



MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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Shavings from the President's Shop

I recently finished a couple pieces and it gave me the idea for this month's topic, finishing. We spend most of our time learning tool control, sharpening and good design but usually don't spend much time learning good finishing techniques. We can turn the perfect shape with the perfect grain and texture but a poor finish can ruin the piece so I guess we could say that it's not finished until it's finished...correctly.

There are many, many kinds of finishes on the market and also a good number of recipes for homemade finishes, all these choices can be confusing. The first determination in choosing a finish is how will the piece be used, is it a utility piece, an artistic piece, will it be handled or sit on a shelf? The skin oils in human hands can quickly wear through a friction polish on a pen but a good CA finish will last much longer. An oil finish will give wood an amber cast, which is a benefit unless you're trying to keep a piece of Holly white.

Most of us are familiar with Velvet oil, which is a very good finish that's easy to use and buffs to a nice sheen. There are several other oil finishes available, I've tried Teak oil and Antique oil but I like Velvet oil better. Oil finishes work well but you have to have some patience, there should be at least three coats with 24 hours of dry time between each; then let the finish cure for a week before buffing and a coat of Ren wax.

A solution to the time issue of an oil finish has come up in General Finishes new Wood Turners Finish (WTF). This is a water based urethane finish that is based on their flooring finish. It's easy to use and, what makes it stand out over an oil finish, it's fast. There is a minimum dry time between coats, depending on the humidity,

ten coats could be applied in as little as 15-30 minutes.

I did some experimenting with different ways of applying WTF with varying results. I first tried paper towel but it absorbed into the towel too much. Next I used a foam brush, worked okay but still not the answer. I saw a video that Ed Brown made putting WTF on a pen with a sponge so I gave that a try also on a pen and it worked well. I then tried the sponge application on a bowl, worked well but seemed to lay on a little too heavy in the final coats. Next I'd like to try to airbrush the finish on, that way lighter coats can be applied more uniformly.

WTF also is a very good alternative to a CA finish on a pen for those that either have trouble with CA or are allergic to the odor. Several coats can be built up and the final shine is very close to a good CA finish.

I know that I'm just scratching the surface on finishes in this short article but it gives you something to think about.

Stay safe,
Jon

2012 Club Meeting Dates

Monday, August 6
Monday, September 10
Monday, October 1
Monday, November 5
Monday, December 3

Demonstrations

July's Demonstrator was Ed Brown, who showed us how to turn pens for profit, gifts or just instant gratification. He started making things on the lathe

in the mid-1990's. At that time, the pen making industry offered a half dozen "component sets" or "kits". Ed's favorite type of material to turn is resin.



Ed Brown

August's Demonstrator TBA

Spotlight Turner

Spotlight Turner will return in September

MAWt Meeting Information

MAWT club meetings are held the first Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 P.M., at Woodcraft / Rhino LLC, 14115 W. Greenfield Ave. New Berlin, WI 53151 Phone: 262-785-6770, Fax: 262-785-6771, or <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=506>

Board meetings start at 5:00 P.M., the day of club meetings, at Culvers on Hwy 100, across from the former Woodcraft location.

Embroidered Club Logo Available

The club now has a source to embroider shirts with the clubs logo. Members need to bring their own shirt(s) to have embroidered. Shirts will be sent when there is enough to ship. Cost will

be \$12 per shirt. If interested, please contact Bonnie Amundsen at 262-574-0577 or bonam@wi.rr.com

Member Gallery

You are invited to bring up to two pieces that you have recently turned. This is a great opportunity to share the "lessons learned" during your turning sessions with other members. Your participation inspires and challenges other to grow in their knowledge and skill.

Wood Raffle

You are encouraged to donate wood and buy raffle tickets as often as you are able. Please bring wood that you would like to turn yourself. Your participation helps support the financial well-being of our club and is greatly appreciated.

Membership Process and Dues

Club membership is from January through December. New members that join after October 1 will not need to renew their membership until the end of the following year's membership period. Dues are as follows (this can change without notice): MAWt annual dues: \$20.00 and AAW annual dues: \$48.00 minimum (see AAW website (www.woodturner.org) for member options). All prospective MAWt club members must be a current AAW in order to join. A copy of a current AAW membership card, or copy of the front cover of your AAW magazine that displays membership information, or copy of your on-line AAW membership application payment is required at the time of joining the club.

AAW membership benefits are:

- AAW Journal: American Woodturner
 - Published quarterly
 - High quality full-color publication
- Large circulation
- Variety of articles
 - Current trends
 - Techniques
 - Critiques
 - Galleries

Upcoming events

- Local AAW Chapters - Parent organization of more than 300 local chapters in North America and around the world
- AAW Resource Directory
- AAW Symposium – discounted fees for members
- AAW Website (www.woodturner.org)
- AAW Forum (www.aawforum.org/vbforum)
- Educational Opportunity Grants
- Liability Insurance for Chapters – U.S. and Canada
- Business insurance available for U.S. members

Questions about MAWt and AAW membership?
Please contact Carl Brust at: cjbrust@wi.rr.com

Club Library

We offer our members a growing list of topical resources that can be checked out and returned at the following month's meeting. Our library includes DVD's, books, and magazines that address many aspects of woodturning. This is a popular member benefit and the lending rules should be respected and honored. For the benefit and enjoyment of all club members, it is important that you return all MAWt videos and other educational materials at the following month's club meeting. To inquire about titles and check availability, please contact: Gary Datka, Club librarian at mawtlibrary@hotmail.com



New titles are add regularly to the club Library

MAWt Membership

Our membership consists of both novice and experienced woodturners. We place a high priority on teaching and expanding each member's turning skills and knowledge of the craft. We encourage each member to freely share ideas, insights, and lessons learned as a result of their experience. Having fun and good fellowship is required at all club functions.

MAWt Demonstrators Wanted

We are seeking demonstrators that have an interesting theme or approach to turning, and have demonstrated sound technique and skill level. Please forward your suggestions to Charlene Dee at: charsden@wi.rr.com

Member Services

Name tag or membership card requests or Contact information changes, such as: address, phone, email address, please send an email with your request to Carl Brust at cjbrust@wi.rr.com

For Sale

5 y.o. Jet 1642 in excellent shape for sale. Asking price is \$1600. For more information please contact Ron Diamond at diamond@wisc.edu, a member of Badger Woodturners

If you have equipment or tools for sale, please submit a detailed description and prices by the 15th of each month and we will include it in the following month's eNewsletter. Please email your information to Scott Kosteretz at skoz@wi.rr.com

Member Supplier Discount Program

We are continually researching new woodturning resources that may offer our club members special discounts. If

you have any suggestions, please contact Jon Behnke at [Jon Behnke <fetchitup@live.com>](mailto:Jon.Behnke@live.com)
Current Supplier Discounts:

- Woodcraft (Requires AAW or MAWt membership card to receive 10% discount)
- Rockler (Requires AAW or MAWt membership card to receive 10% discount)
- Klingspor's Woodworking Shop (Club members receive 10% discount on all non-powered merchandise)
- Craft Supplies (Club members receive 10% discount when mentioning Promotional Code- Clubmem)

Suppliers and Resources

We are looking to add new woodturning websites to our "Member Resources" newsletter section. If you have discovered interesting and informative websites related to woodturning, please send an email to: Scott Kosteretz (skoz@wi.rr.com)

Note: The editor has the right to include or exclude suggested websites based on space, relevancy, and club standards.

Manzanita Turning Burls

www.nativemanzanitaburl.com

CHOICE WOODS

Contact: Clay Johnson at 2801 Floyd Street,
Louisville, KY 40209, 502-587-0777, 888/895-7779,
www.choice-woods.com

"I only ship what I would want to receive"

Steve Russell's Lathe Talk

Free Monthly e-Zine: Steve Russell's Lathe Talk, a free monthly newsletter (e-zine) for subscribers of Steve Russell's "Woodturning Videos Plus" woodturning website. This newsletter will be delivered on or about the first of each month to the email address you indicated on your sign-up form. All back issues of this newsletter are available to subscribers.

Lathe Talk will offer tips and tricks to make your woodturning easier and more productive. I'll also

show you ways to save money in your studio, so you can stretch your hard earned money. In addition, we will periodically offer subscribers only specials on our videos and e-books. To subscribe: Steven Russell

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The Woodworking Channel

If you haven't check this out, you will discover many woodworking video resources (Free to view) on this site including: A Wood working experience, AAW, Fine Woodworking, Intarsia and Marquetry, IWF, The American Woodshop, The Great British Woodshop and more! You can find this at: www.woodworkingchannel.com

American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

International, non-profit society dedicated to the advancement of woodturning by providing education, information, and organization. www.woodturner.org

Woodturners Resource

This site includes: message boards, woodturning galleries, on-line video's, featured artists, websites, tutorials, projects and tips, event calendar, vendors and resources, and chat. www.woodturnersresource.com

Woodcentral

Woodworking information, discussions, chats, articles and sources for everything the woodworker needs. www.woodcentral.com

Woodturning Online

Woodturning Online offers turning projects, plans and articles for woodturners including information on bowl, pen and segmented turning using the lathe and more. www.woodturningonline.com

Around the Woods

Wood turning lathe instruction, tips and techniques for the beginner or experienced turner. Wood turning lathe tips, techniques and projects to add to your joy in turning. www.aroundthewoods.com

Woodturns

The Online Woodturning Community Woodturning articles, woodturning directory, woodturning

artists, *woodturning* projects, *woodturning* tools, etc. www.woodturns.com

Mystic Burls

530-917-9642

mysticburls8@yahoo.com

<http://www.mysticburlwood.com>

Exotic Blanks

Ed Brown is now carrying Jason Swanson's segmented pen blanks under the brand name "Stripe Tease". For anybody who has admired Jason's segmented pens and would like to turn one of their own, please check out Ed's website www.exoticblanks.com.

Woodcraft Classes

If you are interested in developing or expanding your woodworking skills, including woodturning, Woodcraft has classes for all skill levels. Please refer to your monthly Woodcraft flyer or request a class schedule during your next visit to Woodcraft.

Classes and Events

August 3-5, 2012 Turn-On! Chicago

The Conference Center at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL. or more information: www.turnonchicago.com

MAWt Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting minutes of *Milwaukee Area Woodturners* July 2, 2012

In attendance: Jon Behnke, Dave Drickhamer, Sandy Sheahan, Jerry Tackes, Char Dee, Jim Andresen

Turn on Chicago will be August 3-5
It was decided to build a photo setup for photographing gallery pieces. Dave will work with Ron to complete this. Char will supply wheels to make it portable.

Demo Committee: Char has a survey to review and send out to club members to determine what people want to see demoed.
Are we able to put a YouTube video on our website?

We discussed having a "Shop tour Day" sometime this winter.

CLUB MEMBER'S MAIL ADDRESSES ARE TO BE USED FOR CLUB BUSINESS ONLY

General Meeting minutes of *Milwaukee Area Woodturners* July 2, 2012

Turn on Chicago will be August 3-5 in Mundelein, IL. Trade show, Instant gallery, seminars, lodging, and meals are included in the fees.
You can attend the Instant gallery and Vendor areas for the day without pre-registering.
More info is available at <http://www.turnonchicago.com>

"Empty Bowls" will be held in October at the MATC South Campus. See Klaus Zunker for more info or <http://www.milwaukeeemptybowls.org/>
Bowls are due at the October meeting.
Proceeds from this event go to the Hunger Task Force.

Woodcraft will be hosting a **"Turn-for-Troops"** July 14. Let's give Chris our support by helping with this event. If you turn pens ahead of time Chris will replace your pen kit.
If you turn pens ahead of time Woodcraft will replace your kits when you turn in your pens.
We still are in need of volunteers for the Demo Committee. If you're interested in being part of this contact Jon or Char.

Jimmy Clewes will be doing a demo in Neenah Sept 8th. Seating is limited.

We discussed having a "Shop tour Day" this winter. More info to come.

There is \$3065 in the check book.

Tonight's demo is Ed Brown turning an Acrylic Rollerball pen.

MAWt e-News Submissions

MAWt welcomes the submission of news stories, photos, calendar items, letters, announcements, or any other information that would be of interest to woodturners and relevant to woodturning.

Below are guidelines for various submissions:

Please include your name and contact information (either a telephone number or e-mail address). Please send the information in a timely manner. Remember to include as much pertinent information, including the following:

WHO was involved?

WHAT was the event?

WHEN did the event occur?

WHERE did the event occur?

WHY was the event important?

Please send your e-News submissions no later than the 15th of each month. The editor has the right to edit or not to include the request based on space limitations or topics not relevant to woodturning. Please contact Scott Kosteretz at 414-852-3853 or skoz@wi.rr.com

MAWt Committees

If you aren't on a committee, you are encouraged to volunteer.

- ❖ **Member/Guest Registration:**
Tom Palaubecki and Jim Swank
- ❖ **Meeting Set-up/Clean-up:**
Dennis Dee, Jason Swanson, and Sandy Sheahan
- ❖ **Library:**

Gary Datka

- ❖ **Photography:**
Don Boeck and Ron Nelson
- ❖ **Demonstrator Scheduling:**
Char Dee
- ❖ **Member Gallery Facilitator:**
Jon Behnke
- ❖ **Wood Raffle Ticket Sales:**
Char Dee
- ❖ **E-Newsletter Editor:**
Scott Kosteretz
- ❖ **Membership:**
Carl Brust
- ❖ **Audio/Video:**
Dennis Dee

MAWt Board members

Jon Behnke, President (2011-2013)

Jerry Tackes, Vice President (2011-2013)

David Drickhamer, Secretary (2009-2011)

Sandy Sheahan, Treasurer (2011-2013)

Char Dee (2012-2014)

Jim Andersen (2012-2014)

Past Presidents / Board Member Advisory

Jason Swanson, Past President (2008-2010)

Scott Kosteretz, Past President (2005-2007)

July Meeting Snapshots



