



## MAWt Milwaukee-Area Woodturners

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### MAWt eNews

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### Shavings from the President's Shop

This year I was able to again attend Turn On Chicago and again, it was a very well-run symposium. I'm extremely impressed with the job that the Chicago club did in putting on this together and running it so smoothly. They had a good line up of demonstrators, good vendor area, very nice gallery and I don't think they could find a better venue.

It's always a tough decision to decide which demos to attend but I think I made some good choices. I saw Stuart Batty in a couple rotations, he's a very talented turner and also entertaining, he had many stories of learning to turn and working with his father. I spent some time chatting with Stuart in the evening; he's working on a new line of turning tools that should be interesting to try.

I think my next favorite demonstrator was Bob Rosand, he turns a lot of smaller items that are quick and easy to turn. Bob is just a regular guy, it was much like spending time with an old friend. In one demo he was going to use a vacuum chuck to reverse a paper weight that he was making, it was a piece of ambrosia maple that had some holes so the vacuum wouldn't hold the piece. Bob just rolled with it and worked it out, cracking jokes along the way.

There were lots of other demos that I enjoyed; it's hard to absorb all the good information but I think I got a few things that will help my turning. There are several of the pieces that I'd like to try turning and also some sharpening techniques that I'd like to try, now that summer is winding down I should get some shop time to do just that.

This week I started finish turning some cherry bowls that I had roughed out last year. I have several and I wanted to get some practice in before I finish turn a couple of maple burl bowls that I have drying. One thing that I learned is when roughing out bowls we have to make sure to have good shape even in the roughing process. Once a bowl is roughed out we are limited in how much the shape can be refined, you can't put any wood back on. I remember when I rough turned them and how nice the wet cherry turned, it's easy to get carried away and take too much out of the center...I did make a nice cherry funnel out of one of them. I guess there's even something to learn in making funnels.

Be safe,  
Jon

### 2012 Club Meeting Dates

Monday, September 3... *Happy Labor Day!*  
Monday, September 10  
Monday, October 1  
Monday, November 5  
Monday, December 3

### This Month's Demonstration

August's Demonstrator is **Werner Witek**, who will be showing us the technique and steps in turning an acorn using resin & pewter casting. Turned from the resin casting is the acorn nut and from the pewter casting, he turns the acorn cap. Werner will also go through the texturing and assembly of the pieces.

## Spotlight Turner

**Jeff Selchow**

Q. How young are you?

A. 49

Q. Where is home?

A. Milwaukee, born and raised

Q. Family information?

A. Married, 23 yrs to Teresa and 1 child, Miranda 16 yrs old

Q. Vocation?

A. Retail Sales and Dealer Trade Driver

Q. Shop overview:

A. Jet 1220 Lathe, Jet Wet-Stone sharpener, Hitachi Band saw, Hitachi Table Saw, Hitachi 2 ½ hp Router, Hitachi Drill & Impact Driver, Dewalt Planer, Dewalt 611 Router, Ridgid Oscillating Belt Spindle Sander, Delta drill press, Craftsman Radial Arm Saw, Enco Vertical Mill, 8" slow speed grinder with Wolverine Sharpener, Shop Vac 16 & 5 gal., Ryobi Chop saw, Ryobi Circle saw, and allot of other hand and pneumatic tools from airplane days.

Q. How many lathes do you own?

A. Just 1 for now if I have anything to say about it, but I don't my wife will say if I can have another lathe

Q. If you could upgrade to another lathe, what would it be and why?

A. Powermatic 4224b, If you have a big lathe, you can do little things, BUT, if you have a little lathe, you can't do big things. And it is the latest big thing from Powermatic. I just wish it came in black.

Q. How long have you been turning and what got you started?

A. Well aside from High School, Feb of '08. I took a pen class at Woodcraft and well, the rest is history.

Q. What do you enjoy most about turning?

A. The wood, releasing what was in the wood all along for all to see

Q. What do you enjoy least about turning?

A. Cleaning up my shop, but hey that's what kids are for right?

Q. What was your first completed turned project?

A. A pen at class, but on my own once I got a lathe, it was a Claro Walnut bowl.

Q. What is your favorite individual piece that you have turned and why?

A. A 10" Cocobolo bowl that I use every day as a dresser catchall

Q. What is your favorite form that you turn? A.

Spindles, bowls and I don't really get along to well, I don't know why; they just tend to leave the lathe when I am working on them.

Q. What do you not turn now that you want to, or plan to in the future?

A. Bowls, I would really like to make friends with them

Q. What is your favorite piece someone else has turned and why?

A. Too many to choose from

Q. Are there any turners, well known or not, that have influenced your turning?

A. Hank Bardenhaggen, Jason Swanson & Melanie Wagner. Hank taught my first bowl class. Jason has taught me allot of things, and Melanie is the one who set the hook with that first pen class.

Q. What is your favorite wood to work with and why?

A. Rosewood, any and all of them

Q. Got any nicknames?

A. Hambone

Q. How did you get it?

A. From a buddy of mine and an old Tom & Jerry Cartoon

Q. Any words of wisdom for your fellow turners? A. New Turners, buy quality tools, cheap crap is just not worth it, when it comes to getting that first lathe, buy the biggest baddest one that you can afford 'cause as I said earlier if you have a big lathe

you can do little things, BUT, if you have a little lathe you Can't do big things. A wise man once told me that it is ultimately less expensive to just jump in at the deep end, rather than to step out. Ask me about that if you don't get it. Have Fun, Mount a mirror by your lathe and look into it often, if you are not smiling, walk away as you are not having fun. – Ron Nelson gets credit for that one.

## MAWt Meeting Information

**M**AWT 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

**T**he club now has a source to embroider shirts with the clubs logo. Members need to bring their own shirt(s) to have embroidered. Cost will be \$12 per shirt. If interested, please contact Bonnie Amundsen at 262-574-0577 or to [bonam6@att.net](mailto:bonam6@att.net)

## Member Gallery

**Y**ou 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

**Y**ou 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

**C**lub 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](http://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](http://www.woodturner.org))
- AAW Forum ([www.aawforum.org/vbforum](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cjbrust@wi.rr.com)

## For Sale

Burls and crotches for sale. For more information please contact Ron Hinderman at [ronsherrie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ronsherrie@sbcglobal.net)

If you have equipment or tools for sale, please submit a detailed description and prices by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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  
[steverussell@woodturningvideosplus.com](mailto:steverussell@woodturningvideosplus.com)

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.woodturnersresource.com)

### **Woodcentral**

Woodworking information, discussions, chats, articles and sources for everything the woodworker needs. [www.woodcentral.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.aroundthewoods.com)

### **Woodturns**

The Online *Woodturning* Community *Woodturning* articles, *woodturning* directory, *woodturning* artists, *woodturning* projects, *woodturning* tools, etc. [www.woodturns.com](http://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](http://www.exoticblanks.com).

## **AAW News**

The AAW; It's a Family

I've often heard it said that the AAW is like a big family.

I began turning wood at the age of about 13 in my father's basement workshop. And I turned wood off and on over the next 40 years, but my skills did not improve much. Then someone told me about the AAW chapter in Denver. I joined, and it didn't take long before members of the chapter were showing me all kinds of things I had never imagined. They welcomed me into their family, and they treated me like a long-lost cousin. I was in heaven. I soon joined the AAW and discovered that there was an even bigger family, a huge family with many thousands of members around the world, and like the members of the Denver chapter, everyone treated me like family. Again I found myself in heaven and I found that Saint Peter had welcomed thousands like me to enter the pearly gates of woodturning.

Since joining the AAW, I've served as a chapter president, as a member of the AAW Board of Directors, and two years as president of the AAW. I've found that the more I contribute to the woodturning family, the closer my relationship becomes. And now I count my AAW family among my closest friends.

One of the things I've enjoyed most is the opportunity to visit members of the family in many places in the USA and around the world. I've visited chapters from Connecticut to California. I've demonstrated at symposiums from Utah to Australia. I've stayed in the homes of friends from such far-flung places as Ireland and South Africa. And I've been treated like a member of the family everywhere I've been. The AAW is truly a wonderful family.

It surprises me how many woodturners are not AAW members. They lose so much by not joining the family. I encourage all of you to invite anyone you know who enjoys turning wood but is not an AAW member to join. Explain to them what they are missing by not joining the family. And when they join, I promise they will be glad they did.

With warm regards,

--Tom Wirsing

## 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 monthly Woodcraft flyer or request a class schedule during your next visit to Woodcraft.

## Classes and Events

### Rockler Woodworking

We moved the Rockler Woodworking store at the end of April and are having some free demonstrations during our Grand Reopening going on for the next 5 Saturdays. I have attached the list of free demonstrations we have going on. Here are a few that some of the members might be interested in.

Saturday 9/8 9AM Wisconsin Wood Harvesters will have a portable saw mill here to cut logs into boards

9AM Jet, Powermatic and Freud reps will be here to answer questions

Saturday 9/15 9AM Festool Rep will be demonstrating their tools

9:30AM Router Table demonstration by George Vondriska from the Wild Earth School

1:30PM Table Saw techniques by George Vondriska

Saturday 9/22 9AM General Finishes Rep

9:30 Hot Pipe wood bending demonstration

I hope to see you and some of the other members soon.

Thank you.

Tom Petkovsek  
Store Manager  
Rockler Woodworking & Hardware  
1725 S. 108<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Allis, WI.  
53214  
(414) 774-1882

## MAWt Meeting Minutes

Board meeting minutes of *Milwaukee Area Woodturners* August 6, 2012

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

- **Next meeting will be Sept 10 due to Labor Day.**
- Woodcraft will be having another Turn-4-Troop September 15.
- We have two volunteers to work with the demo committee.
- Jon picked up two DVD's for the library while at Turn on Chicago.
- Char has been working on a survey to see what club members would like to see on future demos. The survey should be going out soon.
- We are looking into a better system for mounting cameras on the lathe for demos. Char will talk with the Saturday group to coordinate with them.
- Please don't park in front of the doors at Woodcraft. Let's leave these spots open for customers.
- We will check into AAW insurance to see what and who are covered.
- Should we continue to require AAW membership if the insurance does not cover us at meetings?
- There is \$2947.92 in the check book.

General Meeting minutes of *Milwaukee Area Woodturners* August 6, 2012

There are no minutes for this meeting as Dave Drickhamer was unable to attend.

## MAWt e-News Submissions



AWt 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:skoz@wi.rr.com)

## MAWt Committees

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

- **Registration:** Tom Palaubecki
- **Meeting Set-up/Clean-up:** All members
- **Library:** Gary Datka
- **Photography:** Don Boeck and Ron Nelson
- **Demonstrator Scheduling:** Char Dee
- **Gallery Facilitator:** Jon Behnke
- **Wood Raffle Ticket Sales:** Ron Neuman
- **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)



**David Krajec**



**Mark Trenier**



**Ed Brown**

