



The Turning Point

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

March 2009

News from your President...

Here it is, the first part of March already. Spring can't come fast enough as far as I'm concerned. I have a real urge to get the fishing gear out!

We had a great time demonstrating at the Stan Houston Woodworking and Tool Show in February. Talked to a lot of people and probably signed up a new member or two. Thanks to everyone who help out, particularly to Jim Sample for spearheading that activity once again.

I think we have secured a club-owned grinder for sharpening so now we need to discuss some sort of sharpening jig to go along with it. Frank Denton has been doing some research into the various types of sharpening jigs. I would ask all of you to do a little research on your own and bring your ideas and input to the next meeting.

Speaking of meetings, we have some great topics coming up. I'm sure Paul Sova will inspire all of us with his insight into segmented turning at the March meeting. April will feature a variety of game call turnings. I'm particularly interested in the May meeting where we will discuss logs and wood preparation. The July meeting and picnic at Jim Sample's is always a great time and the annual trek to Dan Humburg's shop in October is always worth the trip.

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

Royce Meritt
President, Siouxland Woodturners

Alcohol, Anchorseal, and Tools...

Royce is currently the "Keeper of the Krocks." (Of methyl alcohol and Anchorseal that is...) If you need some for drying green turnings you might bring a container and let Royce know. We have a small volume remaining. Also, if you find that you have duplicate tools, you may wish to donate one or more to the chapter. We hope to have our own tools available at meetings, and potentially available for students at the school to use as well.

Minutes of the January 2009 and February 2009 Meetings

Siouxland Woodturners

January 2009 meeting minutes

The January 2009 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners was called to order approx. 1:10 PM on January 10, 2009 at the Harrisburg School Shop.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Ed V. second by Corky Miles.

The Treasurer's report was given and we have a balance of \$603.33. The report was approved on a motion by Ron Siem, second by Corky Miles.

Old business:

1. The remaining alcohol is stored at Royce's. Let him know if you need some.
2. There are a couple gallons of AnchorSeal left. Royce has it if you need some.
3. Let Sue Smith know if you have paid dues and not received your name tag.
4. Ron Siem has the member contact info list for members to make any additions and/or corrections.
5. Corky Miles will do some further research on web site hosting options for the club.
6. Several members have donated surplus tools to the club. If you have any please bring them to a future meeting.
7. Royce Meritt has info concerning the Desert Woodturning Roundup in Mesa, AZ on Feb. 6-8.
8. Royce will be doing a basic woodturning demo at Harrisburg HS sometime in the next few weeks. We are looking for volunteers to do a basic demo at both Tea and Lennox high schools.
9. Jim Sample. provided information on a woodturning demo in Nashville, TN on Jan 23-25.

New business:

1. Members were reminded to pay their \$25 club dues for 2009 and encouraged to join AAW if they are not already members.
2. Discussion was held on purchase of a sharpening system for the club. Frank D. will research various options and costs and provide this info for discussion at the February meeting.
3. Royce reported on a new hollowing tool system he purchased from Sherrill Woodworking. Members can check out this tool at <http://sitekreator.com/sherrillwoodworking>. The tool comes with a machined aluminum handle and various cutting tips and sells for \$79.
4. Jim Sample reported that Stan Houston is interested in having the club demo at their annual woodworking show on Feb. 20 & 21. Jim set up Friday afternoon. Royce will be there Friday afternoon and Saturday. Other members are encouraged to come and help man the Siouxland Woodturners booth.
5. Discussion was held regarding the offer from Paul Sova to demonstrate his techniques for segmented turning. It was decided that Paul would demonstrate these techniques at our March meeting. There will also be some discussion of sharpening techniques at the March meeting.
6. Next meeting: February 7 at Harrisburg HS shop. This will be a hands-on turning day.

The business meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM. Following the meeting members shared recent work with the group, and Jim Sample demonstrated techniques for turning lidded boxes.

Minutes of the February 2009 Meeting

The Siouxland Woodturners February 2009 meeting was held February 7 at the Harrisburg School shop, beginning at 1PM. The meeting format was abbreviated somewhat from the semi-monthly meetings.

The reading and approval of minutes and the treasurer's report were dispensed with until the March meeting.

Old Business:

- Corky Miles reported on the cost of website hosting with an amount of \$ 4.95 / month quoted. John Olsen moved acceptance of this opportunity with recommendation for Corky to proceed with the development of a website under the URL SiouxlandWoodturners.org. Ron Siem 2nd the motion and it passed.
- Royce Meritt noted that we will need to provide for tool storage as we accumulate tools.
- A discussion regarding a club sharpening system took place. Frank Denton (not present) had researched a Delta or Jet 8" grinder with a Keljten jig system. The discussion also included comparisons of the Keljten and Wolverine systems. Sharpening systems will be addressed at the March meeting.
- Discussion of the upcoming Stan Houston tool show took place. Jim Sample is planning to turn on Friday, and Royce will help out late Friday and Saturday, Feb 20 and 21. Others are welcome to demonstrate as well.

New Business:

- Jim Canning noted that others have decorated a tree and then the tree is auctioned off for a charity. The Charity gets the \$ but our chapter could get the publicity. Jim noted that the Capital Area Woodturners had a brochure with relevant info.
- The Omaha chapter is having Bill Grumbine & others in for a demonstration. It was noted that they are very active as a chapter and welcome visitors.
- A discussion of the date for the March meeting was held. It appeared the for those present the 14th was a better day than the 7th. Ed moved we shift to the 14th for the March meeting. Corky Miles 2nded and the motion passed.

The business meeting was adjourned and the lathes were spun up for hands on turning opportunities. A number of members were able to test techniques under the guidance of other members.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Humburg, Secretary. Siouxland Woodturners

Images from the February Meeting



Ron Erickson gives hands-on instruction regarding cuts made on faceplate work in wet wood. There is no better way to gain understanding of how tool position and edge affect the cut. It beats the trial and error method hands down.



The exterior of the bowl blank takes shape.



Ed practices some cuts on the mini lathe. We found that we have some tools that do not hold an edge and need to acquire some with a better steel that can take, and hold an edge.



A very nice walnut bowl by Corky Miles.



One of Paul Sova's segmented turnings. If you wonder how he does this you need to attend the March meeting. (14th)



A variety of work by Ron Erickson. If you want to know how he does that "crotch bowl", you'll have to ask him.



Recent work by Jim Sample. He always has some fresh work to show. If you have not turned a natural edge bowl such as the burl piece in the upper right you may wish to visit with him about the peculiarities of this type of bowl.