



# *The Turning Point*

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## ***February Meeting...***

Harrisburg High School, 10:00 a.m. Saturday February 6, 2016. **PENS FOR THE MILITARY!** We will gather at 10:00 a.m. to get an early start. Bring your lunch. Business meeting as usual at 1:00 p.m. and then back to the pens. We hope to make at least 150 pens this year. More details and call for equipment in the minutes in this newsletter.

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

Welcome All Turners,

Siouxland Woodturners are happy to have you along for the spin. Hope you're all managing to make some shavings and even a "piece".

The Club is here to help those in need, don't be afraid to ask .....be warned though..... you will more than likely get more than one "right" answer. There is usually more than one way to skin a rabbit, you just have to figure out which one works best for you!

February meeting is fast approaching and is going to be making Pens for the Military, everyone is encouraged to come along and join in. We would like to make in excess of 150 pens, so don't be shy. You don't have to turn, there is assembling, polishing, gluing and general dogs bodying to do, make coffee, tell stories! Please bring any pen making equipment you can, mandrels, presses etc. Please clearly mark anything you bring. Also, as mentioned at January meeting, if you can drill and glue some blanks up, that would be a tremendous help. Each pen takes only one turning blank with 7mm brass tube. The other half is a .308 casing with a brass tube in.

Next up after Military pens is Stan Houston's Demo. For those unfamiliar with this, Stan Houston holds a wood working show the last Friday and Saturday of February, so 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Nearly all the tool companies have representatives there showing off latest gizmos and gadgets etc. and lots of sales offers. Siouland Woodturners have "showed off lathes" for many years and this year is no exception. It gives the club a lot of exposure and also has got us some good deals from the likes of Jet and Bosch etc. Generally, we have used a couple (sometimes 3) shop floor lathes. Last 2 years we have had more space than before, but not sure of set up this year yet! Even if you don't want to turn, you are welcome to come and talk to the audience. Those who turn, remember to have nice sharp tools, so when someone like me forgets theirs, there are some on hand!

There will also be a professional turner there – Keith Gotschall. Not sure if Keith is going to show off "the lathe" or the tools, but he would like our help in sourcing a chuck or 2, he likes to use a Vicmarc, so if you have one of those that you would not mind lending, then please bring along to Stan Houston. After the Demo, Keith is then going to give the Club a demo on Saturday evening from 6 pm – 9 pm. (this is not a hands on class). There is going to be a small fee to attend, so the more attendees then the less each individual with have to pay. So turn up!! I am pretty sure it will be well worth it. We will make some food available too – this to be discussed at next meeting!

For Club Project it was suggested to build a treadle or pole lathe, unbeknown to me, John Suhreptz had also thought about this too. John is a member of a threshing club and they own a big old saw mill. This is on display, (ask John for details!) He thought it would be pretty cool to have an old fashioned lathe at their show too. So unless there are a lot of objections against, let's have a go at this, and have it available for their show in July, (fully working – of course!)

It's penciled in the calendar to go before the show and visit this saw mill and see it operational. We have acquired some treadle lathe plans, so it looks like "Game On!" Hopefully it will be possible to make this at the high school meetings, some parts may need to be made at home and brought along for assembly. As this needs to be completed by July, we could possibly have a 2<sup>nd</sup> project lined up for the remainder of the year, so bring along your ideas and suggestions to next meeting.

At my house it's busy as ever feeding the calves and keeping them warm (Hannah has that one covered, she gives them hugs too!) so I have had an hour or 2 to play with Big Bertha, (which for those who don't know, is a big 1000 lb., 15" old American band saw, I bought it on the internet from California. 1<sup>st</sup> new blade came off and hit the table so will now cut circles without too much trouble!! Cause and solution identified and fixed (I hope) so new blade and some modifications "she" had better cut in a straight line,

because the project list for milled lumber is growing and was informed last night that the grandson is only 12 weeks away!! So priority project is the crib, then the fireplace and a door along with a frame for the wife. So fingers crossed.

I have also received a restoration project in the mail from Redwood Falls MN. A furniture restorer needs a new leg and stretcher for a rocking chair turned. He had seen us at the Stan Houston's demo and that's when he will be collecting the turned parts. It's been a good project to get the duplicator working, lots to learn on how to set up and make patterns but getting there!

Well that's enough of my ramblings, see you all at the next meeting.

Al

## **January Meeting Minutes...**

### *Siouxland Woodturners* January 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The January meeting was called to order at 1:10 by President Al Hird. There were 27 turners in attendance. Names were drawn for choice of one of three bottles of Corky's homemade wine – Royce, John O and Frank were the lucky ones. George shared several boxes of chocolates during the meeting, as well as giving away numerous magazines.

**A. Minutes of last meeting:** No business meeting held in December.

**B. Treasurer's report:** Frank presented a balance of \$1997.36.

**C. Library report:** No report. Materials were available for check-out.

**D. Community Ed report:** Classes for the spring term as shown in the Community Ed booklet are shown below. Any members who can attend and assist with mentoring and safety would be appreciated.

Please show up about 5:45pm. Classes run from 6:00-8:30 pm with clean-up following (until about 9:00).

All classes are at the CTE Academy, 4700 W Career Circle, room D106.

Mar 15 (Tue) ... Woodturning 101

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Mar 22 (Tue) ... Bottle Stoppers

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Mar 31 (Thu) ... Pen making

Apr 07 (Thu) ... Duck Calls

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Community Ed is having a gathering for instructors and those helping with classes on January 21 (6PM) at The Bakery. Further info can be obtained from Al.

**E. Equipment report:** no report

**F. Membership report:** 2016 dues were being collected by Corky (\$25 for the year). Royce passed a sign-up sheet for anyone who has paid their dues and is in need of a badge.

**Old Business:**

1. Royce brought in the new Club business cards he ordered from Vistaprint. The card shows the Club name and AAW affiliation, as well as our website address. Very nice. Available for anyone who can use them to pass on to interested parties.

**H. New Business:**

1. Motion made and passed to provide any funds needed for the military pens project that will be worked on at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Goal is to complete 150 for the day; will need about 165 pens for a unit from Wagner that will be returning, as well as some other deployed personnel. Doug and Rex will coordinate the project and see that materials are available. Doug has 400 .308 cartridges which are being tumbled to ready them for the project. Members were asked to take home blanks to drill and glue tubes into, speeding up the process in February. ***Pen making will begin at 10:00 AM (meeting at 1:00 PM) and continue after the meeting, if necessary. Members are asked to bring pen presses, small lathes and anything to help in the pen making process.***
2. The Big Bowl will be taken to CTE Academy (Career and Technical Education) by Doug and others to display during their Open House on Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. Doug knows a Black Hills woodturner who has contacts in Arizona for rough-cut/dried wood. He will be going to Arizona and is willing to transport any wood we would like to order back to South Dakota for free. Wood includes mesquite, pecan and pistachio. Check with Doug if you wish to order.
4. Stan Houston demo days is Feb 26-27. Professional turner, Keith Gotshall from Colorado, will be featured at the store. He has asked for assistance in obtaining green wood for his turnings. In addition, Keith is willing to do a private demonstration for Club members on Saturday evening – the cost would be \$300 and would be 3 hours long (demo only; no hands-on instruction). The Club is considering this and more info will follow – cost may be about \$20/person to attend. His info and turning can be viewed at his website: [www.keithgotshall.com](http://www.keithgotshall.com).
5. Al introduced the possibility of making a pole or treadle lathe as this year's Club project. He asked members to research the topics and we will have a discussion about it at the February meeting. Other project suggestions are welcome.
6. The Desert Woodturners Roundup is in Mesa AZ on Feb 26-28. Jack may be attending. Doug mentioned that the Utah Woodturners Symposium is supposed to be very good and he would like to attend. Is anyone else interested? Dates are May 12-14 in Provo UT. Since we had members go to the Dakotas Woodturners Spring Symposium in Bismarck ND last year (and good reviews were made), I'll provide this year's info as shown on the AAW site.....dates are April 22-24 in Bismarck ND; preregistration required, \$135.
7. Doug is looking for 2' to 4' diameter logs. Box elder, ash, oak, walnut, etc. would be fine.
8. Laminated plywood (SpectraPly) is for sale by Cousineau Wood Products at their website [www.cwp-usa.com](http://www.cwp-usa.com).
9. John S. told about the old circular sawmill that was acquired by the Granite Threshers Association (of which he is a member). It is on display and in use at their grounds in Granite IA (go east on 10<sup>th</sup> St to the Brandon corner—turn south and you'll end up in Granite). With their own funds plus some grant money, they were able to construct a building to house the mill in. It can be powered by a steamer or (antique) tractor. The third weekend in July is their Threshing Show and John asked the Club if they would like to do some turning at the event. There will be more discussion on this subject at future meetings.
10. Rachel A. wanted to convey a big "Thank You" to the members who assisted her in making Christmas very special for her four aspiring young turners. She and her boys are so glad to be a part of such a warm and helpful organization!! She had asked for help in locating an affordable lathe as a Christmas gift for the boys. With her funds, some from good-hearted members, and Doug's excellent shopping skills at Stan Houston, Santa was able to deliver. Thanks to Club members and Stan Houston!!
11. Get Well wishes go out to Sue. She is recuperating from an allergic reaction that landed her in the hospital for a bit of time. Hope to see her at the next meeting!

Meeting adjourned at 1:45. Members shared a variety of projects for Show and Tell. A demonstration on dyeing was done by Jeff; Al demonstrated bowl turning techniques for newer turners.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

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## **Stan Houston Woodworking Show**

We will again have a turning demo at the show February 26 and 27. More details at the February 5 meeting and also in the minutes in this newsletter.

## **Keith Gotshall Demo for Our Club...**

Keith Gotshall, the professional turner being brought in by Stan Houston for their show, will be doing a demo just for us from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday night February 27. This will not be a duplication of what he will be doing at Stan Houston. Check out the link to his site in the minutes in this newsletter. Looks very interesting. The location is yet to be decided. More details at the February meeting.

## **January Show and Tell Table Photo on the next page....**

**Show and Tell Table at the January Meeting...**

