



# Minnesota Wood Turners Association

An Affiliated Chapter of the American Assn. of Woodturners

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

By Don Robinson

This is a special edition to remind you of the Holiday Party, the election of Board members and also to emphasize the importance of renewing your annual membership. It is due on January 1 of each year.

This is the first issue with me as editor and I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Dave Schneider for his three years as editor. Certainly the newsletter plays a large part in holding the membership together and Dave has done an excellent job accomplishing that task.  
**Hat's off to you Dave.**

## DUES REMINDER !

Please return your renewal subscription for 1998 so you will not miss any of the Newsletter issues, meetings, special events and club discounts available only to members in the coming year. **Don't delay! January will be the last newsletter for the 1997 members.**

## HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 9:00 PM  
@ Norwest Bank (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
1200 Silver Lake Rd  
New Brighton, MN  
Located 1 block north of I-694 at the crossroad of Palmer Dr.  
It is on the NW corner, across from McDonalds.

This year we will again have a Christmas Ornament Challenge. Put your thinking caps on and fire up your lathes to make one or more ornaments. They will be displayed and members will vote to determine who wins in the following categories:

- Most Creative
- Most Technical
- Best Finish
- Most Whimsical
- Most Colorful
- Smallest
- Largest

It's always a pleasure to see what other members are turning.

There will also be a gift exchange between members. The gift exchange is separate from the Ornament challenge so even if you don't have an ornament to display you should bring a turned gift to exchange.

We will have a prize drawing with \$250 worth of great items to be given out.

### **Important !**

To be eligible for the drawing you must bring a gift to exchange !

## Past Event Highlights

(More in depth coverage will be given in the normal January newsletter.)

### **Mark Reschke's on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Mark demonstrated his techniques for turning natural edge bowls. He made it look so easy to turn a beautiful vessel from a small burl.

### **John Berglund's on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**

John demonstrated both his strength (hoisting a huge walnut log up onto his new lathe) and his creative talent in creating a multi-axis bowl. This bowl took on the shape of a cat's face but he also displayed a heart shaped bowl which he had previously turned.

### **Waterbury Tour on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**

David and Ruth Waterbury opened their house to club members for viewing some of their vast collection of wood turnings. They displayed turnings from a wide range of professional turners and summarized highlights of many of the pieces and turners; local, national and international. I was both awed and inspired at the artistic beauty and technical uniqueness of these pieces. Thank you David and Ruth for supporting this art and for sharing it with this club.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF THESE BY-LAWS:**

These by-laws have been drawn up, agreed upon, and adopted by Local Chapter

**Minnesota Woodturners Association in Minneapolis, MN on January 5, 1997**

Signed:

President (Mel Turcanik) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President (?????????????????) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer (Ron Meilahn) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director ( Ed Johnson) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Librarian (Duane Gemelke) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member at Large ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary (Gordy Miller) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Editor (Don Robinson) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership services ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BY-LAWS FOR LOCAL CHAPTER {Minnesota Woodturners Ass.} OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, INC.  
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION  
ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION**

The membership will be drawn from the entire state of Minnesota and surrounding states.

**ARTICLE II**

The principal contact of this Chapter will be the current president.:

**ARTICLE III - RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION**

All officers of the Minnesota Woodturners Association Chapter agree to be members in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc.

While it is understood that the parent organization will provide advice and counsel, as requested, Local Chapters are advised that the nature and extent of their activities are left to their discretion. Demonstrations, while probably part of the normal activities of Local Chapters, are to be conducted solely at the discretion of Local Officers, and all safety and instruction is to be under their explicit direction and control.

The national office strongly recommends placing some sort of sign or notice on or around any lathe used for demonstration; that safety eye protection must be worn and a full face shield when needed. Use a dust mask and wear hearing protection. The lathe is a potentially dangerous instrument only to be used with Chapter approved supervision.

**ARTICLE IV - PURPOSES**

The Chapter's purposes, in addition to supporting the general purposes of the parent organization, are: 1. To provide a meeting place for local Woodturners; 2. To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft; 3. To trade woods; 4. To exchange ideas about tools and to learn from each other.

**ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Annual membership fees for the Minnesota Woodturners Association Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be as determined by the board of directors.

**ARTICLE VI -MEETINGS**

The Chapter will meet once a month at varying times and locations as determined by the board of directors. The meeting date, time, location and subject will be published in the quarterly newsletter.

The quorum for conducting business at a general membership meeting will be 25% of paid membership in attendance, unless otherwise required by these bylaws.

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The Board of Directors will meet as necessary when determined by the President and upon notification of all Board members. The Vice President may call a board meeting if the President fails to act within a reasonable time since the previous meeting. The quorum for conducting business at a Board of Directors meeting will be 60% of the board in attendance, unless otherwise required by these bylaws

## ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

- A. **The Board of Directors** shall consist of no fewer than 7 & no more than 11 paid up members.
- B. These officers shall be elected to two year terms by a majority vote of a quorum in attendance at the election meeting. The election will be held yearly for half of the Board Members to eliminate a complete change of the board.
- C. **Removal.** Any Officer elected or appointed may be removed when it is deemed that the best interests of the Chapter would be served by such removal. This would be accomplished by a majority vote of the Chapter's members who are present at a properly announced meeting with a quorum present at the time of the vote.
- D. **Vacancies.** A vacancy in any Office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by a majority vote of the Officers for the unexpired portion of the term.
- E. **President.** The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Chapter; His/her duties include: 1.) Supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter, 2.) Conduct Chapter meetings;
- F. **Vice President.** In the absence of the President or in the event of His/her death, inability, refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to **all the restrictions** upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President.
- G. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Chapter's Board meetings and keep minutes at general membership meetings where chapter business is conducted. The secretary will formalize the meeting minutes, distribute them to the board members and maintain a file of the minutes. The secretary will also send a copy of the Board meeting minutes to the administrative office: AAW, 3200 Lexington Ave., Shoreview, MN 55126 (Note: the administration office may use excerpts or summaries of the minutes in the Journal to let everyone know what's going on nationally.) In general, the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.
- H. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect all membership fees and all other moneys belonging to the Chapter. he/she will be responsible for keeping current and accurate records of all moneys that flow through the Chapter. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.
- I. **Program Director.** Work with the board to determine meeting subjects and sites, contact demonstrators, organize meetings and negotiate fees for professional demonstrators.
- J. **Librarian.** Maintain all publications/recordings, bring the library to meetings and handle the checkout and returns.
- K. **Membership Services.** Provide personnel contact with new members, provide new member materials, and coordinate the membership list with the News letter editor and Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VIII -INDEBTEDNESS

AAW's national office MUST be notified in writing PRIOR to a Local Chapter incurring any indebtedness for AAW.

## ARTICLE IX - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS' DISCLAIMERS: FISCAL AND LEGAL

The Corporation (American Association of Woodturners, Inc.), specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the Local Chapter. The Corporate Board of Directors of AAW is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the Local Chapters. The Corporation does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or unsponsored by a Local Chapter. The Corporation will provide at cost 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance for the chapter.

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## ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be altered, or repealed and new By-laws may be adopted by a vote of a majority of paid-up members of the chapter present at a general membership meeting or a Board of Directors meeting, if the meeting is properly announced and a quorum is reached. Copies of all modifications to these by-laws MUST be filed with the national office of AAW.

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### MWA Board

**President:**  
Mel Turcanik (507) 634-7570

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Don Wattenhofer (612) 572-1045

**Treasurer:**  
Ron Meilahn (612) 633-8902

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Don Robinson (612) 441-8207  
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### Member Helpline

*Do you have a question or need help with a project or turning? The following members have volunteered to try and answer your questions or point you in the right direction.*

John Engstrom	(612) 475-0307
Jim Jacobs	(612) 437-2302
Ed Johnson	(612) 224-4194
John Magnussen	(612) 477-8294
Dave Schneider	(612) 934-4867
Don Wattenhofer	(612) 572-1045

If any others wish to volunteer for this list please call Don Robinson @ 441-8207.

### FOR SALE

#### Incredible Wood!

#### Fantastic Prices!

Bocote	\$11/bdft
Mex. Cocobolo	\$15/bdft
Guat. Cocobolo	\$24/bdft
Osage Orange	\$6/bdft
Paela	\$8/bdft
Granadillo	\$11/bdft
Ziricote	\$15/bdft
Lignum Vitae	Cheap
Chechen Burl	\$5/pound
Ramone Burl	\$5/pound
Paela Burl	\$7/pound
Ziricote Burl	\$5/pound

Other figured woods  
also available

Call Craig Lossing  
(612) 785-4194

## For Sale

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Set your bevel grind angles accurately with steel gauges. Each gauge has two angles:  
25°/30° and 35°/90°

Price - \$16 for two gauges  
Call Chuck Pitschka  
935-0660

### Classified Ads

Turning related ads are free to members. Commercial ads are billed at \$4 per month, per column inch. To place an ad, call Don Robinson 441-8207.

Ads will run one month unless you call to extend your ad each additional month. Submission deadline is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month prior to publication. (ie. The 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr)