



Minnesota Woodturners

In association with the American Association of Woodturners

Members Meeting
October
David
Ellsworth



MWA was proud to host David Ellsworth for three days of woodturning instruction and coaching. About 50 club members attended Ellsworth's lecture and demonstration at MCAD, the Minneapolis College of Art & Design.



During a short morning break, spectators crowded around to ask questions while he completed the shaping of the exterior of this natural edged bowl.

As Ellsworth started hollowing his demo bowl, members gathered closer for a better look.



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Ellsworth explained that sitting on the lathe's bed gives him a better tool angle for hollowing.



Ellsworth described how he uses his jig for the shaping of a bowl gouge into his special "Ellsworth grind."

Photos from David Ellsworth hands-on sessions page three



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REMINDER

MWA MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE BY JAN. 15TH

Still one of the best deals around,
membership in MWA is only \$25/year.

Look forward to these great MWA club activities in 2004

More Hands-on Sessions

Learn to turn or expand your skills in a collaborative setting.

Monthly Meetings

Watch demos by professional turners and
discuss interesting topics. More details in Club Calendar.

Discounts

MWA members receive discounts at select merchants
such as Craft Supplies, Rockler's & Woodcraft.

And of course, the camaraderie of your fellow woodturners!

Please send your check made payable to
MWA no later than January 15th to:

Don Roden
517 3rd Street NE
Osseo MN 55369

Your Feb. 2004 newsletter will be your last
if your membership hasn't been renewed.

Treasurer's Report

January 1-October 31, 2003

INCOME	\$8,721
EXPENSES	<u>[5,844]</u>
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as of 10/31/03	\$3,745

Submitted by
Ron Meilahn
Treasurer/Membership

Welcome New Members

JOE CRUZ
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MN

WILL FIFER
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN

MARTY LOSO
CRYSTAL, MN

Club Craft Supplies Order Saves MWA Members \$\$

Our club's October
group purchase from
Craft Supplies made
participating members
eligible for a 20%
discount.

# of participants -	16
catalog price	\$2,090
net cost	\$1,659
total savings	\$431

Hands-On Sessions October

Small Group Sessions with David Ellsworth

Photos and text by
Chuck Bjorgen

TURNING TIPS

MWA member Richard Fulner came up with this basic jig for setting the distance for the Ellsworth sharpening jig to the grinding wheel as it is used with the Oneway Wolverine sharpening jig. Note the wood riser block in the Wolverine V-arm which raises the jig about an inch over the V-arm. Richard showed his invention to those attending Todd Schweim's bowl turning session in October.



Bruce Arones and Bob Jensen got a closeup view of how Ellsworth finished the foot on this bowl.



MWA members from left: Brian Campbell, Ken Tempero, John Haug, Pete Onstad, Brian Grobe, Jim Blair and Bruce Arones watched Ellsworth demo before they started turning. Hidden behind the bandsaw is Bob Jensen.



David Ellsworth turned the inside of this natural-edged bowl during the Friday small group session at the Woodcraft store in Bloomington.



The natural edged bowl made by David Ellsworth during the first hands-on session for MWA members.



**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS?
NEW PHONE NUMBER?
Keep us in the Loop!**

Please advise Don Roden if any of your contact information has changed - especially your email address. Just email updated information to droden@mninter.net.

Thank you!

Hand-on Session September

Five New Members Complete Turning Projects

Photos and text by
Chuck Bjorgen

Conventional advice for a beginning woodturner is to stand at the lathe and make shavings.

At some point though, there is a need to make something to show family and friends, and that's what five new members of the MWA did at the September 27 small group hands-on session in the Fridley shop of member Bob Jensen.

A basic, small lidded box was the intended project.

New members Gary James, Jim Sannerud, Cory Oslin, Paul Kovarik and Russ Johnson not only made shavings,



Russ Johnson and Gary James proudly displayed their completed lidded boxes.



Russ Johnson, Duane Gemelke, Bob Jensen and Jim Sannerud paused during the session to discuss some woodturning basics.

but got some needed practice in between-centers turning, hollowing end grain and using a jam chuck to finish the foot of their boxes.

Bob Jensen, Duane Gemelke and Chuck Bjorgen were on hand to offer tips on lathe use, sharpening, tool technique and finishing.

Three hours passed quickly as the novice turners turned and finished their boxes.

"It was a great session because I am a beginner," said Gary James. "I learned more about using woodturning tools and making boxes (which are not square)," he said.

During the introductions, Cory Oslin described how the purchase of a house last year got him started in woodturning.

"When my wife and I bought our house, the previous owner left an old Craftsman lathe mounted to the wall of the garage," said Cory. "I used that on and off for about a year before my wife bought me a Jet mini as a gift."

Cory said he also appreciated the time the more experienced turners devoted to this session and that bringing home a completed project was important.

Russ Johnson, who has some prior turning experience, commented "It was a great session to get some one-on-one time with experienced turners who could guide me in holding the tools at the correct angle.

Even though I've been turning for half a year, I didn't understand the reasons for holding a scraper at the correct angles. When cleaning out the inside of the boxes, this angle is critical along with having a good edge on the tool. Both of these items became evident as the morning progressed and the box took shape," said Russ.

Once again, the MWA thanks Bob Jensen for generously hosting this session, his third in under two years.



Duane Gemelke guided Paul Kovarik through the shaping of his lidded box



Host Bob Jensen, right, checked Jim Sannerud's progress on hollowing his box.



Duane Gemelke, left, showed a box to Cory Oslin which was made by Craig Lossing from Duane's collection .

PHOTOS WANTED FOR MWA WEBSITE GALLERY

Do you have some turnings of which you're particularly proud? If so, we'd like to see them on our website! Please send a photo to Dave Carley, our MWA webmaster. Navigate to: www.mnwoodturners.com and click on "CONTACT WEBMASTER". Attach your photo file to the email and send.

FREE MEMBER ADVERTISING

Free turning-related ads for members.

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING

\$4.00/month per column inch. To place ad, contact Don Roden at 763-425-3110 or [droden@mninter.net](mailto:drodn@mninter.net). Ads will run one issue unless you call to extend your ad to additional issues.



Gary James, left, continued turning as Duane Gemelke and Paul Kovarik showed off Paul's lidded box.

FOR SALE

Table Saw: Rockwell Contractors saw with solid cast iron extension wings, casters, and a dust collection enclosure in the base.

Includes two carbide blades and a Freud dado set. \$550.

Lathe Duplicator: Heavy-duty duplicator that will fit the larger lathes like Delta, General etc. Never used, in box. \$200.

Scroll Saw: Older Delta cast iron variable speed scroll saw, includes stand and light. \$350.

Band Saw: General, Model 490, band saw. Cast iron frame and wheels. Includes a light, several blades, fence and mitre. \$600. Look at the General web site for additional specifications.

(www.general.ca)

All items are in excellent condition and have manuals.

Pete Onstad, Burnsville
952-890-4096

Advertisements

PRIVATE LESSONS

Learn **TURNING TOOL SHARPENING** on the Oneway Wolverine and David Ellworth systems. A MUST for anyone serious about mastering woodturning.

One-on-one sessions in my shop will cover tools & equipment, shaping, sharpening and honing. Call now for evening and week-end appointments. \$45/session.

Steve Tiedman
763-789-4505.

ANNOUNCEMENT FINE WOODWORK GALLERY OPENING

Announcing the opening of Blue Sky Galleries - Showroom of Fine Woodwork. Located in Golden Valley, Blue Sky Galleries supports independent wood artisans by offering consignment sales with low commissions, marketing services, and memberships offering a host of benefits. The gallery is currently stocking and offering a special 25% commission on all pieces accepted in 2003. E-mail photos or descriptions to consign@blueskygalleries.com.

Club Calendar



January Meeting

Topic

Wayne Kiefer will demonstrate bowl turning with three different bowl gouges. Shear scraping, sanding and finishing will be covered. Wayne does a fine job. Come see how!

Date

January 13th

Time

6:30 pm -9:00 pm

Location

Roseville H.S.
Woodshop

Directions

Roseville Area High School is located on County Rd B2 (1 block north of Hwy 36) between Hamline and Lexington Avenues. The meeting is held in the School's woodshop on the east end of the building.

As you enter the school parking lot, veer left (east) to the end of the building. The door to the woodshop is on the south side of the dumpsters.

DECEMBER

9th

Our fabulous Holiday Party and Election of new Board Members.

JANUARY

7th

Board of Directors meeting to be held.

13th

Monthly Meeting

Wayne Kiefer will demonstrate bowl turning. See notice above right.

FEBRUARY

7th

Professional Demo

Alan Lacer presents "Getting Started Right".

10th

Monthly Meeting

MARCH

3rd

Board of Directors meeting to be held.

9th

Monthly Meeting

Cliff Frey of 3M will make a presentation about wood dust and protective products.

APRIL

10th

Professional Demo
Andi Wolfe of Ohio will turn a small bowl and an end grain vessel, explaining form and tool techniques. Andi will demo surface enhancement techniques of scorching, carving and coloring, which she uses extensively. Check out her website at andewolf.com.

11th

Hands-On Session
Andi Wolf will conduct a session limited to 8 turners.

MAY

5th

Board of Directors meeting to be held.

11th

Monthly Meeting

Brad Hubert will demonstrate the "fine points" of pen turning.

SEPTEMBER

18th

Professional Demo
Trent Bosch will conduct a day-long demo for members.

19th

Hands-On Session
with Trent, limited to 8.

HAVE A TOPIC FOR THE BOARD?

If you would like to bring a topic to the Board's attention, please contact any board member and we'll include it on the meeting agenda.

Board members listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board meets on the first Wednesday of every other month; January, March, May, September, and November.

Board meetings are held at 6:30 pm at the following location:

AAW Offices
3499 Lexington Ave No
Suite 103
St Paul, MN



Special Event
December

MWA Annual Holiday Party!



Date

Tuesday
December 9th

Time

6:30 pm -10:00 pm

Location

AAW Offices
Lower Level
3499 Lexington Ave No.
Shoreview, MN

Our holiday party is just around the corner. Plan to bring your spouse (or significant other) to enjoy the evening.

As always, there will be fabulous people, wonderful conversations, great food, prizes, raffles, a gift exchange and more.

Food

Bring hors d'oeuvres and desserts to share. Beverages will be provided.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Turning Challenge

Bring a holiday ornament or decoration and be eligible to win a certificate.

Awards will be based on votes by members and guests. Certificates will be given for 1st through 4th places. Sign in at door.

PLUS

Video Library
Sealer Sales
No regular Show 'n Tell, Wood Raffle, Block sets or Toys for Tots

Raffle for Ellsworth Turning

Pay \$1 for a chance to win a turning from Dave Ellsworth. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances. A rare opportunity!

Spouses' Door Prizes

Something new this year! All spouses/guests will be eligible to win small turnings such as stamp holders, candy jars, salt and pepper shakers, night lights, cork screws, bottle openers, etc. These are being made by our members for the party. Separate sign-in sheet for spouses and guests at the door.

Gift Exchange

Bring an unwrapped turned piece for the gift exchange and receive one in return. You'll have a chance to tell a bit about the turning as you give it to a fellow member. We encourage all members to bring in a turning.

Door prizes

Members in attendance will be eligible to win gift certificates from Rocklers and Craft Supplies, donated to us especially for this event. Please sign in as you enter.



Monthly Meeting November

Brian Grobe Turns Holiday Ornaments at Monthly Meeting



Examples of Brian's stars



MWA member Brian Grobe demonstrated how he creates a wood star on the lathe.

Photos by Chuck Bjorgen
Text by Steve Tiedman

We had another good turnout for our November club meeting at the Roseville High School woodshop; 70 people were in attendance, including 2 new members. As always, many thanks to Roseville woodshop teacher and MWA member Wally Jacobson for arranging the use of the shop for our meetings.

As part of the business meeting portion of the night's event, Program Director Jim Jacobs gave us a quick run-down of some of 2004's monthly meeting plans.

Next year appears to have many very good demonstrations scheduled, including professional demonstrations by Andi Wolfe, Trent Bosch, and our own Alan Lacer. Keep an eye on the newsletter calendar for dates and details.

The highlight of the meeting was a demonstration by member Brian Grobe on his unique use of offset axis turnings to create holiday ornaments in the form of snowflakes. Brian admitted right away that this is still a work in progress and that his techniques are always changing in an effort to perfect the process.

Brian uses ¼" thick pieces of stock mounted to a face-plate on an offset axis point, then cuts grooves half way

through the thickness of the stock. He does this from 4 reference points on each side of the stock, with the reference points on the first side offset 45 degrees from the 4 points on the second side.

This creates grooves that are offset from each other but at the same time crossing paths from each side, resulting in a see-through intersection.

He told us that because of all the experimentation he has done to get to this point, he has had his fair share of failed pieces. But that's part of the process, learning what works and what doesn't, but he encourages you not to be afraid to take chances and to incorporate your own ideas.

Brian also talked for a few moments about his participation with craft shows to sell his work. He told us that he has been turning wood for about 4 years now, Three years ago he started attending an annual craft show. He said the first year people looked at his work as a curiosity, asking questions about the purpose of a wooden bowl.

Then in the second and third year people have been more accepting of and attracted to turned wood items, from practical items like his bowls to decorative items to the various small trinkets he makes.

Show & Tell



Left - Brian makes the cuts with this home made tool in trailing mode.
Above - Checking the depth of his cut with an Exacto blade.
Right, top and bottom - Show & Tell items brought by MWA members.

Brian explained that pricing can be a difficult decision, that not only time and materials come into play, but also other less tangible factors such as the nature of the craft show, the geographic location, and the customers attending the show.

We finished the evening with another fantastic show-and-tell session. The quality and artistic expression of the work presented continues to improve and expand, as shown by inexperienced turners improving on their basic skills mastery to the new and exciting designs being brought to life by the more experienced turners.

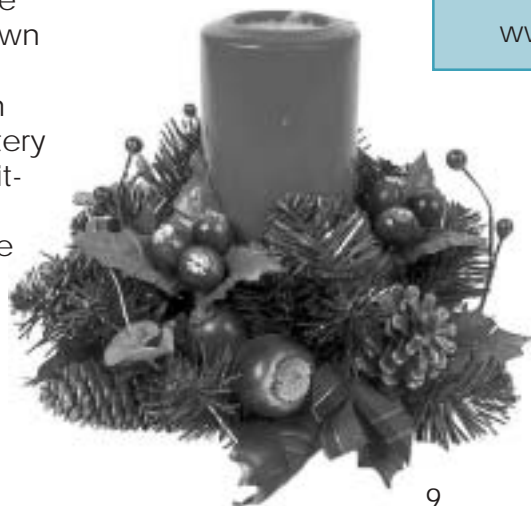
That's the great part of the show-and-tell sessions, it gives all of us the opportunity to learn new ideas and maybe receive some feedback on what we are doing. Keep up the great work!

ASK ALAN LACER YOUR WOOD FINISHING QUESTIONS

Alan has asked our club members to help him develop his new book with Bob Flexner, author of Understanding Finishing. They're looking for wood finishing questions specifically from woodturners.

If you want to participate, please submit a maximum of two questions via email to amlacer@earthlink.net. In return, Alan and Bob will answer your questions—to the best of their abilities.

www.woodturninglearn.net/ttahoning.html



Annual Celebration
December

Holiday Party



Date
Tuesday
December 9th

Time
6:30 pm -10:00 pm

Location
AAW Offices
Lower Level
3499 Lexington Ave No.
Shoreview, MN

**TURNING
CHALLENGE**
Holiday Ornament

**DOOR PRIZES
FOR MEMBERS,
SPOUSES & GUESTS**

GIFT EXCHANGE

**RAFFLE FOR
ELLSWORTH
TURNING**

DIRECTIONS
Located on Lexington
at Harriet Avenue in
the Catholic Aid Assn.
Bldg. From I-694, drive
3/4mile south. From
Hwy 36, drive 2.5 miles
north.

Watch for sign at curb.

Parking in the lot at
rear of building. Enter
building and go to
lower level.



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