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John Enstrom

“Wood-Mizer Portable  
Lumber Mill &  
Veteran’s Lake Park”



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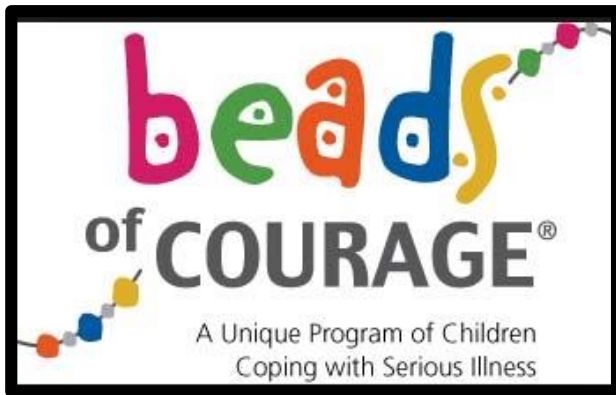
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Diane and Bob Puetz direct this program for the Minnesota Woodturners Association.



MWA member and hospital volunteer Claire Stolee delivered six bead bowls in June to staff at University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital. Families and staff love them!



# Announcements



President Lee Luebke

Special thanks to JOHN ENSTROM for hosting today's meeting

## Announcements:

### Future Classes

July 27 - Greg Just Coffee Mug

August 3 - Cindy Drozda –Remote Demo: Finial Box & Tips, Design

August 24 - Dan Larson Traditional Bowl Class

Thanks: Jennifer & Rob Plahn for volunteering to take care of today's ticket sales

Marc Paulson – for the Member Challenge

Wood Raffle – Providing wood, Marc Paulson & John Enstrom





## Announcements (cont'd)



John Enstrom describing Veteran's Lake to the MWA

The park is primarily intended for wounded veterans to get together.

The park has excellent fishing facilities for handicapped persons.

There are 30 boats on the lake for veterans to use.

Fourteen monuments are present around the lake memorializing members of the armed forces killed in Iraq & Afghanistan. Thousands of flowers are planted in the park; everything used in the park is organic and natural.

In June the largest flag retirement in the state was held at the park.

## Announcements (cont'd)

### 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 [lgriebke@comcast.net](mailto:lgriebke@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



Dan Larson encourages new turners to jump in and try a class or two. He encourages more seasoned turners to take a class to have some fun turning with a group.

- Also, we are always looking for Lead Instructors who have a specialty project they want to teach; please contact Dan and share your skills.
- In addition, if you don't want to be "The Lead Teacher", we would love it if you would volunteer as an assistant. There is no better way to increase your own skills than to teach someone else. So PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

*"Thank you for volunteering to share your talents with these other club members."*

Dan Larson MWA- Class Coordinator



# July Demonstration John Enstrom “Wood-Mizer”



Jim Hyrkas is the expert operator of the Wood-Mizer portable sawmill







Logs waiting to be cut



Burls for the Wood-Mizer







Ben Pawlik enjoying the sawmill demo



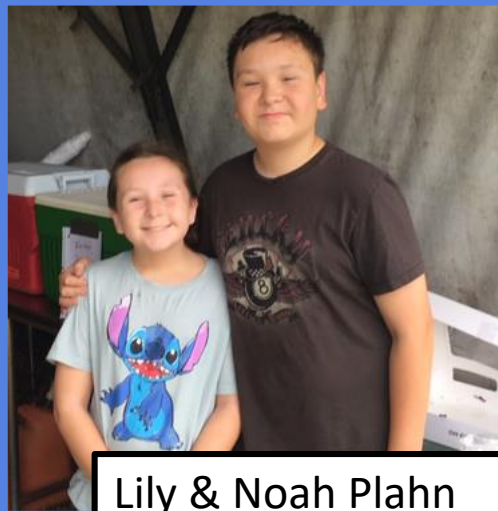
Lee Tourtelotte prepares a walnut log for the Wood-Mizer



Bill Breckon, Bob Fodness,  
Robert Fodness



Great weather for the event



Lily & Noah Plahn



Rob & Jennifer Plahn  
Handling ticket sales



Doyle Carroll







Bob Fodness admiring the cut made by the Wood-Mizer



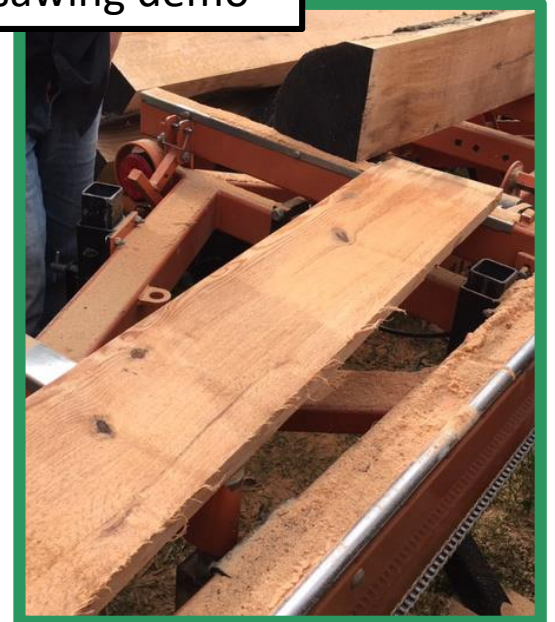
Steve Mages & Dan Rutledge



Quarter sawing demo



Tim Dodds watching the quarter sawing







Paul Kaump  
getting a great  
piece of cedar



Jim Hyrkas cutting a  
burl for Lee Tourtelotte



Super smooth cut right  
from the Wood-Mizer



Jim Jacobs' segmenting jig  
and accompaniments



**Thanks, John, for all your efforts for this MWA meeting. We also thank you for your efforts to aid and comfort our wounded veterans.**





# Member Challenge (Spheres & Embellishments)

(Last month's demo was Spheres & Embellishments by Steve McLoon)

Marc Paulson volunteered to oversee this month's  
Member Challenge



July "Advanced" entries



July "Beginner/Intermediate"  
entries

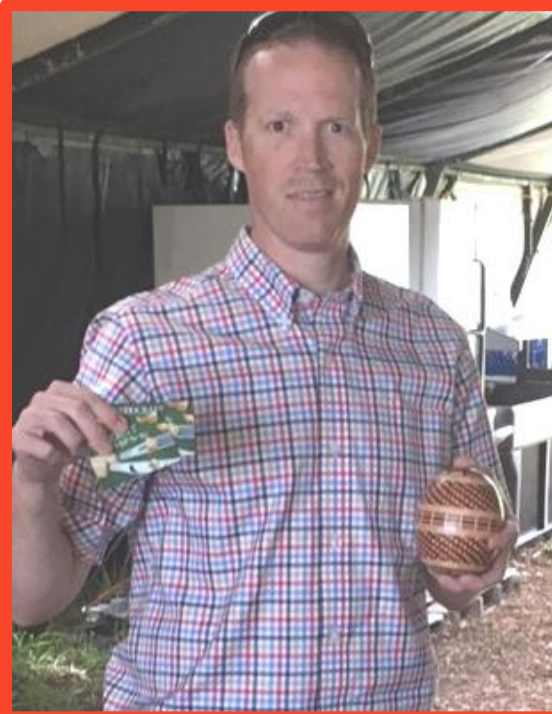


Pres. Lee Luebke announcing  
the winner of the  
"Beginner/Intermediate"  
entries



# Member Challenge (Beginner/Intermediate)

## Spheres



Paul Kaump  
1<sup>st</sup> Place



Tom Schmidt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Paul Zillman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place

## Member Challenge (Advanced)



Tom Sciple  
1<sup>st</sup> Place

## Spheres



Jim Jacobs  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place

## Member Challenge (Advanced)



Wayne Johnson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place

## Spheres



Lee Tourtelotte  
4<sup>th</sup> Place



## Member Challenge

## Spheres



Wayne Johnson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Tom Sciple  
1<sup>st</sup> Place



Lee Tourtelotte  
4<sup>th</sup> Place



Jim Jacobs  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place





## Member Challenge



Everyone was amazed that  
Paul Kaump has been  
turning for only about a  
month

## Spheres



# Member Challenges for the remainder of 2019

Jeff Luedloff announced the remaining challenges for 2019:

August	Wing Bowl
September	Box with a Finial
October	Spalted Wood
November	Wood-turned Tree
December	Holiday Decoration



# Welcome New Members!

**Thomas Schmidt**  
Buffalo

**Jim Sandlin**  
Shakopee

**Sheila Martin**  
Stillwater



**Tim Rystrom**  
Lino Lakes

**John Drontle**  
Buffalo

**DeWayne Hirdler**  
Buffalo

Ken Crea says we have  
added 12 members in the  
last 3 months and 6  
members in the last month



## Monthly Tool Raffle

The MWA is fortunate  
to have many  
supporters.

Woodcraft donates gift  
cards for the winners of  
the Member Challenge  
and gives the MWA a  
discount on the tools  
for the tool raffle.



**Jerry Dow**  
One of the raffle winners



# Monthly Tool Raffle



**Rusty Ogren**  
A double winner!



**Tom Schmidt**



**Mike Rohrer**

## Next Meeting

**August 3, 2019 - 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:**

**Remote demo by Cindy Drozda**

**Finial Box**

**Tips & Design**

**Member Challenge:**

***Wing Bowls***



# TURNING TIPS\*

## Inside Curve

When making a bowl, it is always difficult to make a really smooth gouge cut at the “inside corner” where the side curve changes to the bottom curve. The result is usually some grooves, which are difficult to remove by sanding. I have found it is helpful to leave this area just a little thicker with the gouge’s final cut and then come back with a freshly sharpened curved scraper to blend the curves and not have torn grain or grooves that are difficult to sand out. You wind up with a nice, smooth curve inside and a uniform wall thickness.

*Todd Williams*



## 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.”





## Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings

### •HAMBURGER CLUB

We generally meet the Thursday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week following the club meetings. Our July luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2019. We meet at 11:30 am with lunch to be ordered about 11:45 am. No topics ... just an open dialogue of woodturning friends.

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).



# Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings

Hamburger Club – June 20, 2019



From left: Steve McLoon,  
Steve Mages, Neil Robinette



Bob Puetz, Mike Hunter,  
Joe Zwirn



Joe Zwirn, Mike Rohrer,  
Rick Auge





Joe Zwirn brought some  
inlaid cutting boards



Mike Hunter had given Rick  
Auge some nice walnut so Rick  
turned a bowl to give Mike



Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings

## **PLYMOUTH AREA SMALL GROUP**

The June meeting included current projects, the usual meandering discussion, vacuum chucking, part availability, pens, wood drying, etc.

The Plymouth Area group's meetings center around open discussion on almost any topic, mostly related to woodturning.

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)



## PLYMOUTH AREA SMALL GROUP (cont'd)



June meeting attendees from upper left: Bob Grant, Paul Kaump, Wayne Johnson, Jeff Luedloff, Al Feist, Avi Pelc  
Front row: Wade Dunkley, Lee Luebke, Mike Anderson, Steve Mages

## PLYMOUTH AREA SMALL GROUP (cont'd)



Pens – Al Feist



Burl bowl – Lee Luebke



## PLYMOUTH AREA SMALL GROUP (cont'd)



Segmented bowl – Paul Kaump



Cherry bowls – Wayne Johnson

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

### Lake Johanna Sub Group

The newest sub group, organized by Gordon Fay, meets in an informal setting in Arden Hills at [3355 Lake Johanna Blvd, Arden Hills MN](#) at Dave Carlson's shop, the big white house on the corner of Stowe (enter from Stowe Ave).

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.

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

## SE Metro Sub Group

In June the SE Metro Sub Group had a meeting at the scenic home on the Mississippi River of member and retired chef, Bob Hanson.





Attending were Mark Debe, Tom Sciple, Mike Lucido, John Schultz, Jay Schulz, Tim Dodds, Tony Lara, George Martin, Warren Gerber, Dick Zawacki, Steve Miller, Mike Rohrer, Sandra Seidel, Kristin Holtz, Jim Jacobs, Lee Tourtelotte, Dave Olson, Bob Hanson & Mark Stagg



Kristin Holtz, Sandra Seidel & Mike Lucido



Lee Tourtelotte showing Kristin his shop-made spindle steady jig



Tim Dodd's walnut bowl



The Instant Gallery was big and interesting





Area & Regional Meetings & Gatherings (cont'd)

SE Metro Sub Group



George Martin brought a few of a large litter of mice and a fine goblet



Dick Zawacki showed a shop-made extended jam chuck



Jim Jacobs demonstrated his HEPA-rated Festool vacuum







Jay Schulz brought an excellent segmented Beads of Courage bowl



Tony Lara enjoying the Instant Gallery



Tom Sciple's first bowl after months of recovery following shoulder surgery

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

## SE Metro Sub Group



Mike Lucido & Mark Stagg  
looking at the large burl  
about to be sectioned



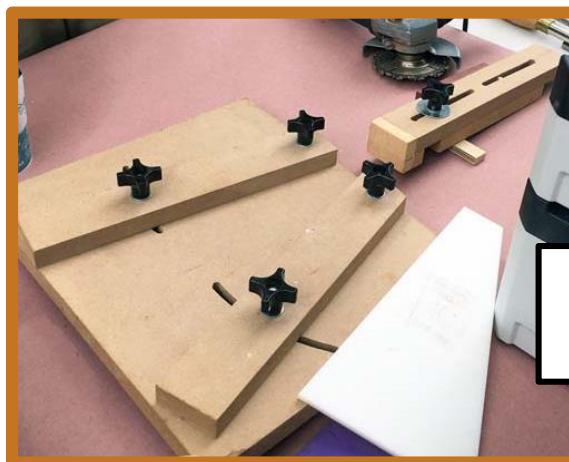
Specialty tools and jigs



Steve Miller & host,  
Bob Hanson

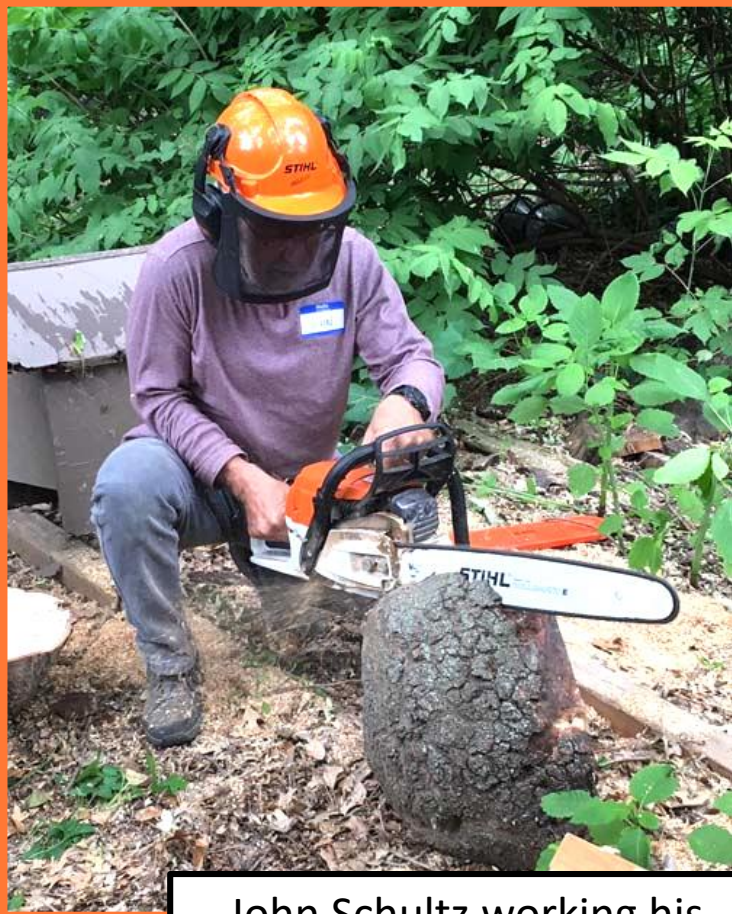


Mike Rohrer &  
Sandra Seidel



Jim Jacobs & Lee  
Tourtelotte jigs





John Schultz working his way through the big burl



Tim Dodds & Tom Sciple checking out the jigs



## Wooden Laser Cut Name Tags



Wooden laser cut name tags are available from Bill Breckon. If you would like one the cost is \$4.00. You can contact Bill to order yours by calling him at 651-587-8211 or by email at [bnlbreckon@aol.com](mailto:bnlbreckon@aol.com)

## Editor's Notes

- Please consider a QUESTION or an ANSWER to the new feature, *ASK A TURNER*
- All of us at our various levels of expertise have come across or developed our own “save time and trouble” methods. Please send me your tips to the new feature, *Tips for Turners*
- Keep bringing your items to the Instant Gallery

I count on the MWA members for comments and suggestions

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