



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 know you all hear it all the time but I will say it again...I can't believe another year has come and gone. At any rate, I wish all of you a happy and fulfilling 2010! As I write this column it is 9 degrees below zero, headed toward a high of about 2 above. I'm telling you, if there's anything to this global warming thing I wish it would hurry up!

The past year was a great one for the Siouxland Woodturners. Our membership continues to grow and we covered a wide range of interesting and informative topics at our club meetings. The upcoming year promises to be just as good for our organization. We have a great line-up of topics for this year. Hopefully everyone will go away from most meetings with a new idea or improved technique to try at their own shop. Speaking of meetings and topics, I hope each of you will consider getting involved with discussions and demonstrations at our meetings. Every member has something to offer the other members. I, for one, would enjoy learning something new from each and every one of you. As we start a new year I would also like to challenge each one of you to extend a personal invitation to someone to attend one of our meetings. You never know who might become interested in our craft because you invited them to a meeting.

Finally, if you are not a member of our parent organization, The American Association of Woodturners, I urge you to join. If you are presently a member of AAW I would remind you to renew your membership for 2010.

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

Royce Meritt

President, Siouxland Wood turners

Minutes of the November Meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners

The November meeting of the Siouxland Wood turners was held on November 14, 2009 at the Harrisburg High School. The business meeting began at 1:20 PM.

Treasurer's report indicates an account balance of \$ 858.78.

Old Business: The Festival of Trees is approaching on the 20th and 21st. The tree is to be delivered between 9 AM and 6 PM on Thursday. Paul Sova agreed to pick up the tree and transport it as the Showplace Cabinets tree is also being delivered at that time. The banquet and auction takes place on the Friday, the 20th. Frank Denton will attend the gala event. Six complimentary tickets are available to the viewing to any of our members that show up between 9 AM and 5 PM.

The possibility of another grant application was discussed. A Mini Lathe (Delta) and possibly digital video equipment were considered. It would be possible to seek both of these within the \$1500 limit in the grants.

New Business:The Center for Active Generations was highlighted as an organization that might welcome information. Tim Boyajian agreed to contact them and give a talk about turning and recruit interested people as members.

Jim Sample pointed out the Masterworks show for 60+ as an available venue for some of our members to display work.

Annual Planning: Club dues were discussed. Sue moved (Corky 2nded) that dues be continued at \$25/yr. The motion passed. AAW dues are due soon and members are encouraged to consider membership. The magazine is probably worth the cost of dues. The AAW site woodturner.org is running a survey online to gather information from members.

A motion was made to re-elect the current officer slate. After discussion the motion was defeated. Subsequently:

Motion by Corky Miles and 2nded by Paul Sova to reelect Royce Merrit as club President passed.

Motion by Corky Miles, and 2nded by Emma Vasek to re-elect Sue Smith as Vice President passed.

Motion by Sue Smith, and 2nded by Corky Miles to re-elect Dan Humburg as Secretary passed.

Motion by Sue Smith and 2nded by Frank Denton to elect Alistair Hird as newsletter editor passed.

Corky was re-appointed as Webmaster

Tim Boyajian was appointed as photographer

Paul Sova was appointed to lead publicity projects

Calendar: The schedule for the coming year was discussed and the following meetings and topics planned.

- January – Surface Treatments
- February – Tool Sharpening
- March – Segmented Turning (Paul Sova)
- April- Lidded boxes / containers
- May - Large and deep turning (Frank Denton)
- July - Picnic at Jim's home
- September - Turned Scoops (meeting at Brookings)
- October - Finials for boxes and ornaments
- November- ?

The business meeting was adjourned and the Christmas tree was assembled and decorated with ornaments turned by the chapter members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Humburg, Secretary – Siouxland Woodturners



Pictures of the November Meet



A great selection of ornaments & gifts for the Tree



Frank's Vessel brought in for show and tell.



Decorating the Tree for the Festival of Trees.



Siouxland Woodturners Tree



Showplace Tree