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## *Holiday Ornament*

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HUNTER**



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# Minnesota Woodturners Association Presents: ❖

## *\*The MWA Holiday Party!\** ¶

MWA members and their spouses/guests are invited to this  
grand affair! ¶

**When:** 6:00 to 9:00 pm, Thursday January 9th, 2020 ¶

**Where:** Guidant John Rose Minnesota Oval ¶  
2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN 55113 ¶

Please go to [eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com) (MWA Holiday Party Link) ¶  
to sign up — no need to print tickets, we will know that ¶  
you're coming! ¶



**Ornament Challenge:** The ever-popular holiday tradition. We challenge all of our members to turn a holiday ornament. Plain or fancy, prizes will be awarded!

**Member Gift Exchange:** Bring an unwrapped turning to exchange with another member. Everyone who brings a turning goes home with a turning.

**Guest Gift Exchange:** Bring an unwrapped turning & your guest will be able to participate in this fun exchange! All members are encouraged to bring a turning for this drawing.

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One of the best parts of the Woodturners Holiday Party is the pot luck dinner.

Please bring the following foods based on the first letter of your last name:

Last names beginning with A thru D, please bring: Appetizers (Meatballs, Wings, Dips, etc.)

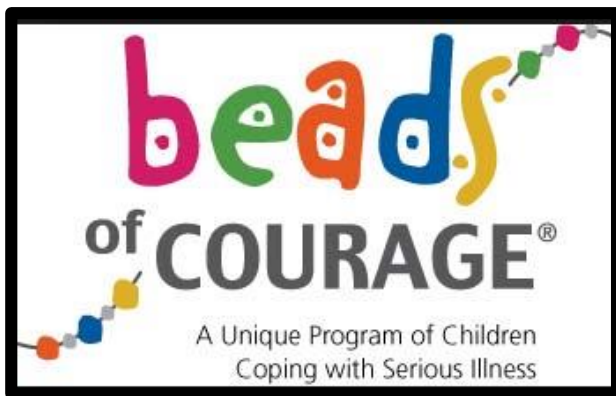
Last Names beginning with E thru J, please bring: Salads or Side Dishes (Pasta, Lettuce, Rice, Beans, Vegetables, Potatoes, Breads, etc.)

Last names beginning with K thru R, please bring: Main Dishes (Meat, Poultry, Hot Dish etc.)

Last names beginning with S thru Z, please bring: Desserts





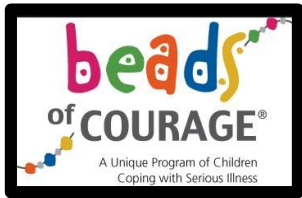


Diane and Bob Puetz direct this program for the Minnesota Woodturners Association.



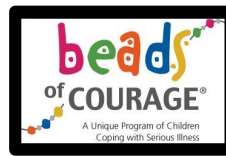
Staff of Minnesota Masonic Hospital thanking MWA for donations of Beads of Courage boxes and games





Some of the BoC boxes and games by MWA members at the December meeting





Mr. Robert Puetz  
Minnesota Woodturners Association

Dear Mr. Puetz,

Your generosity is truly appreciated and will have a lasting impact on the patients and families we see at Children's Minnesota. As you know, Children's Minnesota is a special place that provides kids and their families with outstanding pediatric and family-centered care when they need it most. And we simply couldn't do it without your support.

Children's Minnesota Foundation received your in-kind gift of 12 handmade bead boxes for participants in the Beads of Courage Program on Monday, November 11, 2019. Thank you for your generosity!

Your unwavering commitment plays a vital role in our ability to help the kids who depend on us to return them to their rightful place of happy. So, thank you for your support and for being there for the most amazing people on earth.

With appreciation,

Jennifer L. Soderholm  
President and Chief Development Officer  
Children's Minnesota Foundation





# Instant Gallery



Don Schlais



Eric Koslowski





## Instant Gallery (cont'd)



Lee Tourtelotte –  
king wood/tung oil



Dan Ernst



Walnut – experiment  
with inlay

## Instant Gallery (cont'd)



Richard Hicks – 3 of the projects at a 5-day class with Mike Mahoney



## Instant Gallery (cont'd)



Tom Sciple – ambrosia maple, Formby's tung oil



Tom Sciple – acrylic wine stoppers, Harley-Davidson colors



## Instant Gallery (cont'd)



Jim Jacobs –  
maple/walnut

## Instant Gallery (cont'd)



Roseann Gold



## Instant Gallery (cont'd)



Linda Ferber



Arden Griep  
– ash, maple,  
walnut



## Instant Gallery (cont'd)



Herb  
Letourneau -  
oak



Jim Robertson

## Instant Gallery (cont'd)



Dave Blume admiring  
Tom's amazing turning



Tom Keyser –  
sycamore/  
walnut

## Instant Gallery (cont'd)



Andy Rocheford





# Before the Meeting



Vanessa &  
Danny Judd



Gordon & Mark Fay



Glen Hambleton looking  
forward to the meeting



Paul Oare &  
Don Schlais



Dan Waldrop



## Before the Meeting (cont'd)



Paul Laes & Ken Crea –  
sales & membership

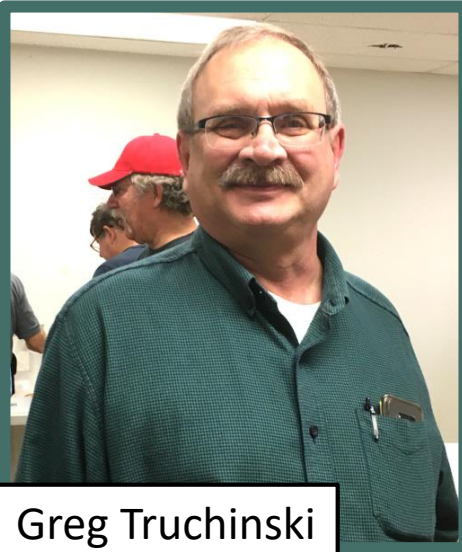


Lots of activity before  
the meeting

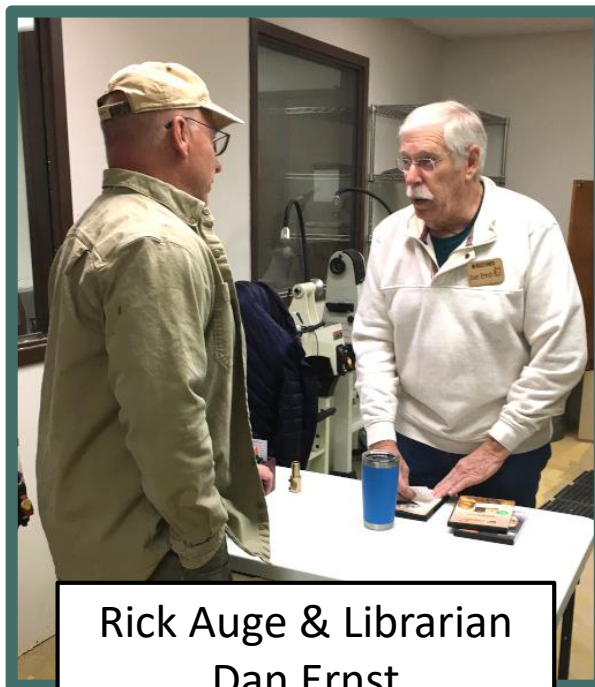




## Before the Meeting (cont'd)



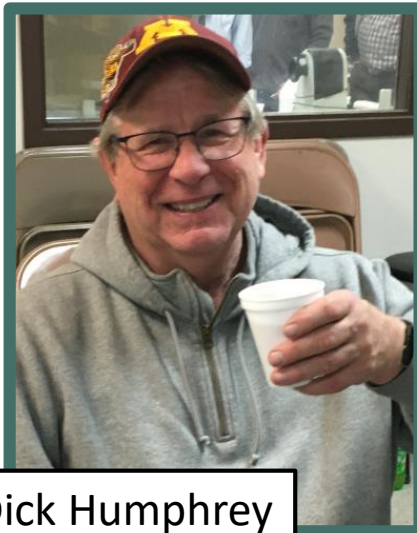
Greg Truchinski



Rick Auge & Librarian  
Dan Ernst



Bob Puetz & Steve McLoon



Dick Humphrey



John Drontle enjoys  
coffee & donut



Before the Meeting (cont'd)



David  
Skjelbosted

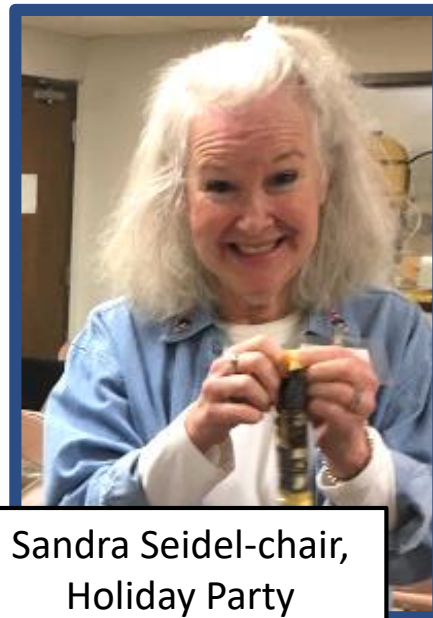


Steve Luhman



Dick Hicks prepares  
video equipment

Demo display



Sandra Seidel-chair,  
Holiday Party



Roseann Gold, Linda  
Ferber & Ben Pawlik





## Announcements

### We are updating our Mentor List for all areas of the Metro

The best way to get in contact with a mentor is at a Sub Group get-together. Anyone looking for mentors is encouraged to join Area and Regional Groups for help with finding a mentor.

We need Mentor Volunteers of ALL levels. Volunteers are needed to spend a few hours with a fellow woodturner member.

Send an email to [lgloebe@comcast.net](mailto:lgloebe@comcast.net) with your email, phone number and area in the Metro where you live if you are interested.

This is a very satisfying activity for the mentor, a great way to encourage and improve the turning activities of our club, and a good way to make strong friends among turners.

Lee Luebke  
President MWA



## Announcements (cont'd)

Ken Crea announced our membership is the same high membership level as last month – 328!!



Sandra Seidel announced the winter party Jan 10. See p. 3-4 for details.

## Announcements (cont'd)

President Lee Luebke announced the slate of candidates for MWA Officers and Board up for election this year. All have agreed to serve. He asked for further nominations from the floor. Hearing none Pres. Luebke asked for a vote on the nominations. The nominated persons were elected.

Vice President – Janese Evans

Treasurer – Mark Debe

Membership Dir. – Ken Crea

Director - Reid Zimmerman  
(501c3)

Director – Marc Paulson

Congratulations and thank you all  
for serving as officers of the  
Minnesota Woodturners Association



## Future Classes

- Dec. 14 Santa's Workshop. Attendance fee is \$5 and kits for gifts will be available
  - Dec. 21 Ornament Class
  - Jan. 18 Working with Burls, Bob Puetz
  - Feb. 15 Hollowing
- Check the website for upcoming classes & details

Check the Website *Quick Links* for details and signing up for all classes



Dan Larson, MWA  
Class Coordinator

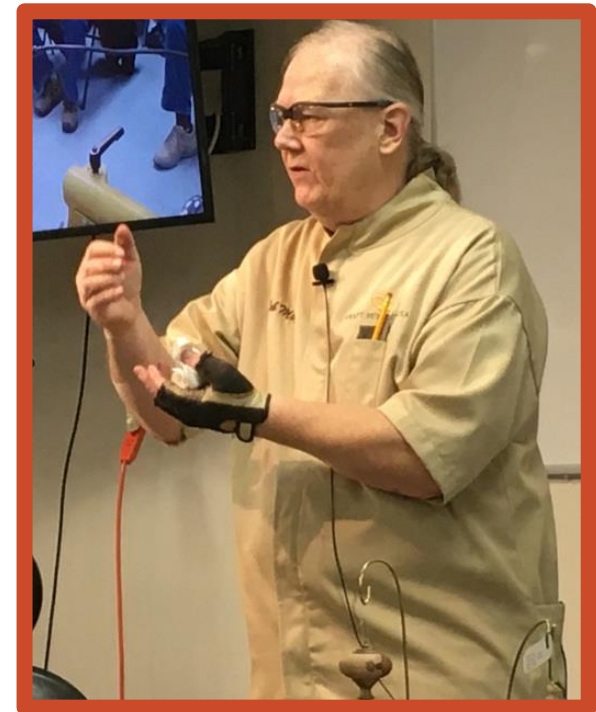




# December Demonstration **Mike Hunter & Bob Meyer** **HOLIDAY FINIAL ORNAMENT**



Mike and Bob teamed up to present an excellent and timely demonstration of turning a hollow ornament with a delicate finial





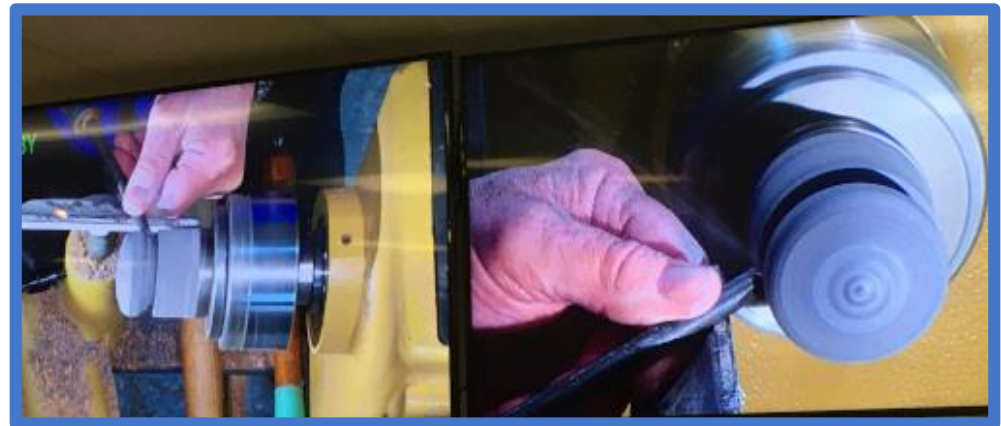
Mike began his demo with an excellent series of half ornaments showing how the 2 Hunter Hercules tools would be used





Mike starts the 2" diameter of the ornament mounted in the chuck

Mike favors the “squashed” globe form. He uses the straight tool to find the bottom and uses this tool to widen the hollow form as much as possible. Mike’s going to drill the center hole all the way through the bottom.







Mike uses the negative rake scraper to smooth the top of the globe

He drills to a pre-determined depth that will penetrate the bottom of the globe. Try to have most of the shaping of the back side of the globe finished before drilling.





Mike emphasized that the globe should be cleared of chips very frequently. He uses a plastic drinking straw to blow out the chips.

JTolly47@gmail.com

The shoulder tool is used to hollow laterally and under the top of the globe

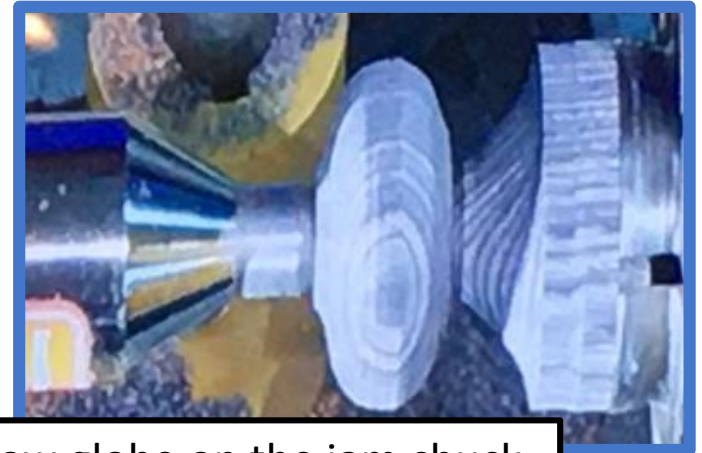
Mike uses the Jolly gauge to measure the thickness of all the walls



Finishing the back side as much as possible



Making the jam chuck after the globe was separated



Hollow globe on the jam chuck

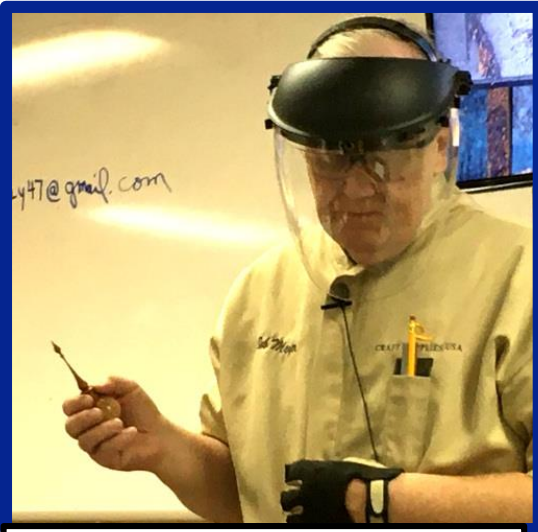


Finishing the top of the globe



The tools Mike used for the globe





Bob shows an example of the finial he will demo



Bob shows the stock from which he'll make the finial



Beginning the finial



Shaping the stock for the finial



Example finials



Laying out the coves & beads

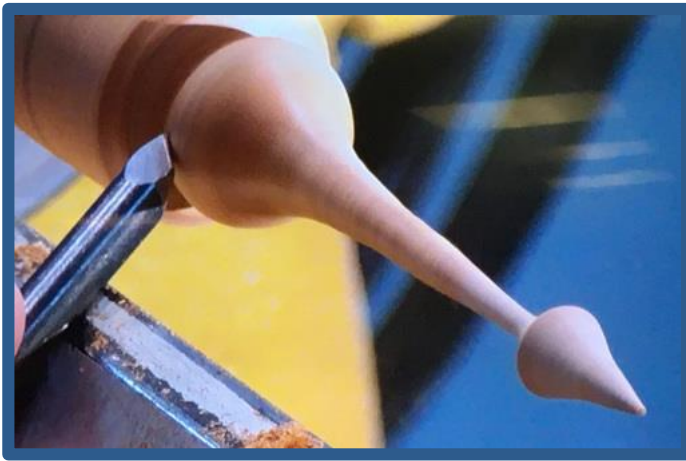


Developing the tip



Sanding: start with 220; go to 800/1000; CANNOT GO BACK to finish this area later





Use small skew to develop the "onion"; take your time. Patience, not speed, is the name of the game.



Using the parting tool to define the length



Finish on the lathe



Finial base on  
the globe



Making the top from the  
remainder of the base stock



Thanks for a great demo  
Mike and Bob!

# Member Challenge (Holiday Decoration)



Tom Sciple managing the  
Member Challenge this month





# Member Challenge (Holiday Decoration)

Beginner, Intermediate



Rusty Ogren  
Beg/Int 1<sup>st</sup> Place







Jim Robertson  
Beg/Int 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Herb Letourneau  
Beg/Int 3<sup>rd</sup> Place





Will Johnson  
Adv/Exp 1<sup>st</sup> Place





Eric Koslowski  
Adv/Exp 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Denny Dahlberg  
Adv/Exp 3<sup>rd</sup> Place





# Member Challenge (Holiday Decoration)



Lee Tourtelotte



Linda Ferber

# Member Challenge (Holiday Decoration)



Ken Gustafson



Dan Ernst

# Member Challenges for 2020

January - MN Winters Black Hole (Using an element of black in your turning, examples could be ebony, paint, dye, burning)

February - Segmented Turning

March - Handles - Tool handles, anything with a handle

April - Peppermill or Salt and Pepper Shakers set

May - Three-legged Stool or other household turned furniture

June - Captive Ring

July - Spheres

August - Winged Bowl

September - Box with a Finial

October - Spalted Wood

November - Wood Turned Tree

December - Holiday Decoration





# Honorable Mention from the Instant Gallery



Lee Tourtelotte



Tom Keyser

# Honorable Mention from the Instant Gallery



Arden Griep



Tom Sciple

# Welcome New Members!

**Dan Schuchman**  
Minneapolis

Ken Crea says we are  
holding at 328 members!

**Eric Olson**  
Crystal

**Layne Holdahl**  
Eden Prairie

**Bruce Taylor**  
Minneapolis

**Lynn Hoffmeyer**  
St. Paul

**Steve Stjohn**  
Minneapolis

**John Campbell**  
Elk River

**Martin Young**  
Hutchinson

**Michael Moe**  
Rogers

**Grant Determan**  
Roseville

**Trent Raduechel**  
Montrose

**Glenn Meyer**  
Plymouth

**Mike McMahon**  
Victoria





## Next Meeting

**January 4, 2020 - Saturday morning 9:30 am**

(Arrive early for Member Challenge Voting, Instant Gallery, Raffle Tickets, Beads of Courage, Woodcraft Display, Library, Coffee, Membership issues, Donuts and Fellowship)

**Location: Houck Machine Co.  
12811 16th Ave N Plymouth MN 55441**

Demonstration:

**Watch the website**

**Member Challenge:**

**MN Winters Black Hole (Using an element of black in your turning, examples could be-ebony, paint, dye, burning)**



## Ask a Turner\*

## TURNING TIPS\*

\*All members are encouraged to contact Editor Mike Rohrer (mdrprof@gmail.com) with an answer to the “Ask a Turner” question, with a question to publish in next month’s newsletter or with a “Turning Tip.”



# Ask a Turner\*

Wood turners use a very large number of finishing techniques. We usually choose one that combines ease, durability and final appearance. It is confusing to see the large number of “Tung Oil” preparations, many of which contain no actual tung oil. One “tung oil” preparation that results in a very glossy, durable appearing finish is Formby’s Tung Oil. How is this finish applied? Is it easy and quick to use? Is it durable?

“Tung-in-cheek” Turner

Dear “Tung-in-cheek” Turner,  
Woodturners definitely use many different types of finishes. Each finish has its advantages and disadvantages. It becomes an individual choice for each turner. Over my 25 years of woodturning I have tried many. I have settled on Formby’s Gloss Tung Oil. Homer Formby is an old-time furniture repair and restoration expert. His Tung Oil is made up of three ingredients – tung oil, solvent and polyurethane.

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Consistency of the mixture is the main concern and buying the can of Formby's is easier for me than making my own (I can only purchase Formby's at Lowes or Ace Hardware in my area).

That being said, how do I prepare and apply Formby's? First, after finishing and sanding each piece to at least 320 grit, I apply Deft Lacquer Sanding Sealer which has to be done in a well-ventilated area. If possible, I apply it on the lathe with a brush and dry it at low speed with a cloth. Vacuum chucks aid in applying the sealer to both sides. Once the sealer is completely dried, I apply the tung oil off the lathe with short pieces of panty hose.

Yes, PANTY HOSE; I purchase more panty hose than the three females in my family. Nylon panty hose have no lint. I prefer using "gloss" tung oil although after at least four coats it doesn't seem to matter if you use semi-gloss or gloss. I usually apply at least 6 to 8 coats allowing 24 hours drying in between each coat. Yes, this adds time before your piece is finished.



In between coats I sand with 500 and 1000 grit Abralon Polishing Disks. I then buff each piece with the three Beall Buffing System wheels. I also use Renaissance Wax on the final polish. On large pieces, care must be used with the Renaissance Wax. If you wait too long before buffing or get it thick in places and the wax dries, it will leave streaks and the buffing wheel cannot remove all the wax.

I have had some salt/pepper mills returned after 12 years of use to repair the mechanisms and the finish was remarkably stable. Also, I find that most women like the shiny finish for durability and looks although I have been penalized in judging claiming that my finish looks “plastic”.

Whatever finish you use, remember this is a personal preference. Good Turning.

**Tom Sciple**





Some of Tom's turnings finished  
with Formby's Tung Oil





## Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings

Meetings of the various “Sub Groups” of the MWA are a highlight of the month for many woodturners. These gatherings offer opportunities that don’t exist at the monthly meeting of the entire MWA, which must be highly structured. The Sub Groups provide a chance to ask other turners lots of questions, spend a lot of time on one technique, discuss items brought to the “show & tell”, and really get to know one another in a casual, comfortable atmosphere.

The groups vary in location, type of meeting and size. All MWA members are strongly encouraged to contact the “point person” for the group to be included in the announcements for the monthly meetings.

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## Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings (cont'd)

### •HAMBURGER CLUB

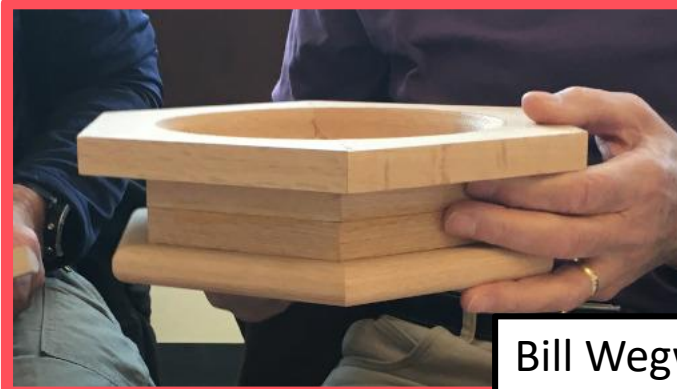
The HC meets the Thursday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week following the club meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 19. We meet at 11:30 am with lunch to be ordered about 11:45 am. No topics ... just an open dialogue of woodturning friends. Several attendees will usually bring a piece of interest (something good or something that went wrong to pass around the group). Mike Hunter “organizes” the group.

Meeting place: 50's Grill, 5524 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center

Any member who would like to be included on the mailing list please send an email to [MLH55410@aol.com](mailto:MLH55410@aol.com).



Bob Puetz, Dick Hicks, Julie Abbott, Steve McLoon, Steve Mages, Neil Robinette, Bill Wegwerth, Rick Auge, Mike Hunter, Paul Laes and Mike Rohrer attended the November meeting



Bill Wegwerth is making a large group of holy water fonts, which will have glass inserts



Dick Hicks & Bill Wegwerth



Bob Puetz describing making the lefse pins

Bob's ball-bearing lefse pin.







Rick Auge & Dick Hicks



Neil Robinette's  
box elder box



Neil Robinette & Steve  
McLoon on the right



Steve Mages, Mike Rohrer,  
Julie Abbott & Mike Hunter

## Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings (cont'd)

### • PLYMOUTH AREA SMALL GROUP

The Plymouth Area group's next meeting is Tuesday, December 17. 7:00 PM. Our meetings center around open discussion on almost any topic, mostly related to woodturning.

Folks bring a turning, problem, tool, or topic to share.

The usual meeting place is [10501 Belmont Rd, Minnetonka](#).  
To be added to the contact list, or questions or suggestions, call  
Steve Mages [952-544-5286](tel:952-544-5286) or  
email him.  
[smages@juno.com](mailto:smages@juno.com)





Back row: Bob Grant, Wayne Johnson, Otto Oulke, Jeff Luedloff, Wade Dunkley, Paul Kaump, Mark Kelliher, Steve Mages  
Seated: Bill Kane, Lee Luebke, Jerry Hanscom

We had the usual discussion, sometimes rambling, including tools and tool steels, finishes specifically food safe, and band saws. Denny did bring a couple examples of his work.



## Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings (cont'd)

### Plymouth Area Group (cont'd)



Mahogany Torus – Paul Kaump



Ash Bowls – Bill Kane



## Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings (cont'd)

### • SE Metro

The SE Metro sub group had its November meeting at Steve Miller's house in River Falls, WI. The group meets in various locations and types of venues, but frequently meets in Jim Jacobs' shop. The meeting is usually on the Friday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week after the MWA meeting. They generally begin at 10am and include lunch, either at the meeting location or a local restaurant. Some meetings continue after lunch.

The instant gallery is the central highlight but each meeting has a main demonstration or principal discussion point of a technique or particular type of work.

Contact Jim Jacobs at [Woodmanmn@aol.com](mailto:Woodmanmn@aol.com) to be included in the announcements for the SE Metro group

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## Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings (cont'd)

- **SE Metro**

### November Meeting

The meeting and lunch were hosted by Steve Miller and his wife, Sue, in River Falls WI. The morning consisted of a wood exchange (thanks Doug for Sunburst Honey Locust and Mike Lucido for butternut) and two demos. The demos were followed by lunch, and a continuation of the meeting with show & tell.

Steve Miller gave a very fun and interesting demo on making holiday “acorn” boxes using a kit from Peachtree Woodworking Supplies. He turned and finished one box completely and then let members try the texturing tools that he had available. My first exposure to texturing and it was useful and fun.



The second demo was from Jim Jacobs who showed the group his process for making multi-wood compound segment staves for boxes. He uses contrasting woods stacked and fixed with double sided tape, then cuts curved figures through the stacks with the bandsaw. Jim reassembles the shapes of matched, contrasting woods and then glues up blanks for multi-angle staves. He cuts the compound angle staves and glues/clamps them into blanks to turn boxes with lids.

Attendees: Doug Ashton, Bill Campbell, Warren Gerber, Bob Hanson, Jim Jacobs, Mark Kelliher, Mike Lucido, Steve Miller, Dave Olson, Steve Raddatz and Jay Schulz

Thanks to Jay Schulz for reporting and photography.





Steve Miller describes texturing



Bill Campell, Mark Kelliher, Steve



Doug Ashton tries at the lathe



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Jim. Jacobs &  
demonstrated his  
multi-wood  
compound stave  
vessel



### Lake Johanna Sub Group

The sub group organized by Gordon Fay, meets in an informal setting in Arden Hills at [3355 Lake Johanna Blvd, Arden Hills MN](#)

The next meeting is Tue. Dec 17 at Dave Carlson's shop, the big white house on the corner of Stowe(enter from Stowe Ave). Bring any work that you have done of late, we'd like to see it. If you have work that is hard to do, bring it, we will see if we can help work it out. We'll have a Xmas plan to work on with a light.

Contact Gordon at [fayboy2@comcast.net](mailto:fayboy2@comcast.net) to be added to the announcement list



Gordon Fay, founder of the Lake Johanna Sub Group, and Mark Kelliher

Mark Fay, Gordon Fay, Chad Anderson, Mike Rohrer, Jerry Hanscom, Dan Nelson, Bill Breckon, Mark Kelliher, Vic Spaulding and Dave Carlson attended the November meeting





Chad Anderson demonstrated  
3-corner bowls



Bill Breckon & Dave Carlson



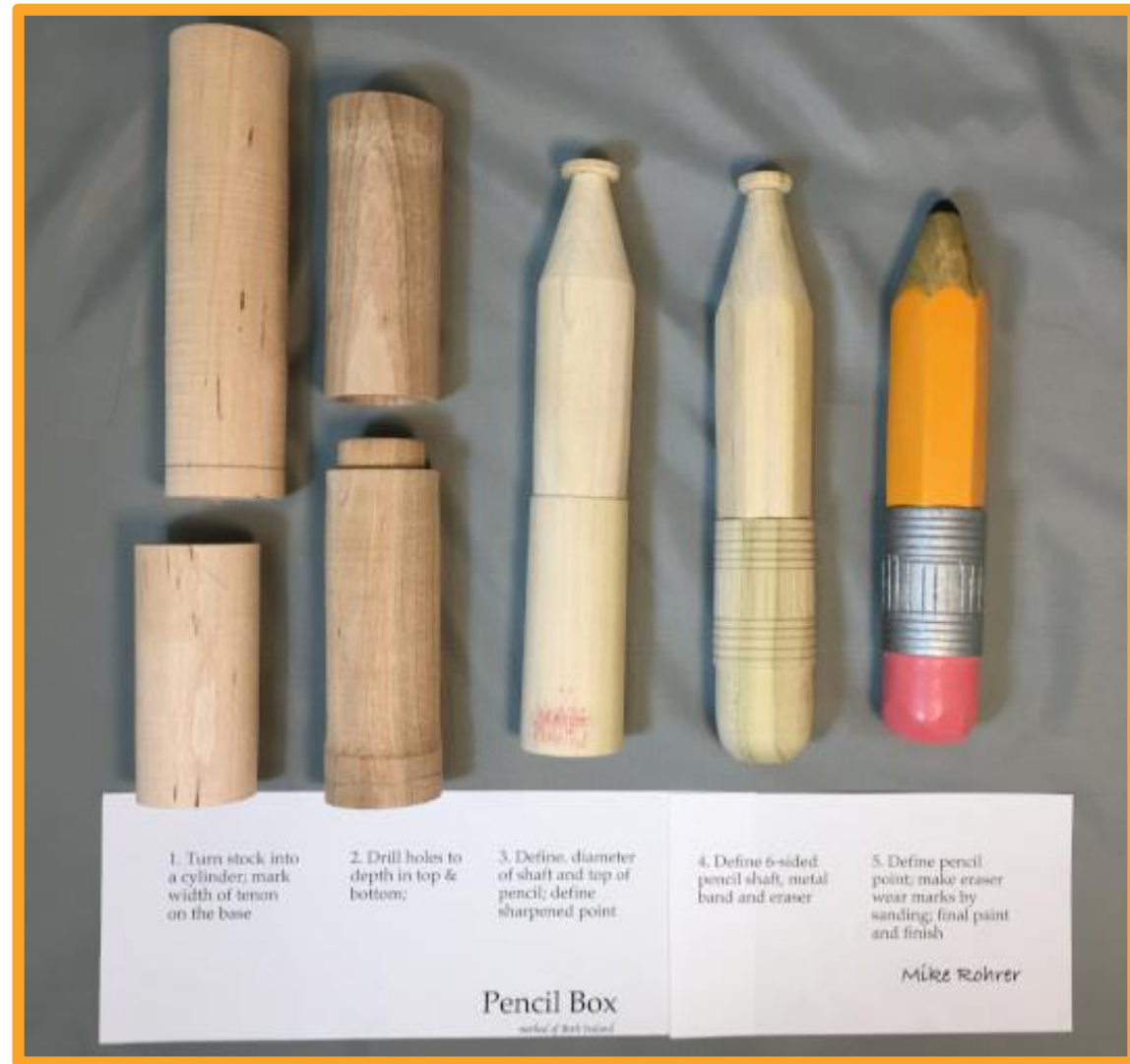
Mark Kelliher, Dan Nelson  
& Jerry Hanscom



Chad Anderson, Mark Fay & Vic Spaulding



Mike Rohrer showed the steps of constructing a pencil box as was presented at the class by Beth Ireland



1. Turn stock into a cylinder; mark width of tenon on the base

2. Drill holes to depth in top & bottom;

3. Define diameter of shaft and top of pencil; define sharpened point

4. Define 6-sided pencil shaft, metal band and eraser

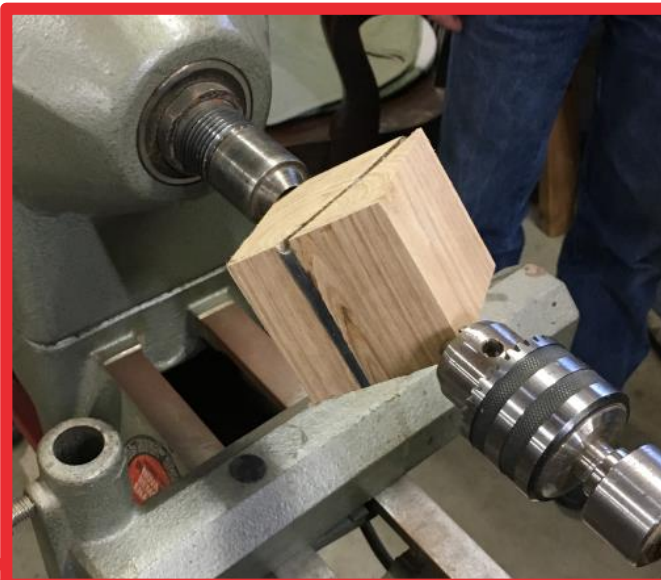
5. Define pencil point; make eraser wear marks by sanding; final paint and finish

Pencil Box

work of Beth Ireland

Mike Rohrer





Chad Anderson demonstrated turning a 3-point bowl

## Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings (cont'd)

### North East Metro Sub Group

Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> the NE Metro Woodturners met at Rick Auge's house for the first workshop and mentoring get together. Previously, this group had been meeting at Matthew's Restaurant in Circle Pines and would discuss various woodturning topics over breakfast. Matthews recently closed so the group decided to try a different setting and format for the meeting.



Mike Hunter did a holiday ornament demo

Rick Auge (past MWA president) hosted 10 members in his heated garage and Mike Hunter demonstrated hollowing a sphere for a holiday ornament. Members in attendance included Mike Hunter, Denny Dahlberg, Tim Rystrom, Colleen Schneider, Marty Leiding, Bill Wegwerth, Rick Auge, Rusty Ogren, Pat Griffin and Greg Just. Fun was had by all.





The NE Metro group plans to meet the Saturday after our regular MWA Meeting. Please contact Rick Auge if you would like to be included in our list for meeting announcements . We have space for 12 people.

Reply to Rick Auge: [minnesotawoodturner@gmail.com](mailto:minnesotawoodturner@gmail.com).

reported by *Greg Just*

## Editor's Notes

- Join the membership at the MWA Holiday Party
- The Member Challenge is one of the highlights of the meeting and helps encourage all members, from beginners to advanced, to stretch their abilities to the limits. Consider contacting Jeff Luedloff ([jlued@q.com](mailto:jlued@q.com)) to help him with the MC at the monthly meetings.
- LIBRARY – Our video library is outstanding. Nevertheless, it is somewhat overwhelming to approach it cold turkey in the short time before the meeting. An excellent way to use the library is to look at the list of videos on the website before the meeting and make a short list of ones you might want to view. Then at the meeting it is easy to find those alphabetically, take a close look at the synopsis on the cover and make your choice. Having a technique video for an entire month is an excellent way to improve your turning skills.
- Please consider a QUESTION or an ANSWER to *ASK A TURNER* and send me your tips to the feature, *Tips for Turner*
- Another year of great MWA activities!

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