

MINNESOTA WOODTURNERS

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President's Corner



Jim Zangl

I will start off with a quick reminder: when I receive e-mail notifications of events and special offers I now post these on the forum rather than send out an e-mail blast. That way you won't be bothered with spam and you will only see these items if you want to. But...you have to sign on to the forum to use this feature. If you haven't signed up yet, I urge you to do so, and post some pictures of your work while you're there.

The year will be ending soon and with that comes the time for changes to the board. Our librarian will be leaving the board. After several years of devoted service Bob has decided to rest for a year or so. But this brings up a need the club has: we need at least three persons to fill vacancies on the board, one librarian and two at-large chairs. One of the at-large chairs would help Dan in organizing meetings and arranging demonstra-

tions, the other would apprentice to Joe in arranging hands-on classes that so many have been able to take advantage of. Please step forward and offer your services.

We demonstrated at the Washington county fair this last August and while doing that I was able to visit the displays. One of my interests runs toward wood and wood turning in particular and so I paid special attention to what had been entered at this fair. Rod Olsen stopped by and we talked for a bit; he had an entry at the fair but it was not round. He won a ribbon for his oak filing cabinet and it then went to the state fair. The Johnson family had six blue ribbons; I hope we can get pictures and their thoughts on the fair. I was able to meet a group of wood carvers and we discussed the differences in how tools are sharpened, what makes good carving wood and what makes good turning wood. They had some wonderful pieces on display and I learned a new technique for highlighting areas of a carving. I think I might be able to use it on a turning if the right one comes up. I will let you know if it works. I met a 135 pound Siberian husky who thought it was a little warm, but he didn't mind the attention. We talked to a lot of people and made an adequate amount of wood chips. A number of younger people were interested in learning how they too could get in-

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volved with a lathe. Hopefully they will see their 4-H representative and get involved in some turning of their own.

The picnic this year unfortunately happened on the one rainy weekend that we had this year. The few who showed up huddled under the roof of the enclosure and talked turning. Rod showed up with corn, and while we did not roast it there we all went home with an ear or two to have later.

See you at the next meeting,
Jim



New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

Bill Strom
Dennis Dahlberg
Colleen Devine

Hastings, MN
Blaine, MN
Howard Lake, MN

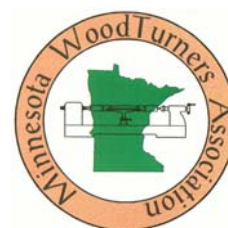
Library

The MWA has an extensive library of video tapes and DVDs available for member checkout. The cost is \$2.00 each rental and we request you return them at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the following meeting please mail them back to:
Bob Jensen, 140 Rickard Rd., Fridley, Mn. 55432

MWA Treasurer's Report		
2006	2007	2007
Actual	Budget	9 Month Actual
Members 250	Members 250	Members 259
Income \$7,527	Income \$7,900	Income \$8,268
Expenses [\$7,635]	Expenses [\$9,692]	Expenses [\$3,189]
Gain [loss] [\$108]	Gain [loss] [\$1,792]	Gain [loss] \$5,077
cash balance 9/07/07 \$6,869		

TREASURER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

We continue to spend money on expanding our video / DVD library and maintenance of the clubs' 13 Mini Jet Lathes. The club assumes all risks involved with hosting professional demonstrators. We have successfully covered all professional demonstrator and workshops expenses to date. We continue to stay within our 2007 budget.



Cover photo: Ornaments by Don Derry future MWA demonstrator.

MWA demonstration at Washington county fair

Thank you for making the Washington County Fair demonstrations a big success. I had folks ask why we weren't demonstrating Sunday!

Hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I.

Pam Johnson



barbershop quartet chorus singing for Linda Ferber



Hands-on - Spindle Refresher and Bottle Stoppers

By Bruce Thompson and Joe Ugro

This hands-on session was hosted at Bruce Thompson's shop in Waconia, MN on September 8, 2007. Four turners attended with Bruce Thompson and Joe Ugro as "advisors". The session began with each turner turning several 2" x 2" x 10" pieces with alternating beads and coves with stops in between. The first was done with only the gouge. The second was turned with the skew for the beads and the coves with the gouge. Stops were made with a parting tool. It was interesting to watch the turners progress as they became more familiar with the lathes, shook off their summer break from turning and started to relax and get into the flow of the work .

We enjoyed a great lunch of hamburger with all the trimmings, cole slaw and baked beans, followed up with pumpkin cake provided by Gary Borges.

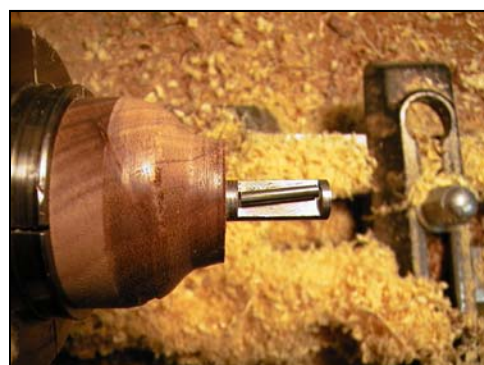
Pin chucks were made to fit in the scroll chucks of each lathe by Bruce Thompson. The pin chucks

had a pin diameter of 3/8" to fit the drilled dowel holes used for both the pre-drilled cork stoppers and the silicone style stoppers. A cone style stopper was shown, but not used. Each turner attempted a stopper - of a suggested design - from scrap wood. The session was completed with each turning a wine bottle stopper of their own design from ash blocks. After sanding and finishing the stoppers, they were polished with the Beal - 3 buff - polishing system that Bruce mounted on his Oneway lathe.

It appeared that the hands-on was enjoyed by all.



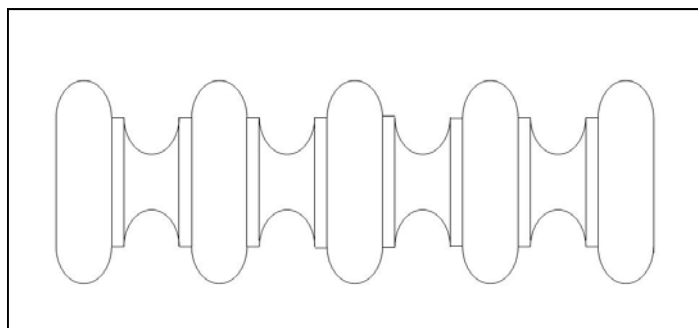
The group shown left to right with their work. Gary Borges, Bruce Thompson, Laura Reinke, Joe Ugro, Jane Hilary, Fred Hegele.



Pin chuck mounted in scroll chuck with the pin - viewed from above.



Some of the work done during the session.



The spindle design used for the spindle work refresher portion of the session

Hands-on – Green Bowls and Plates

By Bruce Thompson and Joe Ugro

This hands-on session was hosted at Bruce Thompson's shop in Waconia, MN on September 15, 2007. Jane, Fred, Gary, Ron, and Jesse attended with Bruce Thompson and Joe Ugro as "advisors".

Each turner practiced on green wood blanks graciously provided by Jim Sannerud. The goal of this practice was for mounting the wood, turning it round, cutting a tenon, and practicing making smooth continuous cuts. Three tools were used; the fingernail shaped bowl gouge, the traditional shaped bowl gouge, and the heavy scraper for shear scraping.

On the first piece turned there was lots of sawdust, but by the end of three or four blanks, there were only nice curly shavings coming from the tools.



The assembled September 15 Hands-on group shown with their maple plates. Left to right are Gary Borges, Ron Hitzeman, Bruce Thompson, Jesse Crane, Joe Ugro, Jane Hilary and Fred Hegele.

Lunch was from Subway and gave a nice time to relax and talk about turning.

Then back to turning and this time it was a fresh blank of hard maple that was 9" diameter, the max these mini-lathes can handle. Of course only nice curly shavings were made as the blanks became round and balanced and each turner concentrated on making a plate.

were not too eager to go thin, but all were trying hard. In the end, every one went home with a plate about 1/8" thick and very nice grain. All vowed to finish sanding their plates at home.



The rest of the hands-on group. Shown left to right are Joe Ugro, Jane Hilary, Jesse Crane, Gary Borges and Fred Hegele around the bench in Bruce's shop.

The challenge of the day was to make a very thin plate, most



Jesse Crane turning the face of a maple plate.

Craft Supplies orders due October 27th, 2007

Your CRAFT SUPPLIES order should be sent directly to Bruce Arones, **no later than Friday, October 27th.**

Use only the “**spring 2007**” CATALOG. You can order your own copy by calling CS directly [1-800-551-8876], Ask for Bryan Adams with questions. Orders submitted using older catalogs **will not be accepted** because of conflicting problems on part number identities.

To qualify for a discount and free shipping our club order must total a minimum of \$1,000 and be shipped to one address. As in the past, we consolidate all individual orders and submit to CS, who will advise us of net cost; we will then notify each member to submit payment while the entire order is being shipped. This year, CS is giving a flat 13% discount on all items, except lathes and items requiring extra freight; also, some items may be cancelled or back-ordered.

For each item ordered, you **must** include: page #, quantity, item #, description, and unit price.

Send your orders via email or surface mail as follows:

EMAIL: barones@frontiernet.net or,

SURFACE MAIL: **Bruce Arones, 16393 Morgan Ave. N., Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047**

Any questions, call **Bruce** at 651-433-5364.

Club Craft Supplies Order Saves MWA Members \$\$

The Club's April 2007 purchase saved participating members 16% off their individual Craft Supplies order.

	<u>April '07</u>	<u>Oct '06</u>
# of participating members	27	24
Catalog price	\$7,323.70	\$4,082
Discounted cost	<u>\$6,137.83</u>	<u>\$3,326</u>
Total discount	\$1185.87	\$756
	or 16.2%	or 18%

Monthly Wood raffle

The wood raffle is a great tradition for our club. It acts as a fund raiser plus it allows all of us to experience a variety of woods. When you select wood to bring for the raffle bring only the best. If it is cracked, or “punky” put it in the fire-place. Bring the best wood you have and you can expect to get the best wood in return.

Member helpline????

Do you have a woodturning question? Need help finding woodturning advice? Well, these members can help you! Contact for your woodturning related questions today!

Bob Jensen - 1woodworker@earthlink.net (763) 572-0525
George Dupre—gtdupre@centurytel.net (715) 448-3002
Jim Jacobs—woodmanmn@aol.com (651) 437-2302
Jim Zangl - Jim.w.zangl@healthpartners.com (651) 645-4696
Bruce Arones-barones@frontiernet.net(651) 433-5364

Member lists

Any one member interested in a listing of current MWA members, please contact Pam Johnson, Treasurer at pam_doug.johnson@comcast.net or 651-430-1738. Please note, it is for personal use only. If any member prefers their name not be distributed, contact Pam.

COMING SOON !!! MWA Professional Demonstration: DONALD DERRY

Saturday November 10, 2007

(9:00 AM to 4:00 PM)

Fee: \$30

Location: Hope Presbyterian
Church

7132 Portland Avenue South

Room H001 A & B

Richfield, MN 55423

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The Minnesota Woodturners Association is pleased to announce that professional woodturner, Donald Derry, will do a club demonstration and two days of hands-on sessions MWA members. Don will demonstrate Christmas Ornaments, Reverse Hollowing, and do a slide

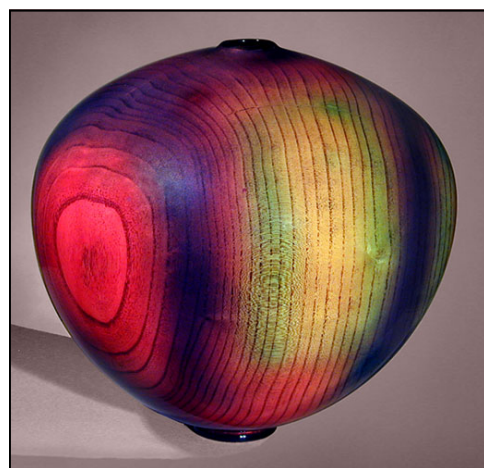
show presentation on his very extraordinary coloring process. Don is a very entertaining demonstrator, and this will prove to be another show that you won't want to miss!

Don has been a woodworker for 35 years and has made everything from fine furniture and cabinetry to rock and roll guitars. In 1993 Don and his wife Kathy adopted a baby girl and made the decision for Don to change his job status from cabinetmaker to full time stay at home dad. Fatherhood gave Don time to reconsider his career and go into Woodturning. Don states, "Turning appealed to me because it isn't dependent on the cutting, fitting and endless measuring that my cabinet-making required." So in 1993, he began in earnest to teach himself the craft of Woodturning. His interest in color was initiated due to an observation which he made at an American Association of Woodturners symposium in '94. A highlight of the symposium was an instant gallery containing several

hundred turnings by amateurs and professionals alike. When he viewed the gallery he asked one question." What do I not see represented in this exhibition?" Don noticed that vibrant color and optical quality finishing were two attributes being neglected by modern woodturners and he set out to exploit both to the highest standard of optical brilliance possible. So successful was his quest that his work



Bob & Lilian



SW Pot-Purple

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Kilimanjaro

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is, more often than not, thought to be Fine Art Glass rather than finely crafted wood.

Presently Don is working in Chinese elm because the open grain structure and neutral wood tone lends well to the coloring process he is developing. The colors are pigments from an industrial paint supplier and aniline dyes. The pigments are hand rubbed into the unfinished wood, sanded to the appropriate contrast, blended with solvent and sometimes enhanced by air brushing. Each hollow form is then sprayed with 7 to 10 coats of water white lacquer followed by a 6 step and very intense hand polishing routine until the surface is optically perfect. To give a perspective on the whole process Don states that, "Coloring, finishing and polishing easily takes more time than the woodturning."

Early in his career, Don made his living by turning Christmas Ornaments. He has made thousands of

them, and he has said that he can teach us how to easily make them and be profitable. Don has also developed the reverse hollowing technique, which is a simpler, easier way to hollow out a vessel or an ornament globe, using the clockwise rotation of the lathe. He will explore with us, ways to be objective about shape and form. Don will share with us his methods for creative decision making and how we can apply it to our own process. Don's coloring process is a very long and time consuming endeavor, and does not lend itself well to a demonstration, but he will give us a slide show presentation, illustrating how he achieves his magnificent color and finish.



AM Chopper

ing coloring work. His vessels look like glass to me." Andi Wolfe

Hands-on sessions will again be held at Jim and Nancy Sannerud's.

Hands-on sessions will be from **9 AM – 4 PM on Friday November 9th, and Sunday November 11th**. Fees for the hands-on sessions will be **\$100** each. To reserve a space for a hands-on session, please mail a check for \$100 to:

Dan Rominski
2301 River Road South
Lakeland, MN 55043

Please indicate your choice of day – 1st choice, 2nd choice. Your postmark and receipt of deposit will determine which session you are placed in.

Stay tuned to your **MWA Website Forum** for updated information!

"Don Derry does the most interest-

Youth Workshop - Turn A Pen

Saturday, Nov. 3rd

Washington County Fairgrounds - Hooley Hall

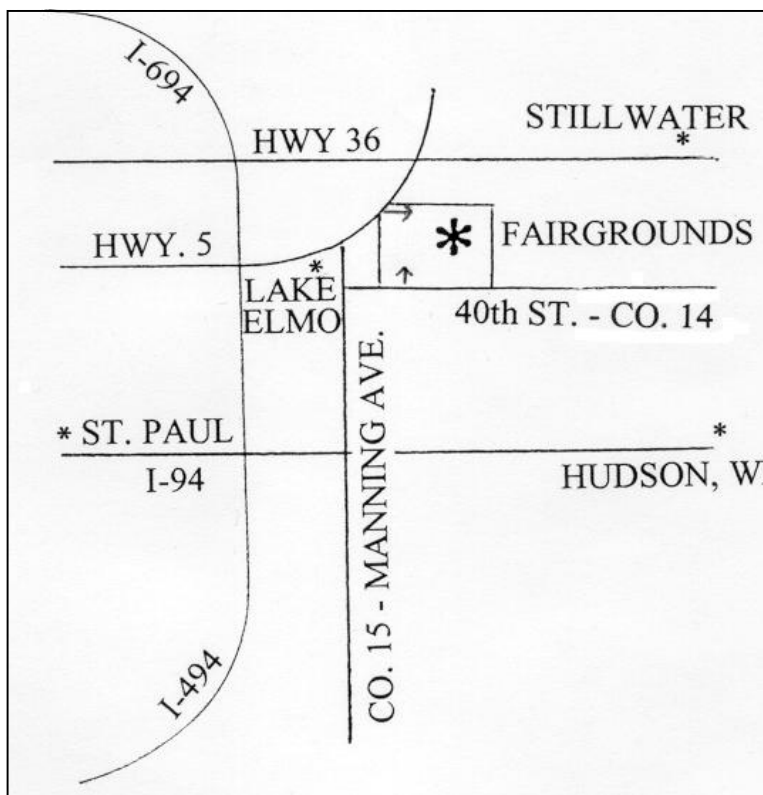
MN Woodturners is sponsoring a youth hands-on workshop. We'll supply the materials, you bring the youth! The intent of this hands-on session to ignite an interest in woodturning. There will be a short demonstration, followed by turning. Emphasis is on "doing".. Space is limited to 6 per 2 hour session. To register contact Pam Johnson at 651-430-1738 or pam_doug.johnson@comcast.net.

Assistances needed too! Contact Pam if available.

9:00 - 11:00 AM

12:00 - 2:00 PM

2:00 - 4:00 PM



Washington County Fairgrounds

MWA Wood Sealer Program

The MWA is currently buying sealer in 55 gallon drums, enabling us to sell to our members at a fantastic price of only \$10 per 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 for other special arrangements:

Bob Jensen- Fridley 763-572-0525

Ron Meilahn-Andover 763-862-2100

Bruce Arones 651-433-5364

Email Alert !!!!

Our current MWA 'Email Blast' list shows approx. 30 members that do not have a valid email address; and, therefore, they are not receiving our numerous Blast messages each month. If you have an email address, but are not receiving our 'blasts' please contact me so we can update our data base. It may be that you currently do not have internet and email capabilities; if that changes and you want to be included please contact me.

thanks,

Ron Meilahn

763-862-2100

ronmeilahn@usfamily.net

Coming attractions

January 2008

January 5, 2008

General Membership Meeting

Topic: Workshop Jigs with Jim Jacobs

Location: Hastings Industrial Park

Address and Mapquest Details to Come

Time: Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Social Hour, Wood Raffle, Library, and Show and Tell, Pizza Lunch. Professional Cabinetmaker Jim Jacobs will bring in and demonstrate his extraordinary collection of workshop jigs.

February 2008

February 9, 2008

Professional Demonstration - Al Stirt

Topic: Al is a professional woodturner and carver from Vermont. Al will do a full club demonstration and two days of hands on session on February 8th and 10th. To view some of Al's extraordinary pieces, visit his web site at <http://www.alstirt.com/>

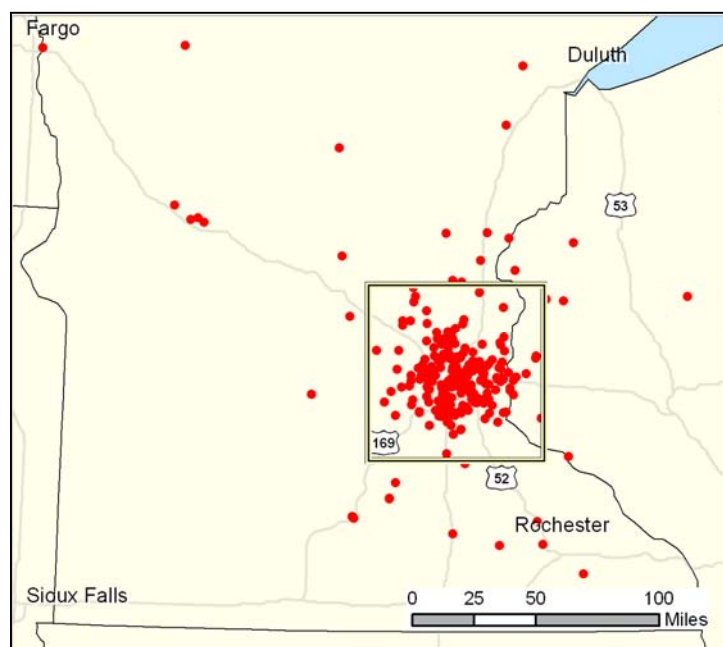
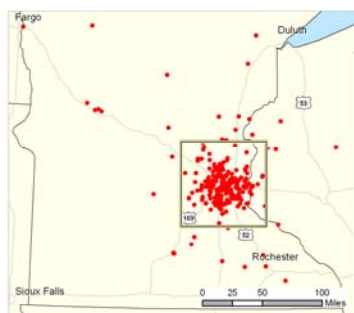
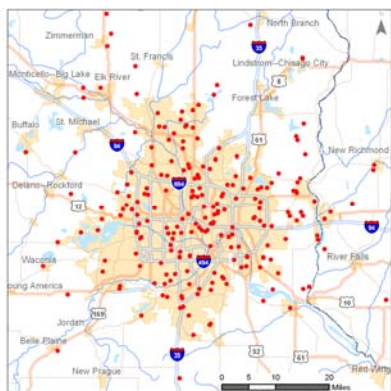
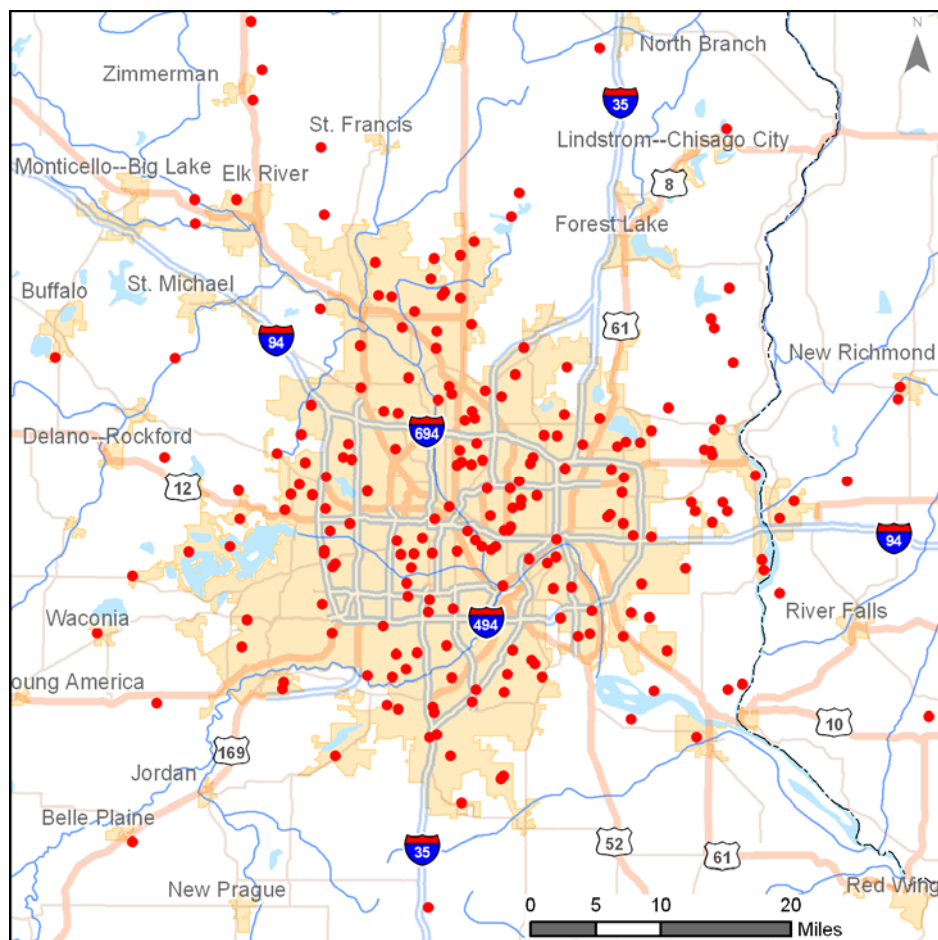
Location: TBD



Al Stirt to demo for the Minnesota Woodturners Association in February 2008

MWA membership At a glance

MWA member John Schomaker has mapped out the location of our membership. The map shows pretty even distribution of our membership. This mapping was created with information accurate as of June 2007.



Calendar of Events

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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November 2007

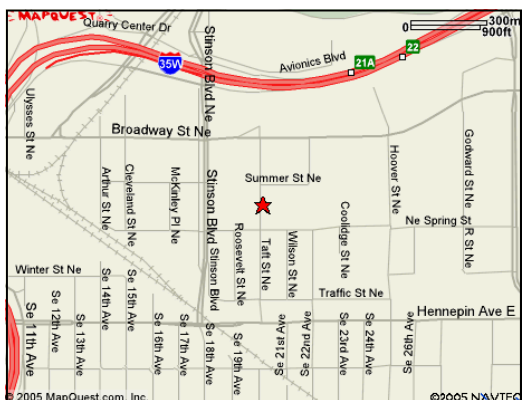
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December 2007

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January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Gary Novak's Industrial Electric Co.

October

16th Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

"Tool Handle Demo" at Industrial electric. Tim Heil will demo tool handles. Please bring any handles you have made.

We will also be voting on the bocce ball challenge so bring in your turned spheres!

19th-21st - "Consumer woodworking expo" held at the MN State Fairgrounds. For More details:

www.consumerwoodworkingexpo.com

November

8th Thursday - Board meeting.

10th Saturday - (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM)

Donald Derry Professional Demonstration. On Christmas ornaments.

Location: Hope Presbyterian Church

7132 Portland Avenue South

Room H001 A & B

Richfield, MN 55423

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December

8th Saturday - MWA Holiday Party. Saturday night party and new location at Hope Presbyterian Church in Richfield.

January

8th Saturday - MWA

January 5, 2008

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Address and Mapquest Details to Come

Directions to:

Gary Novak's

Industrial Electric Co.

660 Taft St. Mpls.

1/2 block south on Taft
off Broadway St.

***Reminder** - Member meetings officially start at 7:00 pm. Space will be open at 6:30 for setup and socializing.

Watch for MWA signs.

2007 Picnic

The 2007 picnic had uncooperative weather but a small number of members got together for a couple hours and had great conversation and we all enjoyed desserts. A few members brought their spheres for the bocce ball challenge and an enlightened discussion was had about the challenges that we turners face with creating a sphere. How do you finish an sphere with no bottom on which to set it while drying? The bocce ball challenge will be judged at the October meeting so please bring your spheres to the October meeting. Didn't turn one there's still time. Rod Olson brought the sweet corn and we all took sweet corn home to be enjoyed after the rain stopped.



Jeff Luedloff and Jim Jacobs



Dan Rominski and Bob Jensen



Bruce and Kris Thompson

Classifieds

For Sale

JET Variable Speed Mini Lathe, Model JML-1014VS complete with Bed extension and table. Like new. Was \$550 when purchased in 2006. Will sell for \$300.

Dick Pedersen, 1400 N Court St. LeSueur, MN 56058

Telephone 507-665-3955

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

ROCKLER WOODWORKING

Mpls, 3025 Lyndale Ave S 612-822-3338

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

WOODCRAFT

9125 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington
952-884-3634

10% discount on all items, except power tools.

www.woodcraft.com

YOUNGBLOOD LUMBER CO.

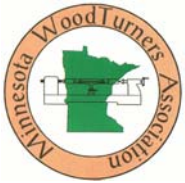
1335 Central AVE, MPLS.
612-789-3521

Wholesale prices to MWA members.

www.youngbloodlumber.com

Free turning-related ads for MWA members.
Commercial/non-member advertising \$4.00/Issue per column inch. To place ad, contact Jeff Luedloff (jefflued@peoplepc.com) or (952) 496-1177

Ads will run for one issue unless you call to extend your ad for additional issues.



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