



The Turning Point

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

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News from your President...

Still not much sign of spring! I am really starting to get the “fishing bug”. Fortunately, I have been able to spend a little more time in my shop the last few weeks. I hope you have all been able to do the same.

We recently did our annual woodturning demonstrations at the Stan Houston Woodworking and Tool Show. We always attract nice crowds at this event. We get to visit with a lot of people and generate more interest in our club. I want to extend a big **THANK YOU** to Jim Sample for, once again, heading up this demonstration. Thanks also, to the other members who came out helped with this project. The staff at Stan Houston and the factory reps that are on hand for this show treat us very well with samples, donations and discounts for our club. Please consider doing business with Stan Houston and their vendors as a way of saying thank you for their support of our organization.

Plans are taking shape which we hope will get more members involved in activities at our meetings. Our club will be purchasing 2 mini lathes. With our present lathe, the school’s mini lathe and the two new lathes at our disposal we should really be able to make the chips fly at our meetings. Our goal is to have our meetings become more hands-on. Having more equipment available should help us accomplish that goal.

Our club continues to grow, which is great! We seem to be adding a new member or two at most of our meetings. I encourage each of you to continue to invite friends, neighbors and others to our meetings. You never know who might become interested in woodturning and hopefully, become a member of the Siouxland Woodturners.

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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Minutes of the February 2010 Meeting

The February 2010 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners was held at the Harrisburg High School on February 6. The meeting began shortly after 1 PM.

Minutes for the December meeting had been posted on the chapter website. They were approved on a motion by Corky Miles, seconded by Jim Sample.

Royce reported a bank balance for the chapter of \$1288.49. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Ron Seim, seconded by Bill Tyler.

New members are encouraged to contact Ron Seim about a personal name tag. Corky Miles is managing the chapter web site at Siouxlandwoodturners.org. See him regarding items or information to include in the site. Items regarding publicity should be forwarded to Paul Sova.

Royce has submitted a grant application to AAW to obtain one or more mini-lathes and some video equipment that could enhance our meetings and demonstrations.

Tim Boyajian did a demonstration at the Center for Active Generations. We may well see some of them at meetings when the weather is fair.

Members are encouraged to pay chapter dues and consider national AAW membership. Consensus among others is that the Journal alone is

worth most of the cost of annual dues. Membership in AAW also provides the member with liability insurance while demonstrating turning in public.

ExoticWoodsUSA.com has a discount available for chapter members. They offer free shipping on orders over \$300. We could consider a group order to save \$ on shipping.

The Stan Houston event is scheduled for Feb 19, 8 AM to 6 PM, and Feb 20, 8 AM to 4 PM. Jim Sample is spearheading our demos and will set up. Other turners are welcome and encouraged, especially Friday. This is one of our best recruiting opportunities.

Our library is now in the Harrisburg High School, across the hall from the meeting room adjacent to the shop. Royce has provided a list of our current titles. Members are encouraged to review the list and identify new titles that they would like to have added to the library. A list of DVD titles and books will also be posted to the club website.

Corky moved that \$250 be authorized to be spent by John Olson on videos after we collect ideas at the next meeting. Ron Seim seconded the motion and it passed.

Royce has reviewed the Bylaws and identified some minor changes to be considered. After reviewing the possible changes Ron moved approval of the changes. Paul Sova seconded that motion and it passed.

After a discussion of the issue of liability and the AAW coverage of members it was decided that Paul Sova will explore the extent of the AAW liability policy.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6. Paul Sova is scheduled to teach aspects of assembly and turning of segmented projects. We may reschedule this meeting if Paul can accommodate the change as Royce must be out of town on the 6th. Any change will be posted on the web site and appropriate notices sent by E-Mail to members.

Members shared examples of recent work and the meeting adjourned on motion and second by Corky Miles and Wally Wenzel.

Members shared information and techniques for sharpening tools after the business meeting was completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Humburg, Secretary Siouxland Woodturners

Pictures of February's Meetings



Just getting started





Thank you to Center Member Tim Boyajian for showcasing his hobby of woodturning and for bringing the Sioux Land Woodturners Club to the Center in January. What a great skill and art this is!



Corky sets to on a duck call and Jim starts a bowl



