



The Turning Point

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

April 2009

News from your President...

It appears that spring might finally be here! I know my lawn is growing fast.

I'm really looking forward to our May meeting. Our main topic at this meeting will be **logs and wood preparation**. I, for one, can start with a nice sized chunk of log for my next project such as a bowl and by the time I get done hacking away at it with my chain saw and band saw, I'm lucky if I end up with a piece of wood big enough to make a pen or bottle stopper. Now, I like turning pens and bottle stoppers as much as the next person but it gets discouraging when I waste some nice looking wood because I don't know how to get the most out of that nice chunk of wood. I know there are some members who will be able to provide good insight into how to better prepare my wood for the lathe.

If you have any logs or other types of "raw wood" you would like to have cut up into more manageable sizes please bring them with you to the meeting. I will have my chain saw at the meeting. If you have a chain saw you may want to bring it with you. It doesn't appear that we will have a lot of items on the agenda for the business meeting so that should be fairly brief. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will be able to go outside and make some wood chips.

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...

Cutting green turning stock means Anchorseal. Royce is currently the "Keeper of the Krocks." (Of methyl alcohol and Anchorseal that is...) If you need Anchorseal for green blanks bring a container and let Royce know. We have a small volume remaining. Also, we are still collecting duplicate tools, if you wish to donate one or more to the chapter.

Siouxland Woodturners
April 2009 meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM on April 4.

Treasurer's report or \$999.31. Outstanding bills: Royce Meritt- Tool Box
Corky Miles- Web Site Hosting

Old Business

Sue will get names of members who have not received their name tag and the sample name tag to Royce who will get this information to Bruce Volden for engraving.

Grinder donated by Delta is here and Frank has purchased the Wolverine Sharpening jig.

Corky Miles has the web site up and running. Corky mentioned that there is an HTP file he uses to insert items into the web site. This was a 30 day free trial that came with the web hosting software and he would like something similar now that the 30 day trial is over. Motion by Ron, seconded by Jim for Corky to look for a free version of this software and if he is unable to find one to purchase the version offered by the web hosting company for \$50.00. Motion carried.

New Business

Royce reported that Stan Houston is offering a 5% discount on turning tools and accessories to Siouxland Woodturners members. Craft Supplies, USA also offers various discounts to members of turning clubs.

Discussion was held on Siouxland Woodturners brochures. It was decided to produce our own brochure in black and white format instead of having them professionally done. Royce showed a sample version he has been working on and will have a finalized version for the members to see at the May meeting.

We are in need of "Member Profiles" for publication in the newsletter. Royce will email the membership asking for the information we need. Also, here is a place on the web site for a membership list. In the email sent to members about "member profiles" the members will be asked if they wish to have their name listed in the "member list" on the web site. The only information that will be published on the web site will be the member's name, city and state. No "sensitive" information such as address, phone number or email address will be included on the web site.

It was decided that the club newsletter would not be send out in a separate email. Dan will send the finalized newsletter to Corky who will publish the newsletter on the web site. Dan will simply send an email to the members stating that the latest newsletter is on the web site and reminding members of the upcoming meeting.

Jim Sample brought the colorant kit donated to the club by "Fast Cap". Jim took this kit home to experiment with and will report back to the club at the May meeting.

The July meeting was moved to July 18 due to a conflict with our "picnic hosts".

Several members participated in a "show and tell" of their woodturning projects.

The next meeting will be Staurday, May 2 at 1:00 PM at the Harrisburg HS Ag Shop. The main topic will be logs and wood preparation. Royce will bring his chain saw so bring some stuff to cut up.

Motion by Corky, 2nd by Everett to adjourn. Motion carried.

Thanks to whoever took these notes and transcribed them in my absence.

Dan Humburg, Secretary Siouxland Woodturners

Images from the April Meeting



A vase turned by Dan Monson's Great Grandfather using a treadle lathe. Wow!



Ed Vasek makes some very nice turkey calls, both in the box type and slate calls.



A pair of lidded vessels by Frank Denton. Frank is always exploring a new form or technique in turning. It's fun to see what he will bring to each meeting.





More of Frank's turnings. A natural edge bowl at left, and a Christmas ornament with a detailed finial at right.



I don't know the title of the piece at left,, but I like the form and the combination of natural edges and machined lines. Is it walnut?



A nice series of bottle stoppers turned by Jim Canning. These are an excellent way to practice technique on small pieces of exotics.



Deer and Elk calls turned by Royce Meritt. Royce is able to incorporate a variety of materials into the calls. Looks like antler rings are a part of these two.



A sea urchin ornament by Frank. Fine detail in the finial.



A bowl turned in cherry burl by Tim Boyajian. Very nice. The color of the cherry will deepen with age and sunlight.

Note that many of the images here were taken using the light booth that Royce brought. If you have pieces that you would like to have good images of this might be a way to develop good shots and lighting. More incentive to bring your work to a meeting.