



# The Turning Point

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## **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium**

Plans are well under way for our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium featuring Alan Lacer in June.

Please visit our web site at [www.siouxlandwoodturners.org](http://www.siouxlandwoodturners.org) for more information and for registration forms.

## **Woodturning Basics**

In this month's Woodturning Basics column we examine some of the basic cuts involved in spindle turning.

## **Upcoming Meeting Notes**

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

**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.*

**Bowl Turning Basics**

## **Upcoming Community Education Classes...**

April 1<sup>st</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> – Natural Wood Bowls  
April 24<sup>th</sup> – Create a Writer's Pen

## **Lathes available for check-out**

In the near future we anticipate having 2 Sears lathes available for members to check out. Watch this space for more details in the coming weeks.

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

March, 2014

It has been a good month in the shop, another cedar floor lamp was turned, my grandson wanted to turn a ball, so a ball attachment made, a couple more candle holders made and some expanded pens made with aluminum and brass accents.

It is important we get as many as we can signed sign up this month for the June Symposium and the “one on one” with Alan Lacer for the Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and /or Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> days. We had a preliminary sign up and only a couple of spot available for the Sunday and Monday. Alan will do an additional day if there is another group of 7 interested. If you are interested turning with Alan one of those three days you will need to lock in a slot at this monthly meeting. I can take reserve names for people interested if slots open up

Make sure you comb you hair and bring a smile, we voted to assemble a photo directory for the members, for those of us with diminished memory and face to name recognition problems. No cost or are you obligated to have one taken.

I do have a lathe available to anyone who wants to explore turning on the lathe. Everything you would need to get a start is available, from the lathe, turning tools, and wood. You can check it out for a time and decide if it is for you without ever spending a dollar. Check with me or one of the officers for availability.

I am going to Denver over Easter and am picking up some Pentacryl for stabilizing wood. They have an offer of 15% off right now and with no freight it is a good time to invest in a great product to insure your best green wood projects will stabilize and remain intact. I have used it for several years and have proven a reliable product for me. Contact me if you are interested in a gallon or five. Also if any of you are aware of the availability of any specific Colorado wood species I should bring back, let me know that also.

Just over a week away from our monthly meeting, so get those show and tell items finished up, we need to continue the Alan Lacer sign up registration for the June 21<sup>st</sup> symposium and the few slots left of the one on one. Come and observe another video presentation on the “big screen” featuring turning, the tools to use and the cuts to be made.

Have a great week.

Doug Noteboom

# **WOODTURNING BASICS**

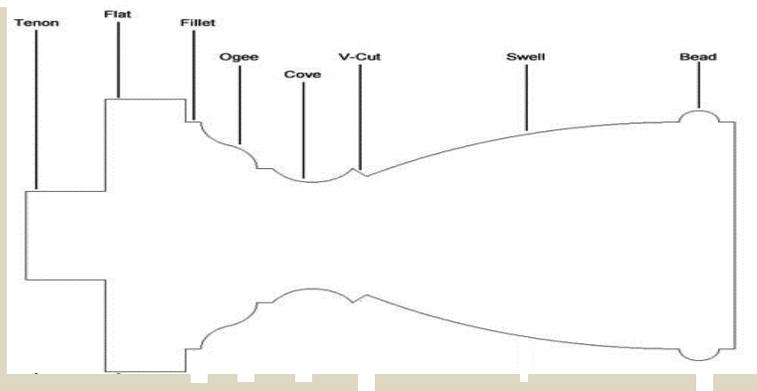
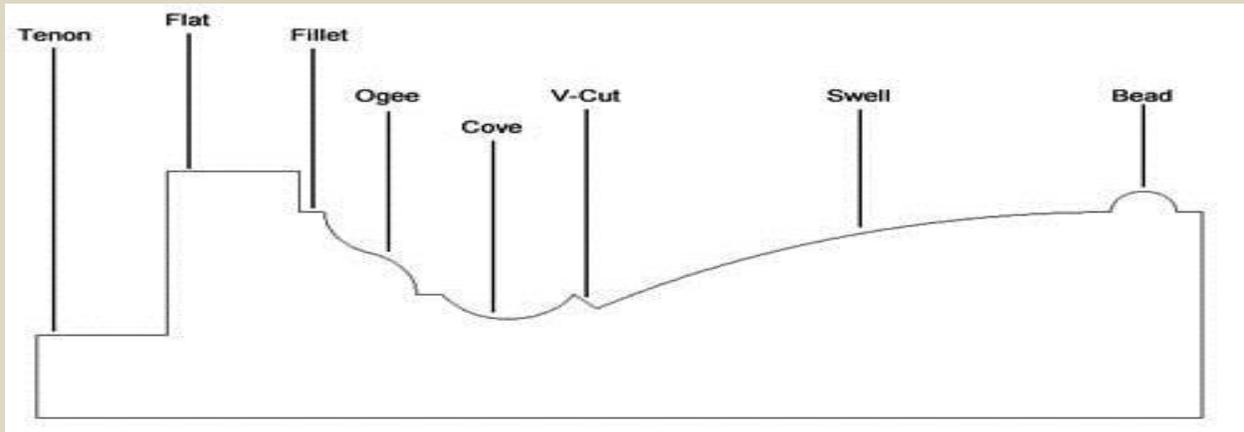
By Royce Meritt, Newsletter Editor

## **Basic Spindle Cuts**

### **4 Basic Types of Cuts**

- Flat
- Cove
- Bead
- V-Cut

### **The 4 cuts used in combination**



### **Basic Spindle Turning Tools**

- Roughing Gouge
- Spindle Gouge
- Parting Tool
- Skew

### **General Guidelines**

- Sharp tools ALWAYS work better.
- Use the proper tool for the profile you are cutting.
- In most cases you will have better luck cutting downhill.
- Sharp tools ALWAYS work better.
- Strive for smooth cuts. Excessive sanding can ruin fine details.
- Speed is your friend.
- Sharp tools ALWAYS work better.

*In all seriousness, woodturning will become MUCH more enjoyable if you are able to sharpen your tools effectively. If you don't presently have the necessary equipment for sharpening, GET IT! If you have sharpening equipment but don't feel confident in your ability to use it, PRACTICE! You will get better results using a properly sharpened \$10 spindle gouge than you will with a dull \$100 gouge.*

# At the March Meeting...

## *Siouxland Woodturners* March 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:05 by President Doug Noteboom. Introductions of the 21 members and guests were made, with everyone telling the group about their recent turning projects.

A. **Minutes of last meeting:** Motion made and passed to accept February minutes as presented.

B. **Treasurer's report:** No report.

C. **Library report:** Please remember to check items back in when you have finished using them. AAW has three new publications that will be ordered for our library: Christmas projects; Bowls; Jigs & Tools.

D. **Community Ed report:** Doug reported that the Woodturning 101 class had 8 people and the Sharpening class was also filled with 10 people. More classes are scheduled for March and April.

E. **Membership report:** information sheet was passed around so members could verify that their data was correct. Royce said if you need a wooden name badge, sign the sheet being passed or notify him.

F. **10 Year Anniversary and Symposium:** Scheduled for June 21,22,23 of 2014 at the Family Life Center, 3100 Ralph Rogers Way (I229 and Louise exit to 57<sup>th</sup> St). Alan Lacer will be the featured demonstrator ([www.woodturninglearn.net](http://www.woodturninglearn.net)). Alan sells Sheffield English Steel tools and his prices are quite good. Sign-up began for the Sunday and Monday one-on-one sessions with Alan. If there is enough interest, Alan might be able to arrange for a third day of one-on-one sessions (Tuesday).

G. **Old Business:**

1. Stan Houston – club would like to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> lathe available for demos (if space permits). Suggestion: we should be more definite about what will be turned at what time so proper announcements can be made on the hour for those attending Stan Houston's event. Doug showed two large bowls that had been turned from blanks donated by Stan Houston. They want one back, when finished, to put on display. They will donate the other to us for a raffle at our Symposium – if you want to finish it, let Doug know (if no one wishes to, Doug will finish it).

2. Freedom Pens – Commander of American Legion related that 39 local members are being deployed.

3. Spaulding cultures – Doug had ordered 2 pink and 2 blue cultures. John Olson divided one of each color into 30 cultured jars for club members. The cultures are spread on a blank and placed in a covered tub that has water in the bottom. The cultures will not cross growth lines.

4. Doug and Royce clarified the club's insurance policy that we have through AAW. A club member is covered under the policy if he/she is acting on behalf of the Siouxland Woodturners, as a volunteer, at an event. However, if the event occurs at someone's home, then the homeowner's insurance would cover the situation.

H. **New Business:**

1. The Sioux Falls Art Festival is the first weekend in September (same weekend as our meeting). Doug asked if the club would like to have a presence at this event (he had done the festival two years ago and was pleased with the interest in woodturning). Discussion ensued and it was decided the club would not participate, but encouraged Doug to do so on his own.

2. WoodCraft is having a 15% off sale from Feb 28 to Mar 1 – Doug is ordering Petacryl wood stabilizer (for green wood – wipe on or soak to prevent cracking). One gallon = \$60; five gallon size = \$40/gal. Doug wanted to know if anyone wished to add to his order.

3. AAW membership dues are going up by two dollars on April 1, 2014.

4. AAW 2014 Symposium -- in Phoenix, June 13-15, \$275 (flight to Phoenix is additional \$275 approx.). Doug plans on going; let him know if you'd like to go/maybe share some costs.

5. Ag teacher in Montrose would like advice in purchasing lathe/etc. for her classes. After some discussion, it was decided to encourage her to attend a few club meetings and/or Adult Ed classes at CTE to familiarize herself with woodturning before taking the next step in her own school system. Royce also suggested she contact the Ag educator at Harrisburg High for info/help.

6. The subject of member photos was discussed. This would be for club use only. Motion made/passed to take photos of members that would be for the use of only club members.

7. We anticipate the donation of two Sears lathes to the club, which may be available for check-out by members (as we do with tools).

Members showed some of their creations that they brought to the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:15.

A demonstration on basic spindle turning was done by Royce. This served as a practice of camera technique for Gene (in anticipation of what he wants to do at the Symposium), as well as providing good information for everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

### Show & Tell items at February meeting...

