



The Turning Point

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

March 2011

From the President...

Welcome to our new members and our returning "snowbirds".

If you wish to have one of your pieces considered for the Siouxland Chapter entry to the National Symposium in June, it needs to be at the April meeting. The club has paid the \$40 entry fee. The turner and national will share the sale price. Call me at (605) 339-4742 to make arrangements if you can't make the meeting.

We will be making items on mandrels and from kits at the April meeting. There will be several types of kits- pens, game calls, kaleidoscopes and wood available so come and try something new.

See you soon!

Sue Smith, President

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50 State Tree Project

We have begun acquiring wood from each of the 50 official state trees. At an upcoming meeting feel free to browse our collection and choose a piece of wood to turn for this project. Also, look over the official state tree list at the meetings. In your "stash" of wood you might just have a species of wood we need for this project.

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Harrisburg HS Ag Shop

1:00 PM

The topic will be **Mandrel Turning**. Members are asked to bring mandrels, kits, etc. for any items turned using a mandrel such as pens, key chains, bottle stoppers, game calls, kaleidoscopes, etc.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

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 to the April meeting an item they have turned for consideration as our entry. Objects must fit in an 8"X8"X8" box. Members will vote on their choice for our club's entry at the April meeting. Please refer to the March minutes for more details.

We Need Your Talents...

The **Siouxland Woodturners** will be submitting an entry for the AAW's "CHAPTER COLLABORATIVE CHALLENGE" at the national symposium in St. Paul this coming June. We would like as many members as possible to donate a turned item of their choice to be included in this group project.

At the March Meeting...

March 2011 Minutes

- Call meeting to order
- Introductions
- Approve previous minutes
- Approve treasurer's report \$1289.00
- Sue reminded members and guests to sign liability waiver (if not already done so)
- Members reminded to pay 2011 dues

Old Business

1. Thanks to all who helped at Stan Houston Demo. Especially Jim Sample for chairing this project again
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 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 on AAW Collaborative Challenge at Symposium in June
 - a. Sue has a fairly large Walnut stump/root ball that she would like to turn into a open vessel
 - b. 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
 - c. Members may bring their contribution to any of the next several meetings
 - d. Each chapter's entry will be auctioned off at the symposium. Chapter receives 50% and AAW 50%
4. Sue reported that those planning to attend the symposium in June may want to take advantage of early registration
 - a. Paid before May 15 cost is \$250
 - b. Paid after May 15 cost is \$300
 - c. One day registrations are also available
5. 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
 - c. Royce will continue to accumulate this wood and distribute to members to turn
 - d. Members encourage to take home any of the wood we have collected and start turning items
6. Discussion of upcoming meetings
 - a. April- Mandrel turning (pens, game calls, bottle stoppers, etc.)
 - i. Any member who wishes to help demonstrate is asked to bring mandrels, kits, etc. to April meeting
 - b. May- Chain Sawing (bring logs, etc. that you would like help cutting)
 - c. June- Possible "field trip" to wood supplier in Iowa

New Business

1. Discussion of members being able to check out one of the club's mini lathes
 - a. Probably doable

- b. Contact Royce to make arrangements
 - 2. Discussion on whether club library materials might be available during the summer months when we are not able to get into the school as easily
 - a. May require John to keep library items at his home
 - 3. Jet/Powermatic rep. would like to do something for the club for using their equipment during Stan Houston demo.
 - a. Probably in the \$100-\$150 range
 - b. Royce will contact Bryce at Stan Houston and coordinate this
 - 4. Was suggested that perhaps handouts from meetings could be scanned and put on web site
 - a. Can be done as long as material is not copyrighted
 - 5. Two opportunities at AAW Symposium were presented by Sue
 - a. \$25 Souvenir
 - i. Donate a turned item to AAW to be placed on "souvenir table"
 - ii. Pay \$25 and select another item from the table
 - b. 2nd Harvest Bowl Donation
 - i. Donate a bowl for auction
 - ii. Proceeds go to 2nd Harvest Food Bank
 - 6. Next meeting Demonstration challenge
 - a. Since there was no demo at March meeting but discussion on finishes and finishing techniques Sue suggested that the challenge for the April meeting will be anything any member brings that is finished using a finish or technique they have not used before.
 - 7. Business meeting adjourned
- Show and Tell- Lots of nice items including examples of various types of finishes
 - After the business meeting there was discussion and examples presented of various finishes and finishing techniques. Many members brought samples of finished pieces as well as samples of the actual product. Much discussion on the pros and cons of various finishes.
 - There were several new members in attendance. They were given a brief tour of our meeting facilities and equipment.
 - Several members took home some wood for the 50 State Tree project

Respectfully submitted
 Royce Meritt, Acting Secretary

Show and Tell Items from the March Meeting



Some pretty serious discussion on finishes and finishing techniques at the March meeting!



