishing the Bottom of a Bowl

In 2002, I took my first formal class on woodturning at the San Diego Woodturning Center (SDWC) and I've been turning ever since. Within a year of that first class, I was teaching it and formally employed at the Woodturning Center. The SDWC brought woodturners in from around the world to demonstrate for the local clubs. My job was working with demonstrators, providing them with everything they needed, demonstration and class prep, and taking their classes to keep that knowledge for the SDWC. I sold woodturning tools and lathes and had to know everything about the product and the industry. Although the SDWC closed in 2009, I stayed connected with the clubs and demonstrators for many years. I have been a member of multiple clubs over the years, changing with every move my family has made. I have held many of positions and done several demonstrations, even put on a symposium once. A couple of years back I did one for the Des Moines Woodturners about turning the bottom of the bowl. I have thought a lot about that subject since. Now I have been asked to return and do that demonstration again, but I assure you it will be different. As we all do, I have grown and thought about this subject and want to do it better. Come and see, be inspired, throw tomatoes if you want, but maybe you will learn a thing or two.



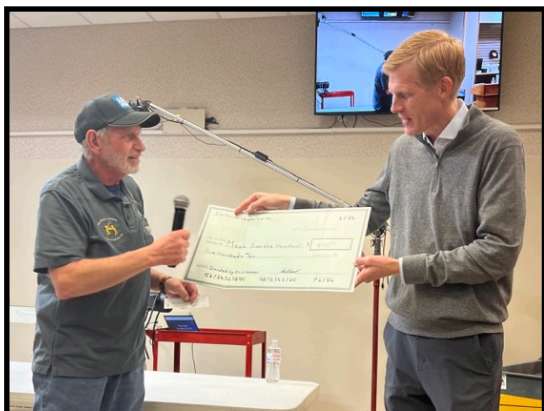
A Word from the President Dennis Anderson

It is an honor to serve this coming year as chapter president. We look forward to this new year and all of the opportunities for learning, sharing and making friendships as we share common interests in wood turning. Take time to get to know club members. It is a great way to make a friend and to gain new turning insights. Our chapter depends on many volunteers to make everything successful. I would especially encourage those who are new or have been in the background to step out this year and volunteer. There are many jobs behind the scenes and out front. The State Fair remains a key element for our chapter to provide community education and exposure to woodturning as well as a major source of the funds to keep our dues low and allow us to pay rent, provide wood, bring in guest demonstrators and much more. Plan now to help by making products the club sells or by volunteering to work a day at the fair. And, a side benefit to turning fair projects is it helps you develop your turning skills. A big thanks to **Tom Whalley** for his dedicated service and leadership as chapter president the past 6 years. And thanks to our great board of directors who do so much to help the club be the best we can be. I am looking forward to everyone's contribution to our chapter in 2025.

Eric Hanson



Our special guest Eric Hanson, who anchors KCCI 8 News this Morning, explained a little about the broadcast industry and how viewers have changed their habits over the years. Eric is well known as that "tall guy" who tells the stories of Iowa characters in his "This is Iowa" segment on the show. His stories were started in November 2013 and represent inspiring and emotional life circumstances ranging from Beginning of Life to Ending of Life.



Eric tailored his presentation around those who used woodworking in one form or another, to overcome obstacles or impact their community and beyond in a remarkable, positive manner. Like a blind man in the Ames area who became an accomplished woodworker operating all his own power tools. A Des Moines area gentleman who never married or attended college, worked as an accomplished millwright and saved every penny earned, and then willed three million dollars to pay full scholarships for 33 Iowa students before the trust was depleted. Another woodworker who spend all his free time collecting found construction wood and made an ever expanding range of simple toys that he donated to local hospitals and rehab centers. The clever thing was, he did not enjoy applying finish to the toy so hospital and rehab patients used the toys to paint their favorite colors and exercise their creative interests. Ingenious! Eric's talk was accompanied by audio and video versions of the aired interviews.



These, and more stories shared defined what it means when you say, "This is Iowa". In appreciation for Eric's presentation, our Chapter donated \$500 to Meals from the Heartland, PLUS, member **Tad Tadlock** presented Eric with a highly figured bowl he had turned.

A special thanks to member **Tom Baker** who painfully arrived with his wife to make sure Eric's presentation could be videoed and Eric's A-V episodes be viewed by the membership attending. Tom had a serious fall on the ice earlier in the day and is recuperating at home.

Dick Meuler



The Des Moines Woodturners recognize and appreciate **Dick Meuler** for dedicated service and leadership.

- Chapter President 2015-2017
- AAW Chapter Membership
- 501©(3) Nonprofit entity formation
- Chapter Member Training
- Iowa State Fair Chapter Exhibition

Party Pics Photographer: Gil Lea



Volunteer Needed
Review the Website

We are asking for volunteers to form a committee to review all the pages on our website. Many of these pages are outdated or information has changed. We would like someone to step forward to chair this committee. Please see any board member if you are willing to be on this committee.

Volunteers Needed
Bring Cookies and Donuts

Please bring 3 dozen donuts for the Wednesday morning Networking meeting.
Please bring 4 packages of cookies for the Saturday afternoon Chapter meeting.
The signup sheet is near the desk at Valley West.
Volunteers are needed for all meetings of 2025.
Bring your receipts to **Stan Merrell** for prompt and cheerful reimbursement.

Volunteer Needed
Merchant Discounts

The editor of the newsletter needs a volunteer who is good on the telephone to contact a number (15-20) of Des Moines merchants to confirm that discounts are still available to the members of the Des Moines Woodturners. Help!

John Amberg, (johnaamberg@yahoo.com)

It's Time To Pay Your Dues

If you would like to stay off the naughty list, pay your dues before January 11th. They can be paid by one of the methods below or in person at the January 11th Chapter meeting. Renewal dues are \$20 until January 11th and then they go up to \$25.

Use these links to pay online:

- Apple Pay, Google Pay or Credit Card: [Apple Pay or Google Pay or CC](#)
- PayPal: [Paypal](#)

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

Des Moines Woodturners
PO Box 71629
Clive, IA 50325

If you have any questions contact **Dan Carlson** at 515-720-0637
or email: dmwoodturners@gmail.com

Future Educational Programs

February 8th: **Dan Henderson** - Turning an Oval
March 8th: **Logan Wittmer** - Metal Accents in Turnings

Woodsmith Store Interesting Fact

Take a picture of your Des Moines Woodturners Membership Card and keep it in on your phone. Show the picture to get your discount. You do not need the actual card.

Penn State Industries 10% Discount Program

As most of you know, Penn State (Webpage:[Penn State Industries](#)) has offered our club members a 10% discount on most of their products. As a club we made this an option for you and many of you signed up to get the discount. If you are new to our club or didn't sign up previously and you want to receive this discount please let **Dan Carlson** (email:dmwoodturners@gmail.com) know. Just a heads up, you will receive a lot of emails from them with their advertising.

Our Thanks to Ron Jacobson

The DMWT thanks **Ron Jacobson** for his donation of 65 DVDs to our club. Some of these went to the woodworkers club but most will be added to our library. Check with Librarian **Theo Filanowicz** (email: tnfilanowicz@yahoo.com) if you want to know more about the content of these videos.

Our Thanks to Roger Nurnberg and Family

The DMWT thanks **Roger Nurnberg and Family** for a generous cash donation.

Membership Update

We currently have 192 members in our club.
Please welcome these new members who joined in December.

Tom McDermott from Des Moines

Dan Hotka from Des Moines

Kevin Wheeler of Glenwood, Mo

Kelly Gruber from Waukee

Brent Heuer from Des Moines

Thanks from the Blank Children's Hospital 41st Festival of Trees & Lights Fundraiser

For many years three Des Moines-area woodworking clubs have collaborated in contributing their time and talent making Christmas tree ornaments in a local community service effort.

The Blank Children's Hospital 41st Festival of Trees & Lights fundraiser was held in late November 2024, and with a combined 300-plus handmade ornaments hand crafted by the Woodworkers, Woodturners and Woodcarvers we decorated one of the 70-plus Christmas trees that were part of this year's festival.

We look forward to continuing this tradition again next year with your high quality, handmade wooden ornaments. We also welcome volunteers to contribute a tree skirt, a tree topper, and to help decorate the tree in late November 2025.

In the 2024 Festival more than \$1,150,000 was raised for two important programs at Blank Children's Hospital: Child Life and Center for Advocacy & Outreach.

The 2025 Festival is November 28 to December 1 with tree decoration on November 23.

Link to 2024 Festival of Trees: [2024 Festival of Trees](#)

Greg Alberts (gregalberts@msn.com)



Next Board Meeting

Board meetings are open to all members. The next board meeting is January 11th at 11:50 am at Valley West.

Training News

Waiting List Update

There are a number of folks on the waiting list from 2024. I will contact them in mid January and after they are signed up for the classes they want, I will open enrollment for the rest of the membership. Thanks for your patience.

2025 Woodturning Classes

Mar 10 & 17	Basic Woodturning
Mar 24	Basic Skew
Mar 31	Basic Bowl
Apr 7	Basic Sharpening
Apr 21 & 28	Basic Woodturning
May 5	Basic Segmenting
May 12	Basic Bowl
May 19	Basic Sharpening
Sep 15 & 22	Basic Woodturning
Sep 29	Basic Segmenting
Oct 6	Basic Bowl
Oct 13	Basic Sharpening
Oct 20 & 27	Basic Woodturning
Nov 3	Basic Skew
Nov 10	Basic Bowl
Nov 17	Basic Sharpening

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. Cost: \$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. Cost: \$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. Cost: \$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. Cost: \$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. Cost: \$20.

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

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, Waukee
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

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

Jack will mentor in these areas:

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

Educational Opportunities

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

Link: [AAW Symposium](#)

Tennessee Association of Woodturners 35th Annual Woodturning Symposium January 31-February 1, 2025

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners presents their 36th Annual Woodturning Symposium on January 31st and February 1st, 2025. Our 2025 Woodturning Symposium will again be located at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center 700 Cool Springs Blvd Franklin, TN. Featured demonstrators include Donna Banfield, Trent Bosch, Matt Monaco & Laurent Niclot. Two days of jam-packed demonstrations by some of the best demonstrators, an Instant Gallery where participants and Demonstrators can display their work, A People's Choice Award Area, Saturday night auction and banquet are just a few of the many activities planned for 2025. Our vendor area will be stocked full of a wide variety of woodturning equipment, supplies and wood.

Home Page: [Tennessee Association of Woodturners](#)

Registration: [TAW Registration](#)

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.


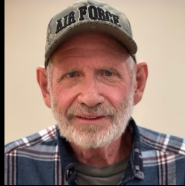






This scholarship is not intended as a source of financial aid for those who might otherwise not be able to afford the educational experience. Instead, it is offered as an incentive to those serious about woodturning who are willing to expand their skills and knowledge and bring those skill-sets back 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).

Board Members and Officers

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

President: Dennis Anderson (515) 975-8573 dennis.anderson.dca@gmail.com		Treasurer: Stan Merrell (515) 491-5411 srmerrell1@gmail.com	
Vice President: Mark Hayes (515) 520-0826 mahayes@netins.net		Training: Tad Tadlock (515) 201-7403 tad4tahoe@aol.com	
Secretary: Will Zitterich (515) 232-1765 wzitterich@mchsi.com		Membership: Dan Carlson (515) 720-0637 dano1466@yahoo.com	
Programs: Tara Kinder (319) 939-1727 tjkinder1994@gmail.com		Safety: Mike Hamilton (515) 822-6771 kmhamilton9@msn.com	

Chapter Volunteers

AV Producer	Tom Baker	Scholarship Program	Mike Hamilton
Camera	Tom Baker	State Fair Products	Duane Groenenboom
Camera	Craig Wyckoff	Training	Dick Meuler
Greeter	Vikki Morain	Training	Tad Tadlock
Greeter	Donna Byers	Training	Duane Groenenboom
Librarian	Theo Filanowicz	Training	John Amberg
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	Jan. 11, 2025, 1 PM	John Amberg
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	
Decorate Festival of Trees	Nov. 23, 2025	
Festival of Trees	Nov. 28 - Dec 1, 2025	
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!!

RightAngleNow	Member Gil Lea offers a 20% discount on his sharpening jigs. https://www.rightanglenow.com/
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. 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: Woodcraft . 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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