



The Turning Point

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Time to Make the Ornaments...

Siouxland Woodturners will, once again, be donating a tree to the annual Festival of Trees event. If you are an ornament turner it's time to get started turning them. If you are not an ornament turner, now is a good time to give it a try. We will also need an assortment of "gifts" for under the tree.

Please bring your completed ornaments and gifts to an upcoming meeting. We will decorate the tree at the November meeting.

Woodturning Basics

The *WOODTURNING BASICS* column this month features a little "woodturning humor". This column can be found on page 3.

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Saturday, October 5, 2013

1:00 PM

**Ag Education Shop
Harrisburg High School**

Harrisburg High School is located approximately ¼ 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.

Turning Ornaments

Upcoming Events...

Community Ed. Classes

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...

Summer is hanging on but Christmas is coming!!! No wonder “time flies by”, the way our lives run things together, and always working a season behind, and looking ahead to the next event. SO!! Take some time to get away to your lathe, relax, and try turning something you have not done before or go back to an item and get it right this time.

With community classes going on right now we have an opportunity to see some new faces and meet new people. The exciting ones are the two teen age boy and their dads hitting the lathe together. Some comment about how “the lathe hasn’t changed since high school, but it is almost like meeting an old friend. The nine people in the beginning class did so well, with interest show for next week’s Tuesday and Thursday classes. Come join us and lend a hand and grab an empty lathe to do some turning if you like.

My shop has been busy with the working on my floor lamps, turning Christmas gift boxes and from the new wood magazine, some inside out Christmas ornaments. Both of these will be at the next meeting for you to critique. The items are not mastered but ready to show.

Oct 5th meeting at the Harrisburg High School will be an opportunity to see how some Christmas Ornaments are turned and assembled. Jim Sample will be doing a demo and showing us how to do it the right way. I know there will be some new lathe accessories to see and “the show and tell, how did they do that” questions will be answered.

I just ordered some more bullet pen kits (Gold kits for \$12) and have some slime line kits available (\$2), for those gift ideas for Christmas. We will also hopefully see if any one mastered a pine cone pen.

An opportunity for a fund raising raffle on an item will go towards some supplies we need for our community class and replacement parts and supplies we should be ordering. It should be a fun, informative, and “time well spent” for a couple of hour in Harrisburg, invite a friend and remind the regulars we have not seen a while they are missed.

DEEP THOUGHTS for the day!!!???! “Wood shavings are less dangerous than sparks”
So lengthen your life and turn something on your lathe, leave that electrical and metal stuff for tomorrow.

Doug Noteboom



WOODTURNING BASICS

by Royce Meritt, Newsletter Editor

(Thanks to John Suhreptz for the idea for this month's column.)

You know you're a woodturner if...

- you leave a family reunion with wood from the host's wood pile.
- you can't see the forest for the trees.....literally.
- you are driving down the street admiring the lumps and bumps and interesting crotches and you all of a sudden realize OMG I'm lusting after trees!
- you own a microwave that isn't in your kitchen.
- you have wooden funnels in your shop.
- the surface of your table saw has become a very expensive tool rack!
- you know of every burl on every tree on the route from home to work.
- need to find where the source of that chainsaw noise is coming from.
- you carry all your chain saw gear in your truck.
- your spouse starts scanning the side of the road for trees and she's able to spot a burl at 55mph.
- you stop at a yard sale and actually give the guy \$1 for a piece of wood from his firewood pile next to the garage.
- you call your wife from work, asking her to bring your chainsaw so you can go harvest burls off of a downed tree on your lunch hour.
- you nearly get arrested for chasing a landscaper and his trailer down the street to see what he's taking to the landfill.
- you show a friend your latest batch of bottle stoppers and are offended when they say, "I don't need one of those because I never have any leftover wine."
- the handles of your screwdrivers and awls are prettier than most of your furniture.
- you clean your shop with a rake.
- you find yourself willing to invest enormous amounts of money and travel great distances to attend "demos" and "symposiums".
- you have begun to wonder why you bought that "tape measure" thing.
- you find wood shavings in your bed because you were too tired to shower after finishing your piece at 2 am and your wife knows where you went in the house by the trail of wood chips you left behind.

At the September Meeting...

Siouxland Woodturners September 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

President Doug Noteboom called the meeting to order and introduction of members were made with 27 people in attendance. August 4, 2013 minutes approved unanimously.

No treasurer's report, last month's balance was \$2203.49.

Librarian Gene Wubben indicated he had the library with him and there had been several new additions made to the library.

Old Business

A. Sue Smith reported that the Community Ed classes on making duck calls and pens were listed. Only one person has signed up for Duck Calls on September 17. Need a minimum of three to hold a class. The class may have to be cancelled. Pen Turning is scheduled for October 1, 2013. So far only one person has signed up.

B. Anniversary Committee met on August 17th. Jim Sample contacted Alan Lacer and he has June 21-22, 2014 open. His fee would be \$700. He would teach working with the skew chisel in the morning and hook tools in the afternoon. He would also be available for some one-on-one classes for an additional charge. A motion was made and carried to confirm the dates and move forward. Stan Houston will supply a Jet Lathe.

C. It appears that we have 10 plus members interested in attending the webcast Spalting session that will be held at 10:00 A.M. November 2. We need a minimum of ten attendee's to pay the cost of the live video webcast. The cost will be about \$20/person.

D. Doctor's Finish is in so see and pay Doug.

E. The trip to Hendricks, MN to see the log home demonstration on September 14 was cancelled.

F. Continue to work on Christmas tree ornaments, boxes and items to place under the tree.

New Business

A. After the first of the year club/community class needs to be discussed and set up.

B. Doug Noteboom went over making pine cone pens. Several articles are available for review.

C. Geek Turning, out of Michigan, is on You Tube the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 A.M.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned to Show and Tell and shop demonstrations.

Respectfully Submitted,

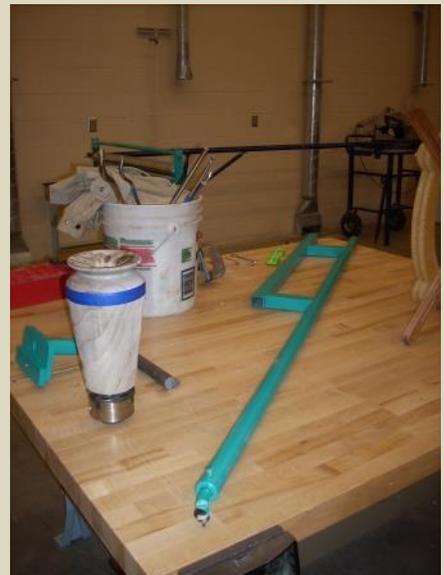
Ron Seim, Secretary

Show and Tell Items at the August Meeting





Corky demonstrates his captive boring bar...



Vern demonstrates finish turning his open segmented bowls...

