



The Turning Point

The newsletter of the Siouxland Woodturners Chapter
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News from your President...

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. Being a teacher I always have mixed feelings about this time of year. I always look forward to the start of a new school year. However, I also realize that means summer is about over. I never feel like I've gotten in as much fishing as I would like.

We have some interesting and exciting activities coming up. Our September meeting will be held in the shop of Dan Humburg just north of Brookings. We have traveled to Dan's shop several times over the years and it is always an enjoyable time. The October and November meetings will find us back at the high school in Harrisburg. During our November meeting we will hold our annual "reorganization" meeting when we will elect officers for the upcoming year and set many of our meeting dates and topics. We need your input on these important business items so please plan to attend if possible.

Speaking of our November meeting, at the conclusion of our business meeting we are planning to decorate our Christmas tree that we will be donating to Southeast Behavioral Health Care for their annual Festival of Trees fundraising event. This was a fun project for us last year and we are looking forward to being involved again this year. We can really use your help, so get involved if possible.

Lastly, by the time you read this column, you should have received an email from me explaining a fun and interesting new activity that we hope will motivate us to practice our woodturning skills. We are calling this the "**Demonstration Challenge**". In a nutshell, here's how it works: After any meeting where a specific project or technique is demonstrated members will be challenged to go home and turn an example of that particular project or technique. Any member who comes to the following meeting with an example of that project or technique will have his or her name entered into a drawing at the November meeting for a valuable prize. The more times a member "takes the challenge" the more times his or her name will be entered in the drawing. Sounds like FUN!

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

Siouxland Woodturners Meeting Minutes – July 2010

The July 2010 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners was held at the home of Jim and Ranah Sample. The business meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

The treasurer's report was provided by Frank Denton. The current account balance is \$1020.94.

Old Business:

Some new nametags are being made for members. Royce is streamlining the process for getting the tags and names to the engraver.

The video equipment for demonstrations was discussed. We may experiment with Frank's 8mm system to learn techniques at the October meeting.

Club liability insurance was discussed. No result available yet. Paul Sova is exploring this with the goal of protecting non AAW members that might turn at a club meeting.

It was noted that we need new wheels for our grinders.

Foam backed abrasives from Stan Houston were shared. We may purchase some for use at club meetings in demonstration and practice turnings.

New Business:

Upcoming meetings in the region include August 20-22 the Chicago Woodturning Symposium, and September 11-12 the Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium.

The 2011 National Symposium will be held in St. Paul, and provides us with an opportunity to see many great demonstrations.

The AAW turmoil with the executive board and Mary Lacer continues. The AAW website has a forum where the issue is discussed. Members may wish to stay informed.

Jim Kanning is doing a show at Riverboat Days. On a motion by Frank Denton and second by Ron Siem Jim's demonstration was designated as sanctioned by our chapter with the intent of providing AAW coverage to the event.

The possibility of decorating another tree to benefit S.E. Behavioural Health was discussed. Jim Sample that we do another tree. Alistair seconded the motion and it passed. Next we need to figure out how to get the right tree inexpensively. Frank agreed to pursue this.

The next meeting will be held September 11 at Brookings in the Humburg shop. The turning topic will be "scoops" as a production item and a way to practice technique. This topic will also provide the October Challenge for club turners.

At the November meeting we will consider the schedule for the next year and consider more summer meetings at residences to provide opportunities for snowbird members as well as others.

A number of wood samples were passed around as examples of wood that is available. Jim had a number of turning pieces cut. Members drew numbers for choice of pieces.

Thanks to Jim and Rannah for hosting. It was a fun meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Humburg, Secretary Siouxland Woodturners

