



The Turning Point

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

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News from your President...

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. As a school teacher, I approach this time of year with mixed emotions. I am looking forward to the start of a new school year but I'm also not quite ready for summer to end.

A couple of weeks ago my wife and I spent the weekend in the Twin Cities. Along with taking in a Twins game, we finally had a chance to make it to the American Association of Woodturners headquarters in St. Paul. This is a great place to spend some time. I highly recommend a trip there. The historic building where the AAW offices and gallery are located is a fascinating place in its own right. Our trip to the Twin Cities also happened to coincide with a showing of woodturned objects at another gallery in downtown Minneapolis. This was an awesome display of woodturning. If you want more information go to <http://www.ninabliesegallery.com>.

Our September meeting will be held at Dan Humburg's shop near Brookings on Saturday, September 6 at 1:00 PM. Our topic for the hands on portion of the meeting will be **ornaments**. Several members will be demonstrating how they make various types of ornaments and some of you will have a chance to try your hand at some of these styles of ornaments. Dan has a nicely equipped shop and it is fun to get there once in a while to play with his toys.

Anyone who would be interested in car-pooling to the September meeting should contact me by September 5. I can be reached by email at roycem@sio.midco.net, at my home phone at 605-743-5652 or on my cell phone at 605-351-9435. With the price of gas I think many of us would be interested in sharing a ride!

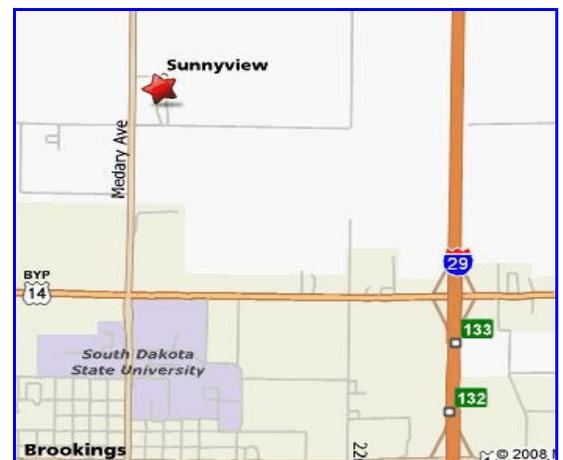
Finally, I would like to thank Jim and Ranah Sample for welcoming us to their home for our annual "picnic meeting" in July. The meal was **OUTSTANDING** and was only surpassed by Jim and Ranah's hospitality. **THANK YOU!!!**

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming meetings and **don't forget to invite a friend!**

Royce Meritt
President, Siouxland Woodturners

September Meeting... **Christmas Ornaments**

The Humburg home and shop are located 1 1/4 miles north of Brookings in Sunnyview Inc. The address number on the blue sign at the mailbox is 3308. The shop is in the back yard and you can drive back there by taking the gravel along the north side of the lot and continuing onto the grass when the gravel ends. See the map at right to get from the interstate to Sunnyview. If you have trouble finding the place call Dan at (605) 693-3761 or cell (605) 651-0012. Hope to see you there. Also, note Royce's message above regarding car-pooling.



Minutes of the July 2008 Siouxland Woodturners Meeting

The July 2008 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners was held at Jim Sample's shop on July 12, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting began by viewing a DVD by Lyle Jamieson demonstrating his captured boring bar system. After watching this DVD Jim demonstrated his own boring bar system.

Following this brief introduction to Jim's system we held our picnic/pot luck lunch.

After lunch the business meeting was held.

Minutes of the May 2008 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$771.24 after an expenditure of \$187.08 on the lathe accessories.

Old Business:

Bulk denatured alcohol for drying green wood may be available at the September meeting. Members interested in receiving some of this are asked to contact Dan to inform him of how much you would like. If it is available at the September meeting members will need to bring containers to put it in.

John Olson reminded members to be sure he has your name and the title of any items members check out from the club library.

Updated member/contact info list is about complete. This will be turned over to Ron Seim who will keep the list updated.

AAW raffle tickets were purchased from passing the hat at the last meeting. Drawing was held at the AAW Symposium in June. We obviously didn't win.

A couple of members are checking on possible web site hosting options for the club. We hope to have a

report at the September meeting.

Members were reminded of the Midwest Woodturning Symposium in Chicago on July 25-27. Royce has information.

Remember to contact Sue Smith if you have paid your club dues but have not received your name tag. Sue hopes to get another batch of name tags done at Washington HS once school starts up again in August.

New Business:

The club is collecting unwanted turning tools from club members for us to keep with our club lathe at Harrisburg HS. If you have any tools to donate to the club please bring them to the September meeting or get them to Royce. The club will then purchase any additional tools we might need.

Royce reported on the Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium in Loveland CO. on September 13 & 14, 2008. If you would like more information about this please contact Royce.

Discussion was held on the possibility of demonstrating at events such as the Sioux Falls Sidewalk Arts Festival, Brookings Art Festival, Art Falls, etc. next year instead of hosting our own public demo. It was agreed upon that this may be a better way for us to get our name in front of the public. Other possibilities may be for us to do an exhibit with the Sioux Falls Woodcarvers or have an exhibit at the Horse Barn Arts Center in Sioux Falls. The committee of Jim, Sue and Royce will research all of the options over the next few months. Discussion was also held on whether we should take out an ad in area newspapers concerning upcoming meetings and activities.

Jim reported that he received a call from a retailer called "GLOBAL WOOD SOURCE" in California. They will be sending us more information.

The September meeting will be held on Saturday, September 6 at Dan Humburg's shop in Brookings. The topic will be turning various types of ornaments.

The meeting adjourned and the members were treated to a drawing for some walnut, hickory, cherry and birch wood that Jim Sample graciously donated. Each member in attendance went home with a couple of nice pieces of turning stock. THANKS JIM!

Following the drawing members returned to Jim's shop for more turning and fellowship.

We would like to thank Jim and Ranah Sample for their hospitality in hosting this picnic. This has become a wonderful annual event.

Sue Smith, acting secretary

Images of the July meeting



Picnic at the Sample home.



The business meeting in Jim's AC'd shop.



Jim demonstrating a system for deep boring and support of the work



Hollowing of a deep vessel



Emma doing some hands-on learning with SueSmith instructing.



You don't really want to miss a meeting at Jim's home because he always has some wood for turners.

Member Profile: Randy Hoiland

Occupation: Scott Lumber / I.T. department (*division of Lampert Yards, Inc.*)

Family: Wife – “Dolly” ; Daughter – Erin ; Son – Ethan ;

Where are you located: R.R. Harrisburg, SD

Tell us about your shop:

I have ample room in a heated shop with the main tools you would expect to find in a wood shop. I have a couple table saws, a 2 HP band saw, Jointer, Radial Arm saw, and of course the Turning Lathe for floor tools. The rest are bench and hand tools. When member, Corky Miles, asked me about my Turning Lathe, I told him it is nothing to brag about while I jerked a thumb at the clubs newly assembled, state of the art turning Lathe. Corky didn't miss a beat and said, “Ahhh, you mean you're just like the rest of us.” Thanks Corky; you know how to make a guy feel right at home in this club.

What are some of your favorite projects?

I am frustrated with my lack of precision and perfection in projects so therefore I never know if I like a project until I see people using it. The better they like it, the better I like my project. The best projects are those that become such a part of our lives that I forget I made them. Kind of like how a picture frame is supposed to enhance the picture, not dominate the viewers attention away from the main subject.

What are some of your other interests?

Family, Biking (pedal kind), Computers, Reading, Genealogy, Photography, Fishing, Automotive Mechanics, Astronomy, Rifle Target Shooting, (So many interests... so little time...)

Phrase for all occasions:

I find that, “*I need another clamp...*” works well as a phrase for all occasions. This especially gets you out of a bind when you can't remember the name of the person you are visiting with... When conversing with someone who just lost a loved one the phrase must be said with a lot of emotion and it still works. Word of caution! When using this phrase on your wife, be sure it cannot be misconstrued into her believing you want to use the clamp on her jaw however, saying it while intensely focusing on your current project will provide the proper redirection necessary.

Randy Hoiland