From the President...

I would like to thank all of our members for their support and participation in various activities this past year. We’ve had great meetings and sharing of information and skills among members. We finished the year with a truly spectacular tree which we donated to the Festival of Trees. I am looking forward to an exciting 2012 as we continue to grow as a club and as individuals.

Our new emphasis on small group practice and trying out new techniques and ideas will enable more of our members to have a hands-on experience at our meetings. We have a varied schedule for 2012 but there is still room for some additions if people who missed the November meeting have suggestions.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season and will see you all in January.

Sue Smith, President
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**Election of Officers**

At the January meeting the membership will be voting on a slate of officer candidates put forth by the nominating committee of Ron Seim, Corky Miles and Doug Noteboom. It is important that we have as many members in attendance as possible for this election. You will find a sample ballot on page 6 of this newsletter.

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**2012 Meeting Topics and Demonstrations**

Please check the “MEETINGS” tab on the club web site for the topics for our upcoming meetings. We have some interesting and informative topics lined up for the coming year. You will note that there are a couple of meeting where no topic has been set as of yet. If you have a suggestion for that month’s meeting please present that idea at an upcoming meeting. Also, if there is a topic or demonstration that you would like to help lead we would welcome your participation.

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**Contact info and name badges**

Be sure to check with membership chairman Ron Seim to be sure your contact information is correct and up to date. This contact information will be distributed to the members at an upcoming meeting. Also, if you have not received your engraved name badge let Ron know and we will get that taken care of.

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**Appointed Positions**

In addition to the 6 elected officers, our club also has a number of appointed (OK, more “volunteer”) positions. The positions include: MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, WEB MASTER, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN and PHOTOGRAPHER. If you would be interested in serving in one of these capacities please let one of the officers know.

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**Safety!**

Our club is making an effort to promote safety among our members. Safety glasses face shields and dust masks are provided for your use during club meetings and demonstrations. Members are encouraged to use the same safety precautions when working in your own shops. Also, members and guests are required to have a signed waiver of liability on file with the club when involved in club activities.
At the October Meeting…

Show and Tell items from the November meeting.

A couple of Frank’s bowls

Paul adds another element to his work. Another of Paul’s segmented pieces.

Lots of Ornaments and Gifts for the Tree!
Everyone pitches in to decorate the tree.

The finished tree set up at the event.
Minutes from the November meeting

Siouxland Woodturners
November 2011 Minutes

- Call meeting to order
- Introductions
- Approve previous minutes
- Approve treasurer’s report $1184.38
- Upcoming Events

Old Business
1. Festival of Trees
   a. Will decorate tree today
   b. Paul Sova will get a skirt and arrange delivery of tree
   c. Royce, Ron & Corky will meet at Avera Prairie Center to do final set up
   d. Ron Seim will be attending the Gala event on our behalf
2. We are continuing to acquire various woods for our “50 State Tree” project.
   a. Members are encouraged to take a piece of this wood home with them to turn an object for this ongoing project.
   b. Was decided to put list of state trees on web site &/or newsletter. This will include what woods we have, what we need and which member has taken which wood
3. Member List
   a. Ron has member list updated and will distribute copies at upcoming meeting
4. Safety equipment
   a. Sue brought 2 types of face shields as well as dust masks for club use.
   b. Corky donated several pairs of safety glasses for club use.
   c. Members are encouraged to use proper safety equipment both at home and at meetings.

New Business
1. Election of officers
   a. Tabled until the January meeting
   b. Slate of candidates will be compiled and this slate published on the web site and newsletter advising members of the vote at the January meeting
2. Jim Sample has 2 DVD’s he will be donating to the library
3. 2011 Demonstration Challenge
   a. Prize will be free membership for 2012
   b. Drawing will be held at January meeting
4. 2012 Meeting Topics
   a. January- Off Center/Multi Axis turning (Ron E.?)
   b. February- Finishing/Wood ID/Drying (Royce M.)
   c. March- Basic bowl turning/Group buying opportunities
      i. Project kits, Anchor Seal, Alcohol, wood, etc.
   d. April- Embellishments (Doug, Sue, Paul, Alistair)
      i. Chattering, texturing, burning, inlay, etc.
   e. May- Turning with Kits
   f. June- TBA
   g. July- Picnic/Coring (at Jim S.’s?)
   h. Aug.- TBA
   i. Sept- Tool making/Grinds (at Dan H.’s?)
   j. Oct- Segmented Turning (at Paul S.’s?)
   k. Nov.- Business meeting/Decorate tree

- Several members offered items for show and tell
- After adjournment of the business meeting members decorated the Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees event
Ballot - 2012 Officers Siouxland Woodturners

President (Choose one)
  o  Sue Smith
  o  Doug Noteboom
  o  Royce Meritt
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Vice President (Choose one)
  o  Alistair Hird
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Treasurer (Choose one)
  o  Frank Denton
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Secretary (Choose one)
  o  Ron Seim
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Newsletter Editor (Choose one)
  o  Royce Meritt
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Librarian (Choose one)
  o  Gene Wubben
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