



# The Turning Point

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## August Meeting at Dan's...

For the August meeting we made our annual trip to Dan Humburg's shop north of Brookings. Visiting Dan's shop is always a worthwhile event. It's fun to take advantage of Dan's expertise in all things mechanical and he always has something interesting to show us.

Thanks for hosting us Dan!!!

## Woodturning Basics

The WOODTURNING BASICS column this month will provide you with many on-line resources about sharpening your woodturning tools. This column can be found on page 3.

## Upcoming Meeting Notes

**Saturday, September 7, 2013**

**1:00 PM**

### **Ag Education Shop Harrisburg High School**

*Harrisburg High School is located approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile west of Harrisburg. The Ag Ed shop is located around back in the northeast corner of the building. If you have trouble finding the place call Royce at (605) 351-9435.*

### **Coring Systems & Open Segmented Turning**

## Upcoming Events...

### **Trip to Sandro's Wood Shed**

Saturday, September 14, 2013

More information to follow.

### **Community Ed. Classes**

Create a Duck Call: 9/17/2013

Woodturning 101: 9/26/2013

Create a Writer's Pen: 10/1/2013

Create Christmas Toy Tops: 10/10/2013

Finialed Hollow Ornaments: 10/17/2013

### **Spalting Web Seminar**

Saturday, November 2, 2013; 9 AM-Noon;  
Harrisburg High School Ag Classroom; Cost  
will be \$20/person.

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

A good time was had by all in Brooking last month. THANK YOU DAN!!

This month is the usual “dog days of summer” in South Dakota, too hot to do too much, less day light to play outside so more time in the shop, right? I have been playing with my trunk lamps and attempting to bore 60” holes in a straight line down the middle. I have not mastered that yet. But I will have one for display next month if I keep at it. The Lamp shade will be the challenge. I ordered a bimetal band saw for my metal horizontal cut off saw to cut my alabaster rocks, so this week end if you hear crying from the south, things did not work out well with my new blade. Otherwise an alabaster lamp shade will be the outcome.

Last Saturday the executive board met to plan the June 21&22, 2014 our 10yr anniversary mini symposium with Alan Lacer. Thank you so much for those who came, your insight and vision was very much appreciated. All of you will be filled in on the developing plans at our Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at the high school in Harrisburg. It will be a two day event next June with a day of session for the club and area turning enthusiasts and a second day of “hands on turning with Al” for those interested. Come ready to sign up and give insight and wisdom.

Speaking of signing up, the plans are still on for the morning of Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM prior to our monthly meeting to present the “spalting” simulcast with Sara Robinson, assistant professor, anatomy of renewable materials, Department of Wood Science and Engineering at Oregon State University. Depending on how many sign up will determine the cost to the individual. We need to come a \$200 fee for the class. Bring some cash and a pen to sign up.

A side club trip open to anyone interested is to travel the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of September to Hendricks MN for a tour of his operation and observe first hand from log to finished produce a Log House building professional. We again can car pool from the Lowes parking lot leaving at 7:30 for the 1.5 hour ride to lake Hendricks, hopefully back by 1:30.

That brings us to the Sept 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The WOOD DOCTOR finishes are in for those wanting/ordering them, a boring tool demo will be ongoing as well as the finish turning of a segmented bowl and the process reviewed from start to finish. More details on the `10<sup>th</sup> anniversary week end, final plans and dates for the community classes we will be putting on at the Sioux Falls High school career center. Wood will be available for the taking from spalted pine to some Russian olive. If you need “Anchor Seal, or Methanol” let me know. Bring those show and tell items and a friend to help you carry them all.

See You Saturday at 12:45!!! Doug Noteboom 605-359-2991

Till then keep turning.

Doug Noteboom



# **WOODTURNING BASICS**

by Royce Meritt, Newsletter Editor

## **A LIST OF ON-LINE SHARPENING RESOURCES**

Being able to consistently sharpen your woodturning tools is every bit as important as having good technique. A poorly sharpened tool will not work well and no amount of turning technique will compensate for a tool that simply won't cut well.

As with a lot of topics, opinions on tool sharpening are like belly buttons. Everyone has one! To me, debating things such as how to sharpen this tool or that tool, which profile to use, should I free-hand sharpen or use a sharpening jig, which grinder or wheel is best, low speed, high speed, variable speed, blah, blah, blah, while fun to debate, really isn't all that important. The key is consistency. Once you are comfortable using a specific tool sharpened in a specific way it becomes important to be able to repeat that grind on the tool each time you re-sharpen that tool. Find a way that works for you, practice that particular sharpening technique and stick with it.

Below is a list of links to some informative on-line sharpening resources I have found. This list is in no way complete. In some cases you may even find conflicting advice on how to sharpen. Remember, everyone has a belly button!

### **SHARPENING WOODTURNING TOOLS** by Fine Woodworking Magazine

<http://www.finewoodworking.com/woodturning/Sharpening-Turning-Tools/118116.aspx?channel=13>

### **SHARPENING DEMYSTIFIED** by The American Association of Woodturners

[http://www.woodturner.org/community/fundamentals/sharpening/sharpening\\_demyst.pdf](http://www.woodturner.org/community/fundamentals/sharpening/sharpening_demyst.pdf)

### **A SHARPENING SYSTEM FOR WOODTURNING TOOLS** by Brian Clifford

<http://www.stwt.org/brian%20clifford.pdf>

### **WOODTURNING TOOLS SHARPENING JIG** by AroundTheWoods.com

<http://www.aroundthewoods.com/sharp.shtml>

### **FREEHAND SHARPENING** by Doc Green

<http://www.docgreenwoodturner.com/sharpening.html>

### **THE WOLVERINE SHARPENING SYSTEM**

[http://www.oneway.ca/multi-media/wolverine\\_videos.htm](http://www.oneway.ca/multi-media/wolverine_videos.htm)

(After going to this web page, click on the link to each segment to watch the videos.)

### **THE ART OF SHARPENING** by Eric Lofstrom

[http://www.ericlofstrom.com/publicfiles/Sharpening\\_1-day\\_Hands-On\\_-\\_Flyer-4\\_pg\\_updated\\_10-14-121.pdf](http://www.ericlofstrom.com/publicfiles/Sharpening_1-day_Hands-On_-_Flyer-4_pg_updated_10-14-121.pdf)

Also, some of the woodworking web sites such as [www.woodcentral.com](http://www.woodcentral.com) and [www.sawmillcreek.org](http://www.sawmillcreek.org) have excellent on-line message boards and/or discussion forums where there are frequent discussions about all things related to woodturning. Check them out. If you have a specific question, don't hesitate to jump in and post your question. There are lots of nice folks who frequent these web site who will be happy to offer guidance.

# At the August Meeting...

## Siouxland Woodturners August 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Noteboom. Introductions were made so the new members could be recognized and the old members could get to know them.

Frank called in the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$2203.49.

No library report.

No report on Community Ed, however Sue has sent some information in and is setting up classes. Royce and Corky will be teaching duck and goose call making and Ron Seim will be teaching pens.

Jim Sample advised that the 10 year Anniversary Seminar is being worked on but no date set thus far. Doug Noteboom said he would call Alan Lacer and see what his schedule is. An executive board meeting has been scheduled for Saturday August 17 at noon at Marlin's Cafe (just east of I-29 at the Tea exit). All interested parties are invited to attend. Anniversary plans will be discussed.

Doug sent around a form from Doctor's Wood and Oil Finish. Web site is Doctor's Woodshop. He has used it and has had good success with it.

Spalting Seminar is coming up on November 2 from 9-12. It will be held at the Harrisburg High School. Royce will follow-up on webcast materials. The cost is \$200. It looks like we have at least 10 people interested so cost will be around \$20 per person.

A motion was made and seconded to hold the November meeting on November 2 after the Spalting Seminar.

A motion was made and seconded to visit Sandro's Wood Shed in Hendricks, Minnesota on September 14. Further information to follow.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned and moved on to show and tell.

Respectfully Submitted.

Ron Seim, Secretary

## Show and Tell Items at the August Meeting



## Dan leads a discussion of Variable Frequency Drives...



## Dan demonstrates his techniques for hollowing ornament globes...

