



# *The Turning Point*

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

April 2011

## **From the President...**

Congratulations to Gene Wubben for having his piece "Windowed Vessel" selected to represent us at the AAW 25 exhibit in St. Paul. Thank you to all who brought pieces to be considered.

If you have made something on a mandrel or from a kit please bring it to the May meeting to show and to be entered into our end of the year drawing.

The May meeting should be fun and a chance to brush up on chain saw use and safety. Several people are bringing wood to have help getting cut into usable pieces. If you would like some free wood to try turning this is your chance. May will also be our last formal meeting at the school before fall.

If you have not already brought a piece to be assembled into the collaborative challenge this meeting is a good time to do so. If you cannot make the meeting or if your piece is not quite done I can get it from you anytime in May. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Keep Turning!

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, May 7, 2011**

**Harrisburg HS Ag Shop**

**1:00 PM**

The topic will be **Chain Sawing**. Members are encouraged to bring logs, etc. that they would like some help cutting up.

## **And the winner is...**

### **AAW Chapter Challenge**

Member, Gene Wubben had his turning titled "Windowed Vessel" selected as the *Siouxland Woodturners* entry into the AAW "Turning 25" Chapter Challenge. Gene's entry will be on display at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium in Saint Paul in June. **CONGRATULATIONS GENE!**

You can see pictures of Gene's turning on page along with other Show & Tell items on page 3 of this newsletter.

## **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.

**See the minutes from the March meeting for more details.**

## At the April Meeting...

### Siouxland Woodturners April 2011 Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of the Siouxland woodturners was held April 2, 2011 at the Harrisburg High School, beginning at 1:00 PM.

Frank Denton reported a club account balance of \$1439.29

#### Old Business:

The club participation in the Festival of Trees in 2011 was discussed. Consensus was that we should again contribute to this worthwhile cause. In case we had not already done so a motion was made by Corky Miles that we commit to a tree. Jim Sample 2nded that motion, which passed.

The chapter challenge prize of a small skew chisel was made for participation in the December meeting.

#### New Business:

The May chapter challenge will involve turning a contribution to the "Wood Nest" piece to be submitted in the national symposium chapter collaborative challenge. Contact Sue for additional details of this effort.

The national symposium takes place in St. Paul this year. Members are encouraged to consider attending. Best rates are obtained by registering prior to May 15.

Corky has a bill for maintenance of the domain name for our website.

Sue has a booth in the Renaissance Festival in June. Anyone wishing to share space in the booth should contact her.

The meeting was adjourned and the lathes were put to use on a variety of small projects.  
Respectfully submitted, Daniel Humburg, Chapter Secretary

**Show and Tell Items from the March Meeting**



Gene's "Windowed Vessel"

