



The Turning Point

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

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News from your President...

Well, it must finally be spring. I caught my first walleye of the year a few days ago and I've managed to get a few flyfishing trips lined up for this summer.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8th at 1:00 PM. This meeting promises to be very interesting. We will be traveling to the shop of Frank Denton in Beresford. Frank always manages to amaze us with the items he brings to our meetings to show us. Hopefully a trip to his shop and a turning session will provide us some insight into how Frank manages to turn out these impressive objects.

At the April meeting we were able to give the new Jet mini lathes a workout. These 2 mini lathes are going to prove to be a great addition to our meetings. We actually had things happening on 3 different lathes at the April meeting. It was great to see more members involved. Sharing information and techniques, learning from each other and honing our woodturning skills really are what our club is all about. As our club continues to grow these aspects of our club can only continue to expand. It really is great to see.

Finally, I would like to thank Wally Wenzel for donating a piece of butternut to the club at our last meeting. We held a raffle for this nice piece of wood and raised some money for the club treasury. We are anxiously waiting to see what the lucky winner, Jim Sample, is going to turn from it. I'm guessing Jim was pretty happy to win because I know, for a fact, that he was running low on wood.

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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April 2010 meeting minutes

The April meeting of the Siouxland woodturners was held April 3, 2010 at the Harrisburg High School, beginning at 1:00 PM.

Minutes of the March meeting were distributed to those present. They were approved following a motion by Corky Miles and 2nd by Wally Wenzel.

Frank Denton reported a club account balance of \$347 following the purchase of the two new lathes. That report was approved following a motion by Corky Miles and 2nd by Wally Wenzel.

Old Business:

Name badges are available for a number of individuals who have paid club dues.

The (\$600) Grant money from AAW has yet to arrive. Royce observed that we requested the funds with part of the proposal including acquisition of video equipment to enhance demonstrations. We will need to make progress in that to be faithful to the grant proposal, prior to asking AAW for any additional support. It was noted that the video equipment is relatively inexpensive.

The possibility of sharing turning demonstration videos with high school shop teachers was discussed as an aid to them in starting students on manageable turning projects.

The web page has been updated to include our chapter bylaws. A classified section was suggested. Anyone with items to include in the classifieds can forward such to Corky Miles by E-Mail.

An amount of \$250 has been approved to expand the library for the chapter. John Olson needs input from members regarding which materials they would like to see added. A suggestion was made that we do not have a video addressing segmented turning.

Hartsville Tools is a company offering discounts on educational materials.

Foam backed sandpapers used a Stan Houston were found to be quite good. It was observed that we could purchase a quantity to keep on hand for turning demos at Harrisburg and perhaps for chapter members.

The discussion of liability issues for members and nonmembers attending meetings was continued. A question arose as to whether we should develop or adopt a waiver of liability for those attending or

participating in turning at meetings for those who are not members of AAW and covered by their blanket policy. No action was taken at this time.

New Business:

Frank Denton will host the May meeting in Beresford. His scheduled is such that the meeting will be held on May 8th, rather than the 1st.

The new lathes are here and operational. They should be a good addition to our capability and hands on meeting activities.

Our grinding wheels on the sharpening system may need to be replaced as they are perhaps excessively soft, and not well balanced.

Upcoming Events:

The AAW National Symposium

Dakota Woodturners

Symposium at Provo Utah, and Craft Supplies Open House

4th Midwest Pen Turning Meeting in Champaign, Illinois

34th Annual Brandon Hometown craft event, August 7

Harrisburg Days – We could have a club booth and will discuss this at the next meeting.

Sue Smith has a space at the Renaissance Festival in June and has more space than needed. Costume dress is required but not elaborate.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Following the meeting all three lathes were pressed into service and spindle turning techniques were demonstrated, ranging from small narrow pieces to roughing of large work between centers.





