



# The Turning Point

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

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## News from your President...

We are wrapping up another year for the Siouxland Woodturners. Our November meeting marks the time when we reorganize for the upcoming year. Our November meeting is an important one for our club. At this meeting we will elect officers for the upcoming year as well as set our meeting dates and topics. These are important issues and we need your input.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the president of this group for the past two years. I would like to ask each of you to consider serving as an officer for our organization. Every member of our club has something to offer to the other members and any one of our members would be more than capable of providing the leadership we need.

If you are already a member of our parent organization, *The American Association of Woodturners*, it is time to renew that membership. If you are not a member I would ask that you consider joining. Membership in AAW has many benefits. If you would like more information about AAW please visit their web site at <http://www.woodturner.org>.

I'm sure all of you would agree that one of the best ways for The Siouxland Woodturners to become more successful is through increased membership numbers. Do everything you can to spread the word about our club. Invite a friend or neighbor to a meeting. If any of you have any ideas about how we can get the word out about our great club please let me know.

Finally, at the November meeting we putting the finishing touches on our Christmas tree we are donating to the annual "Festival of Tree" fundraising event. If you have any turned ornaments or other items you would like to donate to this cause please let me know or bring them to the November meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning this project please send me an email or give me a call.

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

Royce Meritt  
President, Siouxland Woodturners

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## **Siouxland Woodturners Meeting Minutes September and October 2009**

The September meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners was held September 19, 2009 at the Shop of Dan Humburg in Brookings.

**Treasurer's report** Frank was not present at the meeting. Royce has some small bills to be paid.

### **Old Business**

Name tags for members were available to hand out. It was noted that we need more member profiles and these should be forwarded to Corky. We need a name and city of residence for the public portion of the web site list. Corky moved, and Ron seconded a motion to include on our public member list anyone on our master list who has checked "share" in that list. This would eliminate the need to ask again for this public information. The motion passed.

Brochures have been printed and some are now available at Stan Houston.

Royce has a C.A. colorant system that was provided to us. It is available to anyone wishing to experiment with it.

The sharpening system is not set up yet. Perhaps at the October meeting.

### **New Business**

We have an opportunity to participate in the Sioux Falls Festival of Trees. This is a fundraiser and benefits the South East Behavioral Health Center. The event takes place November 20 and 21. It culminates with a Gala event to auction off the trees. We would need to deliver the tree on November 19<sup>th</sup>. There are other specific rules, such as 75 to 100 lights per foot of tree. We would need a committee to handle the project if we undertake it. A motion was made by Corky and seconded by Jim Sample to pursue this. The motion passed. Royce will recruit members to a committee prior to the October meeting.

We have samples from "Abrasive Solutions" for any wishing to try them.

Information is also available from "Bad Dog Burl Source".

The annual grant deadline from AAW is approaching if we want to consider any request in the upcoming cycle.

The October meeting is planned for the new Harrisburg High School. Ron and Corky moved adjournment of the business meeting..... Passed.

Dan Humburg did a brief demonstration of some techniques for production spindle turning. A number of members work was also displayed and reviewed.

## **Meeting Minutes October 2009**

The October meeting was held at the new Harrisburg High School shop at 1:15 PM on October 2.

**Treasurer's report** Frank reported a club account balance of \$826.20. We currently have 36 paid members.

**Old Business** Member information to include name and city only are going onto the club website.

Royce, Jim, and Paul Sova are handling the Festival of Trees effort. Paul has previous experience with the event and some insight. The tree will be decorated at the November meeting. It must be ready to display and transport as decorated. The event takes place on November 20 with the auction on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We need as many ornaments as possible at the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

We are eligible to apply for another grant if we can develop a plan. January 15 is the due date. We should decide at the November meeting.

**New Business** The next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2009. Frank moved, and Ed Vasek seconded a motion to move the meeting to the 14<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried.

Ron and Sue moved/seconded adjournment at 1:40 PM.

Following the meeting several examples of ornaments were turned on the lathe in the new shop. Again, members brought examples of their work to share. A tour of the new, and beautiful, school facilities was provided to members.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Humburg, Secretary

## Images from the September Meeting at Dan's shop



Some nice examples of members faceplate work. Looks like walnut that might have come from Jim at the summer meeting.



Ron Erickson has been busy turning tops and ornaments. We could use more of these at the November meeting.



Some more faceplate work from Ron Erickson. Very nice turning and we can learn from his finishing techniques as well.



A demo of some techniques for repetitive spindle turning. It was a nice September day with sunlight to warm the lathe .... and the gallery.



A bead is rolled next to the tenon on the end of the spindle. The other end of the square blank is driven in a shop made socket on a small faceplate.



The rest of the spindle takes shape. These are good pieces to learn shearing cuts to minimize the amount of sanding. Hate that sanding....