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Tim Hogen reflects the satisfaction of turning one of his first bowls in the basic bowl class taught by Bob Meyer this month.



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II. MWA EVENT CALENDAR

<p>January, 2015</p> <p>6th Membership Mtg Sharpening Systems Nelson, Robinette, etc</p> <p>13th Board Meeting</p> <p>23, 24, 25, Craig Lossing, Pro</p>	<p>February, 2015</p> <p>3rd Membership Mtg Gluing Segmented Work Bob Puetz</p> <p>10th Board Meeting</p>	<p>March, 2015</p> <p>3rd Membership Mtg Fun with Spindles Steve McLoon</p> <p>10th Board Mtg</p> <p>13, 14, 15 Nick Cook, Pro</p>	<p>April, 2015</p> <p>7th Membership Mtg Hollowing Mark Debe</p> <p>14th Board Mtg</p>
<p>May, 2015</p> <p>5th Membership Mtg Making Platters Steve Mages</p> <p>12th Board Mtg</p>	<p>June, 2015</p> <p>2nd Membership Mtg Skype with Joe Hermann</p> <p>9th Board Mtg</p> <p>25-28 AAW Mtg Pittsburg</p>	<p>July, 2015</p> <p>7th Membership Mtg Finishes Mark Palma</p> <p>13th Board Mtg</p>	<p>August, 2015</p> <p>4th Membership Mtg Decorating your work Jeff Luedloff</p> <p>11th Board Meeting</p>
<p>September, 2015</p> <p>1st Membership Mtg A Goblet W Captive Rings Gary Mrozek</p> <p>9th Board Mtg 19, 20 Dixie Biggs Pro (and 21?)</p>	<p>October, 2015</p> <p>6th Membership Mtg Pendants Robinette and Farber</p> <p>13th Board Mtg</p>	<p>November, 2015</p> <p>3rd Membership Mtg Put a twist in your work Todd Williams</p> <p>10th Board Mtg (Al Stirt Pro demo?)</p>	<p>December, 2015</p> <p>No Membership Mtg</p> <p>No Board Mtg</p> <p>Christmas Party</p>

June/July Special Events at a Glance

June 24 Plymouth Area Wood Turners, Steve Mages Shop 7:00-8:30 PM
June 27 Northside Turning Meeting (and picnic) Neil Robinette's shop 2:00-6:00 PM
July 15 Hamburger club, 50's Club Brooklyn Center, 11:30-1:30
July 15 Sharpening Class, Neil Robbinette's shop 6:00-9:00
July 16 South East Regional Group, The Lone Oak Grill, 3010 Eagandale Place, Eagan
One class is tentatively planned for the end of July. Details are not finalized.



III. President's Message



Greetings Everyone

For anyone who was at the last meeting you will not have to wonder why there is now a moratorium on Skype presentations. We have had success with Skype in the past. However at this time it is not worth the risk of another failure.

Meeting Demos are scheduled a year in advance by Programs director Linda Ferber. However there is always need for a backup plan. We are looking for Hands on Live action turning. If you have an idea of a demo you would like to see, or you have a particular skill and would be willing to demo please email Linda at linda@woodturner.org

We are currently working on upgrading our website. Hopefully in the near future you will be able to do online registration for

classes and your annual membership renewal. This should take care of the delay in membership cards and the ability to receive MWA informational Blasts for everyone.

Dixie Biggs is coming to our club to do a power carving on turnings class and Demo in Sept.

We are trying to set up a second class for Sunday Sept 27th this will extend her stay. I will shortly be sending the class invite to the carving groups in the state.

Mike Hunter is working on bringing to us Pro Turner Al Stirt November 14th 2015. Mike has also proposed the Demo for whoever the next Pro who is scheduled should be free to members as a thank you for your membership. Sounds like a good idea! Mike is also working on bringing in Mike Mahony for 2016. You can check both out on Youtube.

Start thinking ahead. Every November is board officer elections. Aprox one half of the board comes up for reelection each November. If you have an interest, or know someone who has a desire to play a larger part in the direction of our association, consider a nomination.



V. Monthly Meetings

A. June Membership Meeting

1. Presentation Topic: Professional presentation by Joe Hermann.

Much to the dismay of our group, the Skype connection to Joe Hermann could not be made. This was later determined to be due to an issue at Skype. As such the presentation was canceled. A woodturner DVD by Mike Mahoney was shown but when the attendees grew restless, this was stopped and the meeting was adjourned early. See page 4 for Rick Auge's comments.

V. Monthly Meetings

A. May Membership Meeting

2. President's Challenge

The Presidents's Challenge for June was a platter. There were four first time turners one of whom (Ron Solfest) took first place! Here are the winners with their work:



**Ron Solfest first
place (First timer)**



**Jeff Luedloff,
Second Place**



**Ken Hallberg,
Third Place**

The other three first time President's challenge participants were Mark Palma, Doug Johnson, and Don Kluempke.



Some other platter submissions are shown below:





Jeff Kolveit displays the fine wood plaque he made for the President's challenge.



V. Monthly Meetings

A. June Membership Meeting

3. Instant Gallery

There were some excellent pieces submitted to the instant gallery



V. Monthly Meetings

B. Lunch Gatherings

1. Hamburger Club

The Hamburger Club met at the 50's Club, Brooklyn Center on June 10 as scheduled. Initial attendees are shown in the two photos below:



Left to right: Gar Brown, Ed Mielich, Duane Gemelke (making strong point to Gar), Mike Hunter, and Bob Puetz. In lower right is the back of Steve Mages head.

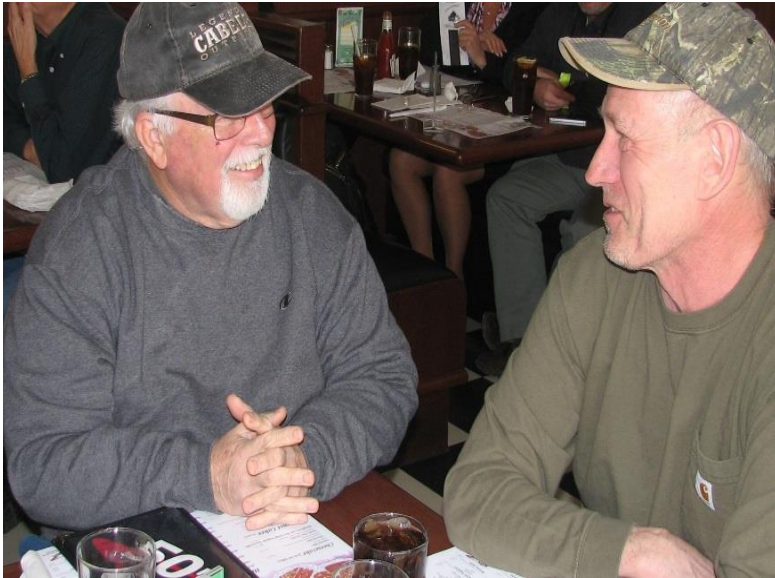


Left to right: Neil Robinette, Rick Auge, and Paul Laos.

As usual, everyone talked turning, available wood, tools and tool sales. One of our regular attendees Steve McLoon missed this meeting. We hope all is well with him. Lunch at the 50's grill in Brooklyn Center was excellent.



Reed Jacobs joined the lunch later. He's leaving the twin cities as of June 25th. He's always been generous with his time and was the keeper of the club lathes for years. He will be missed for his help but more for his humor and skill in turning everything from bowls to duck calls.



Reed Jacobs (right) at recent Hamburger Club meeting talks Hunter carbide tools with Ron



Reed Jacobs at recent MWA class inspects his work.

The next Hamburger Club Meeting will be Wednesday July 15 at the 50's, Club, Brooklyn Center 11:30 to 1:30. Mike Hunter advises that in the summer the group will convene on the Wednesday of the week after the MWA membership meeting. In the fall, the schedule will revert back to the normal Thursday of the week after the MWA membership meeting. The meeting place is most convenient for those on the north side of town. But all are invited.



V. Monthly Meetings

C. Area/Regional Turning Meetings

1. Plymouth Area/Regional Turning Meeting

The Plymouth Group met Wednesday May 27 at Steve Mages shop. Attendance was 10 people who started out in a circle discussion as shown below.



Attendees from left to right are Wayne Johnson, Al Feist, Fred Hegele, Steve Luhman (black shirt and pants behind Wayne), Avi Pelc, Peter Withof, Steve Mages, Paul Webber, and Steve Binek. Pete Bryant also attended and took this picture.

Some notes from this discussion are as follows.

- 1. Al Feist found out how to make a rolling pin with barber pole type striping. He has wanted to do this for some time and came across some plans by accident. He intends to work on it immediately and bring the effort to the next area meeting.**
- 2. Al loves to cut corian. He gets it “anywhere he can talk a guy out of it.”**
- 3. Wayne Johnson has been making pens using carmelized wood. This is wood that has been heated to and held at 400 degrees F so that most of the sugar has been removed. This presents a much richer wood appearance.**
- 4. Steve Luhman likes to finish with shellac. He applies with a cloth and does not sand inbetween coats. He also uses shellac to stiffen punky wood and areas of tear out. He just pours it on.**
- 5. Steve Luhman has a set of wood thread chasing tools. He notes that hard, fine grain wood is the best to tap.**



After the sharing time, the group proceeded to attempt turning a natural edge bowl.



This is a perspective of Steve's lathe set up for turning the natural edge bowl.

This is a close up showing The work piece mounted in a chuck.





AL Feist started the turning as Peter Withof peeked over his shoulder.....

.....and Steve Mages, Avi Pelc, Steve Binik, and Fred Hegele carefully observed from the front.



V. Monthly Meetings

C. Area/Regional Turning Meetings

2. South East Area/Regional Turning Meeting

The Southeast Regional Group (the Pork Sandwich Club) generally meets on the third Thursday of each month for lunch. The meeting location is The Lone Oak Grill 3010 Eagandale Place, Eagan, MN.

The meeting is open to everyone interested in wood turning.

Fred Kogler is the coordinator (kogler@comcast.net, 651-283-9876). See Fred for Details.

V. Monthly Meetings

C. Area/Regional Turning Meetings

3. Northwest Turning Meeting

This group is just starting up. A general meeting to determine interest was held at a local restaurant. At least seventeen people are interested in attending. **The first actual turning meeting will be held on Saturday June 27 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at Neil Robinette's shop.** Hot dogs will be served in a picnic like atmosphere as wood chips fly. Contact Neil Robinette for details.

V. Monthly Meetings

D. Board Meetings

A monthly meeting that often goes unnoticed is the Board Meeting. Most members don't know much about the board or the meetings they hold monthly. This section provides a behind the scenes view.

The board meetings are held at the Salvation Army. We meet in a room just to the right of the main entrance. Because of the security system there, entrance is gained by knocking on the window and someone comes out to let you in. The room is large (75 feet x 25 feet?) and tables are arranged as an ellipse. The board sits on one end in a U shaped fashion. At the top (or bottom) of the U, president Rick Auge sits with other members sitting on each side.



Being wood turners, we sometimes start with discussions about wood turning. Such was the case at the June 13 meeting, when Rick brought in a football shaped toy box for our AAW project. Steve Mages made the basic shape, Todd Williams turned it, and Rick was trying to figure out how to cut it to have a hinged lid and base. You can see his dilemma from the pictures below.



During business, Rick and the members look like this



At the June Meeting, the West Side of the Room consisted of Secretary Janice Evans, and Members-at-large Ed Mielich and Todd Williams



At the Head of the table, Rick Auge, President and Treasurer, Mark Debe sat. Pete Bryant (member at large/newsletter who took this picture) sat on Rick's left.



On the east side of the table sat Neil Robbinette education and Will Travis Webmaster

Not shown are board members Fred Kogler, Ray Munro, and Linda Ferber who were unable to attend.

Some subjects discussed at the June 13 meeting were

- 1. "Improved Membership Programs" (more live turning at membership meetings, adding a second "hands on" class with Dixie Biggs, understanding the Skype failure at the June meeting, getting Ray Mahoney to come as a pro turner)**
- 2. Finalizing and issuing a request for quotation from various web developers to upgrade our web site.**
- 3. Preparation of a movable, "stand up or sit down" lathe stand for turners with various disabilities. This is a step up design of the one made for Tom Kindom. Mark Debe is doing the design and build of this system.**
- 4. Funding some technical improvements to our A/V system.**

Board meetings are open to members, but we don't get a lot of visitors. Members have a standing invitation to attend any meeting and bring questions, suggestions for improvement, complaints, etc. Just observing the meeting is quite acceptable as well. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (one week after the membership meeting). Dates of board meetings are



listed on the annual calendar on page 3 of this newsletter. Check the date for the board meeting you wish to attend. Just remember to knock on the lighted windows, and someone will come to get you.

VI. Monthly Classes

A. Basic Bowl Turning Class (Bob Meyer)



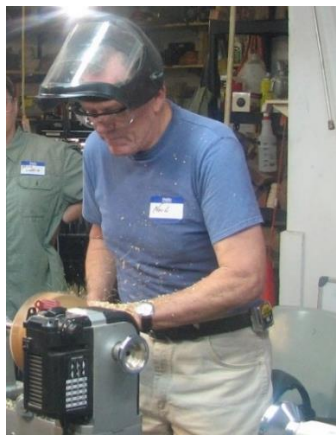
Bob Meyer was the teacher who led the class. He opened with a thorough description of bowl turning basics that would have benefitted any turner.

In order to provide individual hands on attention to a number of rookie bowl turners, the following assistant teachers were added.



Steve Mages

Gar Brown



Neil Robinette

There were eight students: Tim Hogan, Dale Gjerde, Will Johnson, Nancy Lindfors, Ami Swerdlick, Dave Vinek, Mike Cloud, and Jim McDonald. Here are some shots of the students hollowing out their bowls.





Mike Cloud



Jim McDonald



Ami Swerdlick



Dave Vinek With Steve Mages





The photo to the left demonstrates the value of the additional teachers. Bob Meyer explains a cutting technique to Nancy Lindfors, Steve Mages works with Dave Vinek in rear, Ami Swerdlick (light blue shirt) is cutting, Mike Cloud (red shirt arm) is cutting, and Jim McDonald (Dark Blue Shirt in right rear) is cutting. Everyone is either being helped, taught, or cutting. No waiting!

VII. Special Interest Items

A. More on Ticks and Lyme Disease (Linda Ferber)

In 2009, I picked up a couple of woodticks I got in my back yard. I did not think much of it as they had not been buried long. Working at the symposium in June my leg swelled up twice its size. When I got home I went to the doctor who did all kinds of tests with no definite results. The swelling went down and it seemed to be better, then the other leg swelled. I don't remember why but a Lyme disease test was ordered, I did not ever have the bulls eye redness, but that was the diagnosis. I went thru three antibiotic treatments but they did not seem to help. I was not able to sleep and always very tired. The next step was to have a pic line installed and get the antibiotic through iv. I administered those myself with weekly visits from the home nurse. After that 8 week series the Doctor said there is no more I can do for you, as you have had more treatment than is recommended. I found a Lyme disease support group where I was given an alternative medicine doctor's name. Health care did not cover any of those tests or treatments, but improvements were finally being made. I admit I felt exhausted but compared to others in the support group, I was doing well. The little tick has a huge impact when it infects you.

Editor's note: Linda's back yard is adjacent to a 2,000 acre park. It is undoubtedly beautiful as well as abounding with deer and other creatures.



B. Mystery Winner Identified



We did not have a name for the winner of the May Challenge at the time we “went to press. “

The winner’s name is **Ken Gustafson** of Princeton. His entry was the toy fishing pole shown to the left.

We thank his neighbor, Dick Messer, for getting us this information

C. Editor Error



The Gavins were correctly identified as the builders of our AAW truck. However, Mr. Gavin’s first name was in error. His name is **Burton** (her name is Murial).

We thank Jim Jacobs for his correction and apologize to Burt.



V. Special Interest Items

D. Departure of George Wurtzel (Lee Tourtelotte)

Remember our amazing blind wood turner George Wurtzel? What a great demonstration of turning he put on at a recent membership meeting!



To refresh your memory, here is an example of his turning technique. Below George is shown with a variety of wine stoppers he made



George is leaving Minneapolis and MWA to take up residence in Mt. Veeder, California. Mt Veeder is near Napa, California and is about 40 miles east of Santa Rosa. He packed up a semi trailer full of his tools and belongings and left June 6.

George has accepted an offer that was too good to pass up! He will be the builder/maintenance man for a school & campground for the blind. When George completes the immediate building projects that he has started at the camp, he will also assume the duties of teaching blind children & young adults woodworking.

George's new employer is called Lighthouse for the Blind. They are a nation wide organization for training the blind. They have offered George many amenities, including a lucrative annual salary, 3 month's vacation, fully paid health insurance, full use of the large camp workshop (under construction by George) and a very nice private lodging.

George is a talented turner and a grand guy with a great sense of humor. He will be a perfect fit for his new position and will be an asset to the camp as well as an encouragement to his blind students. We wish him the best in his new position even though he will be missed.

VIII. AAW And Regional Announcements

- A. **AAW Symposium** is scheduled in Pittsburg June 25-28. See www.aaw.org.
- B. Corridor Woodturners presents John Jordan for a two day demonstration October 3 and 4 in Cedar Rapids Iowa. The two days will be devoted to **Bowl Turning and Turned and Carved Hollow Vessels**. For details see www.corridorturners.org.
- C. **A Fresh Cut Green Woodturning Symposium** will be held October 30 to November 1, 2015. It will be held in Grand Marais, Minnesota. The symposium includes multi-day coursework, demonstrations, speakers, mini-courses and community gatherings, all designed to encourage wide-ranging discussion of the craft of woodturning and to celebrate and relish the intimate connection to the material green wood turning fosters. Featured will be Robin Wood, Michael Hosaluk, and Michael Cullen. The symposium is jointly sponsored by the AAW and the North House Folk School. Contact www.northhouse.org or www.aaw.org for details.
- D. The Wisconsin Chapter will not be having an expo this year. In its place, they will have an all day demonstration by one of their best turners, professional Barry Grill. The event will be held in Eau Claire on October 24, 2015. See www.cvwg.org for details.
- E. **American Wood Turner** for June is now available on line.



IX. Worth Repeating

A. Membership Info

Why Become a Member of MWA:

Instant Gallery and critique of gallery items at monthly meetings.

Monthly turning Challenges.

Woodturning demonstration at monthly meetings.

Access to videos in the club library.

Access to a wide variety of turning tools.

All-day demonstrations by nationally recognized woodturning experts.

Forum to discuss woodturning topics (i.e. tools and chucks, finishes, tips, techniques, etc.) with other members.

Newsletters.

Receive a discount at participating merchants by presenting your current membership card prior to making a purchase.

Events, such as small-group hands-on sessions.

If you'd like to become a member of the MWA, please contact the MWA Membership

Director, Ken Crea, www.kencrea@q.com

Membership dues are \$30 annually

B. MWA Wood Sealer Program

The chapter has purchased Anchorseal Wood Sealer in bulk. MWA members can purchase it for \$10/gallon. Our club could use a few clean, empty gallon jugs, such as windshield washer fluid jugs, for bottling. Bring some to our monthly meetings. This super bargain sealer is available at our monthly meetings, or contact the following people for other special arrangements:

Larry McPeck - specialout@aol.com

Bob Jensen - 1woodworker@earthlink.net

Neil Robinette - neilka@embarqmail.com

Jim Jacobs, Hastings - woodmanMN@aol.com

Steve Mages, Minnetonka - smages@juno.com

Rick Auge, Shoreview - rauge2003@gmail.com

C. Supplier Discounts to MWA Members

The following suppliers offer special discounts to MWA members. To receive a discount you must be a member in good standing, and show your current membership card to the merchant.

Abrasive Resource

900 Lund Blvd #400, Anoka, MN

763-586-9595 or 1-800-814-7358

No showroom - Internet or catalog orders only.

Sandpaper, coated abrasives, rolls,

clearance items - 20% discount

www.abrasiveresource.com

Forest Products Supply

2650 Maplewood Drive

(NE corner of County Rd. C and Hwy 61),

Maplewood, MN 55109

Phone: (651) 770-2834

www.forestproductssupply.com

Discount for MWA members:

10% discount on all lumber purchases.

Rockler Woodworking

Burnsville, 2020 W Cty Rd 42

952-892-7999

Maplewood, 1935 Beam Ave

651-773-5285

Minnetonka, 12995 Ridgedale Dr

952-542-0111

10% discount on all regularly

priced items, except power tools.

Wholesale lumber prices to MWA members.

www.rockler.com

Youngblood Lumber Company

1335 Central Ave, MPLS.

612-789-3521

Wholesale prices to MWA members.

www.youngbloodlumber.com

