



THE TURNING POINT

The Newsletter of the Siouxland Woodturners Chapter
of the American Association of Woodturners

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News from your President

Well, it looks as if spring might finally have arrived. I don't know about the rest of you but I say it's about time! The last couple of months have been a busy time for the *Siouxland Woodturners* club. We received our grant from AAW. With this grant we purchased a club-owned lathe to be permanently located at our meeting facilities. The lathe has arrived and is sitting in the shop waiting to be assembled. We are presently in the process of purchasing some accessories for this lathe.

One of the challenges with our growing membership is keeping our member contact information up to date. Many of our members would like to have access to other members' email addresses, phone numbers, etc. Making this information available presents a couple of problems. We are reluctant to simply forward all members' email addresses, phone numbers and home addresses to all members. Some people may not wish to have some or all of this information distributed. Also, our present contact list is somewhat inaccurate. There are a number of people on our contact list who have not actually joined our club or who have never attended a meeting. We don't necessarily want to simply remove these people from our contact list. However, I think we do need to update our list as best we can.

I have sent an email to everyone on my *Siouxland Woodturners* email list. In this email I included a "MEMBER PROFILES" attachment. If you wish to remain on our contact list, please fill out the "MEMBER PROFILE" and email it back to me before our July meeting. When you fill out the "MEMBER PROFILE" you have the ability to tell us if you want to make your contact information available to the other members. Dan will contact those people on his list who do not have email addresses to get the information from those people.

Our May meeting will include a topic many of us will find interesting and helpful. Most of us, at one time or another, have tried to take a picture of a project and have not been satisfied with the results. We have a couple of members who have some expertise in the area of photography and

have agreed to provide some insight to the rest of us. This promises to be good information. Hope to see you there!

Royce Meritt
President, Siouxland Woodturners

Upcoming meeting info...

The May meeting will be held on *Saturday, May 3, 2008* at 1:00 PM at the Ag. Ed. Shop at the Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg.

Topic for the May meeting will be photographing your work. Learn how to show your best, and maybe hide a flaw.

Also, we have a new lathe to assemble and road test! You may have suggestions regarding tools and accessories that we could add to the basic setup. As before, we will include sharpening tips for any tool that gives you trouble.

Directions to the May meeting

Harrisburg High School
600 S. Cliff Ave.
Harrisburg, SD

From Sioux Falls: South on Cliff Avenue to Harrisburg. At the 4-Way stop there will be a Casey's on the right and a BP on the left. Continue south for approximately 2 blocks. Harrisburg High School will be on the left.

From the West: Take the Harrisburg exit off I-29. Go east about 5 miles. At the 4-Way stop by the Casey's turn right. Go about 2 blocks south. Harrisburg High School will be on the right.

From the East: On Highway 11 turn west on the Harrisburg road. Continue west through Harrisburg to the 4-Way stop with the BP store on your left. Go south about 2 blocks. Harrisburg High School will be on the left.

The Ag Shop is located around the back of the building in the northeast corner of the building.

If you get lost give Royce a call at (605)351-9435

Need some Denatured Alcohol?

We hope to purchase a bulk quantity of denatured alcohol for wood seasoning from an ethanol producer. In order to know how much we should purchase please send an e-mail message to Dan Humburg at humburg@itctel.com with the quantity of alcohol you personally would like to purchase.

We will update you on the quest for cheap alcohol at the May meeting...

**Videos currently available for loan to members.
If interested see Librarian, John Olson.**

Turning Boxes by Richard Raffan
Decorative Utility Bowls by Trent Bosch
Turning Bowls Made Easy by Bill Grambine
The Skew Chisel by Alan Lacer
The Son of Skew by Alan Lacer
Vessels of Illusion by Trent Bosch
Sculpting Wood Beyond the Lathe by Trent Bosch

For Sale By Owner

John Olsen has the following equipment for sale.

Sears 10 inch table saw with home built rolling stand and chip collector, rip fence, miter gage and several blades included, one handwheel broken but Still have original manuals \$200.00 OBO .

Sears 12 inch band saw, several blades and the original manual \$150.00 OBO.

At the March meeting...

*Siouxland Woodturners
March 2008 Meeting Minutes*

The March 2008 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners was held at the Harrisburg High School Shop on March 8 at 1:00 p.m. Royce introduced guests and first time attendees, and also introduced Todd Marks, the Harrisburg High School Ag teacher. Minutes of the January 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Sue Smith and a second by Corky Miles. Treasurer's report showed we have \$1,112.32. We received \$100 for membership dues.

Old Business:

At the January meeting, we distributed 10 gallons of AnchorSeal for \$14 per gallon. We can get more in the future if there is interest. Denatured ethanol for drying green wood may be available at a cost of approximately \$2 per gallon. We will give names of interested members to Dan and he will make arrangements to purchase.

Our grant proposal was approved by AAW in the amount of \$1,000.

The Stan Houston demo went well. We got some new member interest.

A motion was made and passed to give John Olsen \$250 for acquisitions for the club library. John has authority to go ahead and purchase items at his discretion.

Sue Smith will have nametags made for new members once their dues are paid. If you have paid your dues but have not received a nametag, let Sue know.

New Business:

Royce reported on the Chicago Woodturner's Symposium July 25-27, 2008, and the Johannes Michelsen School of Woodturning in Vermont. Johannes Michelsen will be traveling through the Midwest in October and November on his way to the West Coast. He'd like to give presentations for local clubs as he travels across the country. His web site is johannesmichelsen.com.

Discussion was held concerning forming various committees such as Member Contact, Web Site Development, and Fundraising.

The Jet Tools representative offered to sell the club a model 1642EVS lathe, which retails for \$1,499.99, at a 10% discount. Stan Houston offered the club an additional \$100 discount, and Jet will give the club \$150 in free accessories.

A motion was made by Corky, second by Tim to purchase the 1642EVS lathe from Stan Houston. Royce will check on what accessories Jet has available.

A motion was made by Bruce, second by Corky, to authorize officers to make decision on which accessories to purchase.

Royce will send a letter to AAW accepting their offer of a \$1,000 grant. Upon receipt of the letter, the AAW will mail a check to Royce for 80% of the grant. The club will then need to send receipts as to how the grant money was spent, at which time the AAW will send the final 20%.

The meeting adjourned and the members proceeded to the shop for show and tell and turning opportunities.

Sue Smith, acting secretary



Member Profiles

We all want to get to know each other a little better. Please take a few minutes and fill out the following form. You can return it to a future meeting. If you prefer you can email this information to Dan Humburg (humburg@itctel.com). We will include some of the profiles in each issue of *"The Turning Point"*.

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Family: _____

Where are you located? _____

Tell us about your shop. _____

What are some of your favorite projects? _____

What are some of your other interests? _____
