



The Turning Point

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Newsletter Editor's Notes

I am taking over the duties of newsletter editor to give long-time editor Royce Meritt a much deserved break. I hope I can follow in Royce's footsteps and maintain the quality newsletter Royce has been producing.

It's not easy to teach an old dog new tricks so please bear with me as I try to add publishing to my long list of "jack of all trades, master of none" capabilities.

John Suhreptz

Upcoming Meeting Notes

**Saturday, January 3, 2015
1:00 PM**

**Ag Education Shop
Harrisburg High School**

Harrisburg High School is located approximately ¾ 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.

Pens and Wave Bowls

Community Education Classes...

The spring session of community education classes have now been scheduled. Thanks to all those members who assisted last fall. If you are interested in helping with the spring sessions, please contact Sue Smith.

Woodturning 101 Thursday March 19
Pen Making Tuesday March 31
Duck Call Thursday April 9
Green Bowl Tuesday April 14

All classes are at the Career and Technical Education Academy in northwest Sioux Falls

From the President...

Hi, this is your newly appointed President - Al

Firstly I would like to thank Doug, who has been a great President, not sure why he gave it up!! I have an enormous task ahead following in his footsteps, but I will do my best and give it a good go! I am pretty sure Doug will still play a big part in the Club's development and activities.

Secondly, I'd like to thank all the members who took part in the demonstrations and sales at Sticks and Steel last weekend. Although none of us became millionaires, we hopefully gained some new members and interest in our chosen Hobby! Although sales weren't huge it's an avenue members can pursue. It was great exposure for the Club and we just need to build on it. Stan Houston's annual demo days are approaching and the potential to gain more interest and new members is there.

If anyone has any ideas of places for demos then come forward and let us know, don't be shy! Whilst on the subject of demos can we improve on these - ideas and suggestions are very welcome?!

Even though I am the Club President, I will make it very clear that it is your club. We won't be able to do every suggestion, but please speak up, and we will try to do as many as possible.

Let's also encourage newbies to come and learn, remember we were all there once, needing guidance and assistance.

I have a few challenges for you in the year ahead and hope that everyone will participate in some way. The more that are - the merrier it will be!

So here's to 2015, and I hope you all have a Lovely, Peaceful, and Joyful Christmas, and all the best for the New Year!

Thank You.

Al Hird.

Wood Identification Project

Members are asked to bring wood samples (green or dry) about the size of a small envelope and 1 inch thick. One side and one edge should be finished, others remaining unfinished.

These wood samples would be used to help our members identify “mystery woods” they may come across.

Having multiple samples of some species will be helpful when different grain patterns are encountered.



At the November Meeting...

Siouxland Woodturners November 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes

As everyone got settled prior to the meeting, Doug passed around ten numbered wood samples for a wood identification test. Correct answers were shared amidst lively discussions. Those having the most correct answers were given first choice of cans of wood filler donated by Bob Sannes. Introductions of the 34 attendees were made and the meeting was then called to order at 1:15 by President Doug Noteboom.

- A. **Minutes of last meeting:** There were no corrections to previous meeting's minutes. Motion made and passed to accept October's minutes as presented.
- B. **Treasurer's report:** Frank reported a balance of \$1699.40.
- C. **Library report:** No report.
- D. **Community Ed report:** The Fall community education classes have been completed. No classes were canceled, all had suitable numbers or were full (the Woodturning 101 classes had 6-8 people; Green Bowl Turning had 10 students). Sue declared all a great success and sent special thanks to Doug, Al, Jim H. and John W for providing equipment, instruction and setup help. John mentioned that helping others learn is very rewarding and helped him learn more as well. The \$5 donation for materials collected from students at the various classes was used for the purchase of club pen mandrels, bushings, and drive centers. Next Spring, classes will be again held and suggestions are welcome. Pen making and Duck Calls are planned. Classes will be scheduled for the last two weeks of March and the first three weeks of April.
- E. **Membership report:** Dues for 2015 are \$25 and can be paid to Corky at this time or ASAP. If you still need a nametag after paying your dues, let Royce know so he can arrange to have them made. Doug asked about the pictures of members that were taken previously. Royce has them and needs to transfer

them to the Club's thumb drive that is currently MIA. Those in the know believe Jack Z may have it and hope he'll see this note and "surrender" it.

F. Old Business:

1. Doug still has a few boxes of walnut from Betts available for \$20 per box (\$5 goes to Club's treasury, rest is for travel costs, etc.) On their last visit, Doug and Jack also found various colors of wood (green, pink, layered samples) that might be of interest to members. They'll see what they can do to make additional items available in the future.
2. The "Wood Identification Project" is off to a respectable start. Besides the ten samples used for the pre-meeting test, there are several others that Gene and others will identify and label for future use. Additional samples are always welcome.
3. At the October meeting, the idea of using Pickers' Flea Market as a venue for members to sell turned pieces, blanks, etc. was tabled. At this meeting, the motion died for lack of interest and response.

G. New Business:

1. Discussion concerning December meeting resulted in using normal meeting date as a Turning Day. Motion made and passed to have no formal meeting in December. December 6th from 1:00 – 3:00pm (approximately) will be for turning pens, bowls, etc. and for members to demonstrate techniques and help those wishing to learn something new. Next formal meeting will be January 3rd, 2015 at Harrisburg High School.
2. Due to experiences with equipment at the community education classes and in other situations, some members had discussed the need for someone to take on the organization and care of the Club's equipment resources. Motion made and passed to establish the position of Equipment Manager. Jim Havard has agreed to take on this responsibility for 2014-2015.
3. November is the month for officer elections for 2015. The nominating committee of Royce, Al S. and Bob B. canvassed members and presented the following as their recommendations of members willing to serve as indicated:

- Elected officers:
 - President – Alistair Hird
 - Vice-President – Royce Meritt
 - Secretary – Bonnie Lynch
 - Treasurer – Frank Denton
- Appointed Positions
 - Membership Chairman – Corky Miles
 - Newsletter Editor – John Suhreptz
 - Librarian – Bob Boese
 - Webmaster – Gene Wubben

After seeking further nominations from the floor and receiving none, Doug asked for a motion. Motion made and passed to accept the slate of four officers as presented by the nominating committee. By a show of hands the motion passed unanimously. The appointed positions are made at the discretion of the new President. Alistair indicated that those recommended above would be his choices. Sue thanked Doug for his years of service to the Club as its President and the membership applauded his efforts and leadership.

4. Doug and Jim S. discussed segmented mugs and offered some tips: choosing the light and dark wood patterns; cutting precise 22½ degree angles; offsetting ¼ " on the bottom plug; using two pipe clamps versus one for easier tightening/adjustment. Royce offered an alternative to purchasing mug (or vase) inserts – check a thrift store (Goodwill, Savers, etc.) for used coffee mugs and other items. The inserts pull out easily and look identical to the new ones. Price is usually just a dollar or two.

5. If anyone wants to be a part of a club order for Dr. Woods products, exotic woods, or anything else, see Doug. Wood Stock Supply in Rapid City has exotic woods at wholesale prices (if Club submits proper forms) that might be a potential source for us.
6. An alternative to Pickers' Flea Market as a venue for Club members to sell their wares may be Sticks and Steels (8th and Railroad in Sioux Falls). Local artists are important to the owner and she suggested that the Club put on a turning demo in her backroom work area. It would involve a Friday night and Saturday timeframe. During that time, 100% of what you make/display and sell to customers would be yours. After the demo time, she may want to purchase some of your creations (at wholesale prices) and put them up for sale in her retail section. Motion made and passed to pursue involvement with this business as an outlet for Club members' turned items. Doug and John W. will look into specifics. A list was passed around for those interested in doing turning demo/selling and those who were interested in helping.
7. John O. and Doug have wood for giveaway at today's meeting – some being spalted white pine and spalted river birch. Frank has brass key shavings. Sue knows of a free ash tree to be cut – let her know if you are interested. Doug will bring the baseball bat blanks to the January meeting for those that had indicated they would purchase one.
8. Jim S. announced he is liquidating some of his wood. He has turning stock available in box elder, walnut, cherry, hickory, maple; 1/2 " flat stock in red cedar, walnut, cherry, gray elm, red oak. Check with him for further info and specifics.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20. Show and tell followed. Demonstration by Frank on bowl turning ended the day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

Show & Tell Items at November Meeting...





December 6 Open Demo Day

There was no official business meeting in December so no meeting minutes. However the gathering for whatever you wanted to demonstrate and talk about was a huge success.





Demo Day at Sticks and Steel

We were invited to demonstrate at Sticks and Steel Gallery in the historic 8th and Railroad Center in Sioux Falls the afternoon /evening of Friday December 12 and again during the day on Saturday December 13. There was an impressive display of items for sale and two lathes set up for demonstration. Thanks to all who helped set up, demonstrate, and then tear down for this project. Many people stopped to see what was happening and to look at all the beautiful display items.





