One of the Highlights of MWA meetings is the “show and tell” portion. Where members bring in their projects to share with their fellow members. Beginner, intermediate or expert, doesn’t matter, it’s all about sharing ideas.

Wayne Keifer shared this white oak bowl at our May meeting.

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President’s Corner

Dan Rominski, our VP and former program director, has organized a number of fine learning opportunities for us over the course of the upcoming year. The next meeting will be at Alan and Mary Lacer’s home on June 7, where we will see Alan turn a regulation baseball bat. He has not yet said whether it will be made out of ash or maple. Ash is nostalgic, but maple is the ‘popular’ custom wood in the majors these days, although I have heard that the commissioner’s office is looking into the possibility of banning maple due to the way it breaks. At any rate, this will be a preview for the picnic challenge.

Make a bat for the picnic in August, large or small, baseball or softball, and win a prize. And remember - not all bats are created equal. Just take a look at some of the bats turned by Mark Sfirri. While I doubt that even Barry Bonds could get a hit with one, they show that a subject can be approached from many angles, or even off center.

In an effort to promote wood turning education and to foster club participation, the board has made scholarships available for three individual members to attend a one day hands-on workshop. One of the reasons for having a club like ours is the sharing of knowledge among those wanting to learn, no matter what their level. Unfortunately, sometimes financial considerations may prevent a person from choosing to attend a hands-on session with one of the fine and talented professional turners/teachers whom the club brings in for your benefit. We try to keep the costs down by absorbing a portion of the demonstration fee, but the hands-on fee has been largely self paying. Realizing this may unnecessarily limit those who can attend, the board has voted to open up three one day hands-on session spots to the membership in the form of an educational grant. The only requirement will be the offering up of some of your time and energy in return. Volunteer a service to the club, perhaps in the form of sched-

(Continued on page 3)
Monthly Wood raffle

The wood raffle is a great tradition for our club. It acts as a fundraiser 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 fireplace. Bring the best wood you have and you can expect to get the best wood in return.

Dear MN Woodturners,

Thank you very much for your donation of $200.00 to the Ukraine Project. We raised over $2,500.00 and Jim Sannerud left for the Ukraine knowing he could make any additions of equipment and supplies that he felt the orphans could use. One of the orphanages wanted to turn bowls and plates that the children could use for their daily meals.

We have received reports that all of the equipment was there from last year and that conditions in the orphanages were much improved. When Jim returns, he will be writing an article about his trip foot the Journal and we will see that you get a copy of it.

Also, if you were one of the people that donated tops, Jim received well over 450 tops so they were able to put a top in every gift packet for each of the children, as well as having some available to give as gifts when they do home visits.

Best Regards
Mary Lacer

Dan Rominski has moved into the office of Vice President. He has been our Program Director since taking over for Jim Jacobs.

He has worked hard at providing the club with the best in demonstrators and he has succeeded admirably. As VP he would like someone else to assist as program director, learning from the master and allowing for a seamless transition into next year. If you are interested in lending a hand, e-mail or call Dan or one of the board.

Jim Zangl

One more thing, for those who do not know; Mr. Michelsen turns hats in most any shape and style - cowboy hats, derbies, baseball caps, top hats, and fedoras. Before his demonstration there will be an auction. The winner of the auction will get to choose the style of hat to be turned, have his or her head measured, have the hat turned to fit, and get to keep the turning. What a deal!

See you at the next meeting
Jim
May demo
The Rose Engine– Handcrafted and demonstrated by Wade Wendorf
Pictorial Highlights

Wade Wendorf discussing a slide on the first part of his demo, “Ornamental Turning - Past to Present”.

Horizontal cutting frame finishing the inside cuts on a mini oil candle holder.

Close-up of horizontal cutting frame in action.

View of slot cutter in the process of creating the basket weave effect on the demo oil candle holder.

Mini oil candle holder as basket weaving is being added to it.
Rear view of Rose Engine setup for use with the paper chuck.

Drawings of each rosette with a small sample piece showing the designs that can be achieved for each rosette.

Side view of Rose Engine after putting a rosette design on paper.

Sample pieces done on the Rose Engine.

Rose Engine setup for use with the paper chuck.

Demonstrating the Rose Engine using a pen and a paper chuck, allowing the design to be drawn onto a piece of paper instead etched onto a piece of wood.
JUNE CLUB MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION BY ALAN LACER: TOPIC – BASEBALL BAT CHALLENGE

Saturday June 7, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM + +
Fee: FREE
Location: Alan & Mary Lacer’s
299 Plainview Drive
River Falls, WI, 54022
Phone: 715-426-9451

Simple directions: Take Highway 94 eastbound over the St. Croix River bridge into Wisconsin. Take the second exit (the one at the top of the hill) which is Carmichael Road/County Road F. Follow County Road F to the south. Plainview Drive is located just past the Troy Burne Golf Course. Turn right (west) and Lacer’s will be on your left.

LOOK FOR THE TURQUOISE MAILBOX!

http://maps.google.com/maps?sc=1&hl=en&output=html&q=299+Plainview+Drive%2C+River+Falls%2C+WI+54022&btnG=Search

Parking could be somewhat challenging at Lacer’s. Carpooling is encouraged. A Park and Ride lot is located near the Target store in Hudson. Also, the Home Depot in Hudson has a very large parking lot.

Details:
The June MWA Club meeting will be held at the home and studio of our own resident professional woodturner, Alan Lacer. Weather permitting, the demonstration will be held outside. Please bring your own lawn chairs! After the event we are planning to have a Barbecue Picnic lunch. Please bring your own meat to grill. The club will provide some side dishes and the essentials. We will have the Video Library, do a Wood Raffle and have Show and Tell as well.

As if that is not enough, we will also be having a “TOOL SWAP” flea market! It’s a good time to get your garages and workshops cleaned out, so bring any items you no longer need, and perhaps someone else may have a use for them. Please mark your items with your name and asking price on a piece of tape, and be prepared to barter!

We are all very fortunate to have Alan so very close to us. Every time we have the opportunity to take in one of his demonstrations, we should consider ourselves lucky, for he has so much knowledge to pass on, and is an extraordinary teacher to boot! This is also your opportunity to visit Alan Lacer’s home workshop!

In this demonstration, Alan will give us some background history on the making of bats and Louisville Slugger, as well as teach us how to make a baseball/softball bat. If you would like to do a little background reading, see Alan’s article “From Bedposts to Baseball Bats” in the Summer 2007 issue of the American Woodturner. Freehand turning of a long, straight bat is a wonderful challenge for a turner. Whether it’s for baseball or softball, this challenging project will definitely help you refine your tool control. In addition, Alan would like to show us the new Vicmarc Oval Chuck in action. This amazing new chuck allows the turner to create oval shaped bowls, platters, boxes, etc.

This will be our demonstration for our next club challenge. And don’t worry if you only have a mini-lathe. We will have a separate division for mini-bats! We will judge our bats at the MWA Club Picnic, held on August 17th at the Bayport Park on the beautiful St. Croix River. Craft Supplies gift certificates will be awarded to for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each division – regulation size and mini’s. This should be a very fun and action packed event that you won’t want to miss!
TURNAROUND, TURN IT ON, TURN IT UP!

DO IT AGAIN!
THE RETURN OF JIMMY CLEWES

The Minnesota Woodturners Association is pleased to announce the return of British Woodturner Jimmy Clewes! Last year’s club demonstration hands-on workshops were such an overwhelming success, that we have arranged to bring Jimmy back for another visit this year. Jimmy will do a one day club demonstration on Saturday July 19th, at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Richfield. If you attended the event last year, you know you won’t want to miss this demonstration!

This year we have added a little different twist to the hands-on workshop lineup. We will have two one day sessions and one two day session. These classes are filling up fast. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Dan Rominski at drominski@comcast.net

Please note that the location for our hands-on workshops has changed. Jim Sannerud has rented a new shop space, located in the ACVR Warehouse (Falwell Osmond Kirk Co.) at 106 West Water Street, Suite #3 (3rd Floor), St. Paul, MN 55107. This is a large brick warehouse building just across the Wabasha Bridge from downtown St. Paul.

MWA
Professional Demonstration: Jimmy Clewes

Saturday July 19, 2008
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Entry Fee: $20

Demo Location:
Hope Presbyterian Church
7132 Portland Avenue S.
Room H001 A & B
Richfield, MN 55423

Hands-on Workshops:
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Jim Sannerud’s New Shop
106 West Water Street
St. Paul, MN 55107

Friday July 18, 2008 (Fee $75)
Sunday July 20, 2008 (Fee $75)
Monday-Tuesday July 21-22, 2008 (Fee $150)
ROMANCING THE CURVE!
THE RETURN OF DON DERRY!

The Minnesota Woodturners Association is pleased to announce the return of Don Derry! Last year’s club demonstration hands-on workshops were such an overwhelming success that we have arranged to bring Don back for another visit this year.

Don will be teaching his shape and form class titled “Romancing the Curve.” This year we have added a little different twist to the hands-on workshop lineup. We will have a one day session and a two day session, and no demonstration. This is your opportunity for first-hand training. These classes are filling up fast. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Dan Rominski at drominski@comcast.net

Romancing the Curve
Class Description
This is a two-day class that will focus on taking the mystery out of the creative process. We will learn a "building block" approach to thinking about Wood-turning that will simplify the understanding of what good shape and form is and how to apply it. We will explore, through our hands with chips flying, many different ways to be objective about shape and form. We begin by turning a sphere between centers using only the eye as a guide. The day will then progress by turning form models of many different elemental shapes. We will explore egg forms, pear shapes and cones on the first day. The second day will be an exploration of how these basic forms can be used as the building blocks of more complicated forms and integrated into almost any turning endeavor that can be imagined. Upon completion of the course participants shall have a much better understanding of how their own creative decision making process works and how to apply this new understanding to more easily produce works in their own studios. Participants will also have produced eight to ten form study models that they can have for reference in the future. As an added bonus, on the second day of the two-day class, Don will teach airbrush techniques. The one day class will contain much of the same, but obviously will need to be somewhat abbreviated, and will not allow Don to get into as much depth with the students.

This is an intermediate level class. All participants should have reasonable experience with a roughing gouge and a half-inch spindle gouge. The tools required for the class shall include a 1-inch or larger roughing gouge, a half-inch spindle gouge and a parting tool. Participants are encouraged to bring any other tools that may help adapt their personal style. Feel free to bring along your own woodturnings if you wish to have Don critique them.

Please note that the location for the hands-on workshops is at Bob Jensen’s Shop in Fridley.

MWA Professional WORKSHOP: DONALD DERRY
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Hands-on Workshops:
Bob Jensen’s Shop
140 Rickard Road
Fridley MN 55432
Friday and Saturday August 22-23, 2008
(Fee $150)
Sunday August 24, 2008
(Fee $75)
A new Lathe, a few friends and a lot of shavings!

Saturday Chris Meadows set up his new lathe. Brad Hubert, Steve Vadnais, Jim Zangl and Paul Grotenhuis came by to help him break in the new lathe. Brad brought along a few pieces of recently liberated maple that was used to make wood ribbons.

Here Brad is showing how things are done.

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**MWA "Members Only" Forum**

All MWA members are entitled to use our "Members Only Forum". The forum is located at [http://www.mnwoodturners.com/members/](http://www.mnwoodturners.com/members/) (or you can go to [http://www.mnwoodturners.com](http://www.mnwoodturners.com) and click on the **Forum** option on the menu). If you have not already registered, click on the link, and after the page loads, click on the words "register an account". Then just follow the instructions to get registered for the forum.

The many benefits include a central archive of information and handouts, a gallery to show off your turnings, central listing of club event announcements, and finally, a great place to get acquainted with other members and share mutual turning topics. One other thing, **PLEASE** don't be hesitent to ask questions on the forum. As many people have said over the years, the only silly question is the one not asked!

Thanks, and see you on the forum!
Wade Wendorf
MWA Forum Administrator
email: administrator@mnwoodturners.com
Save the date! Coming soon!
Mathew Hill demo for the MWA.
September 20th
Two hands-on workshops
September 19th and 21st!

Matthew Hill Studio
New Article feature
“How do YOU do it?”
The MWA is excited to start a new continuous series of articles featuring You! Beginning with the next newsletter, August 2008, we will begin running a series or articles featuring a specified topic, announced in the previous newsletter. All YOU have to do to make this article successful is send in your pictures, comments, articles, tips or whatever you can to address the “topic of the month”. Those tips will be featured in the next article. If you have topic suggestions, comments or questions please send them to: Jeff Luedloff, jefflued@peoplepc.com or mail to Jeff Luedloff, 1177 Clover Court, Shakopee, MN 55379.

“Topic of the Month” for August 2008:
How do you support a dust collection hood at your lathe without it getting in the way?

Send your pictures and tips before July 20th to: Jeff Luedloff, jefflued@peoplepc.com or mail to Jeff Luedloff, 1177 clover court, Shakopee, MN 55379, and look for the tips in August!

Email Alert !!!!
Our current MWA ‘Email Blast’ list shows approx. 27 members that do not have a valid email address on our club files 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
Ph: 763-862-2100
Email: ronmeilahn@usfamily.net

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

And the Winner is….

Tim Heil won this years Northern Woods show Turning division with this beautiful billiard ball set. The amount of work that Tim puts into his work is incredible. Congratulations Tim.
## June 2008

June 7, 2008

Membership Meeting and FREE Professional Demo!

Topic: Professional Woodturner Alan Lacer will demonstrate how to make a bat. We will issue the next challenge - to make a bat that you can use at our annual MWA Picnic in August. In addition, Alan will give a history with some variety of bats from Louisville Slugger. Alan will also demonstrate Vicmarc’s new "oval" chuck. After the event, we will be having a BBQ Picnic lunch-Bring your own Meat to grill. (weather permitting of course) Sounds like a great ball game! In addition, we will also hold a "TOOL SWAP". It's a great time to clean out your shop and bring your unwanted tools for a garage sale type market. Mark your items with your name and asking price, and be prepared to barter! We will also have the usual Social Hour, Wood Raffle, Library, and Show and Tell.

### Calendar of Events June 2008

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### Location:

Alan and Mary Lacer Home
299 Plainview Drive, River Falls, WI 54022

Link to [Map quest](#) for location

Time: Saturday 9:00 AM to Noon. Fee: FREE

## July 2008

July 18 -22, 2008

Professional Demonstration - Jimmy Clewes

Topic: Announcing the return of Professional Woodturner Jimmy Clewes! Jimmy will do a club demonstration and teach two separate one day hands-on workshops, and one two day session.

### Details

- **Demo Location:** Hope Presbyterian Church - ROOM H001 A & B 7132 Portland Avenue S., Richfield, MN 55423
- **Demo Time:** 9 AM – 4 PM on Saturday July 19
- **Demo Fee:** $20
- **Workshop Location:** Hands-On Workshops location will be at Jim Sannerud's NEW SHOP in ST. PAUL, 106 West Water Street, St. Paul, MN 55107. Time is from 9 AM – 4 PM on Friday July 18, Sunday July 20, Monday and Tuesday July 21-22. Fees for the hands-on workshops are $75 each day, and will be payable to "MWA" at the time of the event.

### One Day Sessions: (Fee $75)

- Friday July 18 or Sunday July 20
- Two Day Session: (Fee $150)
  - Monday and Tuesday July 21-22

To reserve a space for a Hands-On Workshop, please email Dan Rominski (and indicate which day(s) you are signing up for) at: [drominski@comcast.net](mailto:drominski@comcast.net)
August 2008
August 17, 2008
MWA Picnic

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM
Location: Lakeside Park in Bayport – this is a beautiful park on the St. Croix River, with ball fields, lots of space, picnic areas, swimming, etc. We have two pavilions reserved. Bring your lawn chairs, softball gloves and meat to grill. And of course, bring your home made bats for the bat challenge and the softball game! Crafts Supplies gift certificates to be awarded for the bat challenge. More details to come.

August 22-23-24, 2008
Professional Workshops - Don Derry
Topic: Romancing the Curve! Shape and Form
Location: Bob Jensen's Shop 140 Rickard Road, Fridley, MN  55432

Don Derry: Romancing the Curve Workshops. Three days of one on one instruction devoted to Shape and Form. Friday and Saturday, August 22-23 is the two day session. Sunday August 24 is the one-day session. Fees for the hands-on workshops are $75 each day, and will be payable to "MWA" at the time of the event.

Romancing the Curve - Class Description (see page 8 for full details)

September 2008

September 9, 2008
Membership Meeting Topic: Shop Tour and Wood Discussion with Mike Mueller
We will also have the usual Social Hour, Wood Raffle, Library, and Show and Tell.
Location: Forest Products Supply, Inc.
2650 Maplewood Dr
Saint Paul, MN 55109
Link to Map quest for location
Time: Tuesday 6:30 to 9 PM

September 19-21, 2008
September 20 - Professional Demonstration - Matthew Hill
Topic: Professional Woodturner Matthew Hill from Oklahoma will do a club demonstration and teach two separate one day hands-on workshops. Matthew does beautiful lidded boxes and urns, adorned with creative handles and feet, and incredible surface texturing techniques. View his gallery on his website at www.matthewhillstudio.com
Location: Hope Presbyterian Church - ROOM H001 A & B 7132 Portland Avenue S., Richfield, MN  55423
Time: 9 AM - 4 PM
Fee: TBD
September 19 & 21 Workshop Location: Jim Sannerud's NEW SHOP in ST. PAUL, 106 West Water Street, St. Paul, MN  55107
Workshop Fee: $75
# MWA Treasurer’s Report

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## TREASURER’S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

At the May Board meeting an Educational Grant of $225 was approved. Our wood raffle and library rentals generated $475 since the last newsletter. Our income and expenses are within our budget.

### New Members
- Don Bell
  - Eden Prairie, MN
- Carol Bargabus
  - Burnsville, MN
- Diane Ho
  - Burnsville, MN
- Jim Hirsch
  - Bloomington, MN
- Vern Yelle
  - Oakdale, MN
- Paul Laes
  - Fridley, MN
- Bob Larson
  - Prior Lake, MN
- Ric Canepa
  - Plymouth, MN
- Phil Murray
  - Sunfish Lake, MN
- Sharon Gunder
  - Stillwater, MN
- Adam Elliott
  - Minneapolis, MN

## 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:
- Larry McPeck— Sealer Coordinator-763-757-3143
- Bob Jensen— Fridley 763-572-0525
- Ron Meilahn-Andover 763-862-2100
- Bruce Arones-651-433-5364

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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

Forest Products Supply
2650 Maplewood Drive (NE corner of County Rd. C and Hwy 61), Maplewood, MN 55109 Phone: (651) 770-2834 Web: www.forestproductssupply.com
10% discount on all lumber purchases.

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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