



The Turning Point

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

February 2011

From the President...

SPRING IS COMING!

It is an honor to have been elected as your President. I have some big shoes to fill, so I think I'll just go barefoot. It is exciting as we continue to grow in membership, and each of us grows in experience, and our level of turning improves.

South Dakota was the last state without a turning club when Siouxland Woodturners was formed. We now have two opportunities to show the American Association of Woodturners who we are and what we can do.

The 25th Anniversary Symposium will be in St. Paul, MN June 24-26, 2011. They have two challenges:

#1 is for an individual turned piece, which will fit in an 8x8x8 inch space. Any member who wishes to enter, please bring your item to the March or April meeting, or send it to Sue. We will vote at the April meeting.

#2 is the collaborative challenge. As many members as possible (all would be nice) each turn an item of their choosing, preferably less than one foot square, to be assembled by Sue into a wondrous creation. (More at the March meeting.) Small simple items would be perfect, such as honey dippers, pens, game calls, etc.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sue Smith, President

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2011 Membership Dues

It is time to pay your 2011 club dues. Dues are \$25 per year. Membership is FREE for anyone under the age of 18.

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Harrisburg HS Ag Shop

1:00 PM

The topic will be **FINISHING**. Members are asked to bring an item with a finish they like to or with a particular finishing "challenge" for discussion.

AAW Chapter Challenge

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the AAW Symposium. The **Siouxland Woodturners** will be submitting an entry for the "Chapter Challenge" at the 2011 AAW Symposium. Members are invited to bring an item they have turned for consideration as our entry. Objects must fit in an 8"X8"X8" box. Voting will take place at the April meeting. Please refer to the February minutes for more details.

Stan Houston Demonstration

The **Siouxland Woodturners** completed 2 days of successful demonstration at Stan Houston's Woodworking Show. We were able to talk to a lot of people who were interested in the art of woodturning, hopefully encouraged a few to check out an upcoming meeting and showed off our skills.

Thanks to all of the members who help out with this demo and especially to Jim Sample for spearheading this project.

See page 3 of the newsletter for pictures!

At the February Meeting...

February 2011 Minutes

- Call meeting to order
- Introductions
- Approve previous minutes
- Approve treasurer's report \$1189.29 (24 members paid for 2011 thus far)
- Members and guest were asked to sign liability waiver (if not already done so)

Old Business

1. Discussion of upcoming Stan Houston Demo.
 - a. Feb. 25, 2011 (8:00 AM-5:00 PM)
 - b. Feb. 26, 2011 (8:00 AM-4:00 PM)
 - c. Need volunteers to demonstrate and/or visit with interested persons
 - i. Sue plans to be there on Friday and Royce on Saturday. Need others as well.
 - d. Jim Sample will coordinate
2. Discussion on AAW 25th Anniversary Symposium "Chapter Challenge"
 - a. AAW would like each chapter to donate an item to represent that chapter
 - b. Must fit in 8"X8"X8" box
 - c. Members who would like an item considered should bring to March or April meeting
 - i. Members will vote at April meeting to select item to represent our chapter
 - d. Item will be auctioned off at Symposium with artist/chapter receiving 70% and AAW 30%
 - e. Call for entries will be put in newsletter
3. Discussion of "50 State Tree" project
 - a. Royce has received a few pieces from turners around the country
 - b. Members were asked to look over state tree list to see if they might have a piece of any of those woods in their stash
 - c. Royce will continue to accumulate this wood and distribute to members to turn
 - d. Was decided to not use this project for the AAW Collaborative Challenge due to time constraints
4. Discussion on AAW Collaborative Challenge at Symposium in June
 - a. Voted to notify AAW that we will be entering the collaborative challenge
 - b. Sue has a fairly large Walnut stump/root ball that she would like to turn into a open vessel
 - c. Members are all asked to turn a relatively small object that will then be placed in this vessel for display at the AAW Symposium
 - i. Objects can be anything (Bowls, ornaments, pens, tops, pepper mills, game calls, boxes, etc.)
 - ii. Rather than do an elaborate project that might involve only a few members, having members donate an object of their choice will get more members involved
 - d. Members may bring their contribution to any of the next several meetings
 - e. Each chapter's entry will be auctioned off at the symposium with the chapter receiving 50% and AAW 50%
5. Sue had handout available with tips on turning lidded boxes

New Business

1. Topics for upcoming meetings were discussed
 - a. March- Finishing
 - i. Members are asked to bring an item with a finish they like and discuss that finish technique (both pro and con)
 - b. April- Mandrel Turning (pens, key chains, bottle stoppers, game calls, etc.)
 - i. Anything and everything that is turned using a mandrel
 - ii. Also will vote on AAW Chapter Challenge items
 - c. May- Chain sawing
 - d. June- Possible field trip to wood supplier in Iowa
 - e. July- Picnic
 - f. August- Large turnings at Frank's
2. Jim Sample discussed possible woodturning entries at Sioux Empire Fair
 - Show and Tell- Lots of nice items including examples of lidded boxes
 - Moved to shop for discussion and practice of sharpening techniques

Respectfully submitted

Royce Meritt, Acting Secretary

Show and Tell Items from the February Meeting



Some pictures from the Stan Houston Demo

