



The Turning Point

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April Meeting...

Harrisburg High School, 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 2 2016. From President Al; Harrisburg High School in the Ag room at the rear of the school, come along and we will make shavings fly. I will bring some equipment back from the Community Ed Class room, and we will have some fun. You can also have your tools professionally sharpened or reshaped to help you achieve better results. There is generally a selection of give/take away wood. The coffee pot will be on and may even be some cookies, (feel free to bring some!), lathes will be plugged in and tools sharp, so see you all on Saturday.

From the President...

Hello All Turners, whether you are a member of Siouxland Woodturners or not.

Here is my little story for March!

Well as usual I have a lot of distractions which keep me out of the shop, and from writing this in a timely manner. Staff no shows and when they do, they manage to break stuff you think unbreakable, or get stuck in mud they should be nowhere near, these generally top the list. Along with tractor sales people (did I really buy one just to keep them away?!) and feed reps, although I don't mind the good looking blonde one who brings muffins! But the biggest distraction of all this month is the arrival of our first grandchild, a little boy - Bryson. He turned up a month sooner than expected but all seems well, so now I have the best excuse in the world to buy tools – “they are for the grandson”. So, yes I am a very proud and happy Granddad (no Pa or Pop involved)!

It was a good job I serviced the truck at the beginning of the month, as got a few miles in. Went to Kansas City for a few days just to “get the hell out of Dodge” and unwind. If you haven't been I can recommend it, lots of good food, and the Moon Marble Company was great. Lost count of trips to Sioux Falls for Granddad visits – good job diesel is pretty cheap!

So with this ridiculous schedule, I am able to offer you a hands on safety tip – Be very wary of trying to operate in your shop whilst tired or stressed! You will make mistakes, some might be as simple as cutting wrong piece of wood, gluing things together the wrong way round and having to start all over again – Yes I have done these recently. You may try to cut corners to save time but this will usually backfire on you. I didn't bother to walk all the way back up to the garage for a welding mask, 12 hours later.....lots of pain for 36 hours! It's never worth the risk! So stay safe out there, and show us your results. Show and Tell at each meeting. It's not just for the “excellent or arty stuff”. You may do it simpler and quicker than the rest of us – share – that is how we all get better. So if you're a “newbie” we will do our best to teach and guide you and if you're an “old pro” then maybe you can pass on your knowledge and the rest of us will fill in the middle.

I read a quite astounding statement recently about the AAW membership annual turnover. They say there is a 50% turnover each year! I think here at Siouxland Woodturners, we do better than that. But we still need to encourage people of all ages and abilities to join in. Everyone is welcome!

April meeting is this coming Saturday 2nd April at 1pm at Harrisburg High School in the Ag room at the rear of the school, come along and we will make shavings fly. I will bring some equipment back from the Community Ed Class room, and we will have some fun. You can also have your tools professionally sharpened or reshaped to help you achieve better results. There is generally a selection of give/take away wood. The coffee pot will be on and may even be some cookies, (feel free to bring some!), lathes will be plugged in and tools sharp, so see you all on Saturday.

Thanks

Al.

March Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

March 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The March meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Al Hird. There were 28 turners in attendance.

A. Minutes of last meeting: No additions or corrections to the February minutes.

B. Treasurer's report: Frank reported a balance of \$1888.09.

C. Library report: There was a discussion about Glenn Lucas, a turner from Dublin. Jack Z spoke very highly of him as a presenter. Motion made and passed to purchase some of his DVDs for the Club's library. Jack will do so (buy 4 get 1 free offer from CraftSuppliesUSA—at WoodturnersCatalog.com).

D. Community Ed report: The first Community Education class is on March 15th. Any members who can attend and assist with mentoring and safety would be appreciated. Classes run from 6:00-8:30PM 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 31 (Thu) ... Penmaking

Apr 07 (Thu) ... Duck Calls

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Sue is the instructor for the Woodturning 101 and Bowl sessions, Al will teach the Pen and Bracelet classes, Royce will be the guru for Duck Calls, John W will lead the Bottle Stopper class.

E. Equipment report: Jim H has donated calipers for the Club's use. One tool is checked out and will be called in for use at the Comm Ed classes. Al said we have a new stand for one of the Club's lathes that needs to be assembled and modified after today's meeting.

F. Membership report: Membership list passed around to verify accuracy. When Royce asked, no one indicated they still needed a name badge.

G. Old Business:

1. Stan Houston Demo Days was again a success this year. Good demonstrations and many interested people stopped by to watch. Motion made and passed to purchase a display holder for Club brochures and business cards. Steve will take care of this.

2. Professional turner, Keith Gotshall from Colorado, was featured at the store. On Saturday evening, he did a private demonstration for Club members from 6-9PM at Doug's shop. 19 members attended--cost was \$20/person and worth every penny! A few commented that Keith's demonstrations and explanations were one of the best presentations they had ever seen. Keith endeared himself to everyone when he admitted to using 80-grit sandpaper on his turnings. His salt shaker is in the AAW American Woodturner, June 2011 issue. A big "Thank You" to Doug for hosting this event for the Club.

3. John S said the Granite Threshing Show is scheduled for July 16-17. He intends to build a treadle lathe in the near future. Al will find information on the construction of a pole lathe that we could build and then demonstrate at the Threshing Show. Motion made and passed to do turning demonstration at Threshing Show. The Club will be using electric lathes for the event. John said the Club is welcome to visit Granite prior to the Threshing Show to see what is available (tentatively set for June).

4. In order to complete the Pens for the Military project, Doug will order additional transmissions (extras

will be available for members to purchase).

5. Harlow still has a Craftsman 16" lathe with stand for sale (about 5 yrs old). It comes with over 20 turning tools and multiple lathe attachments. Price is \$650, call 906-0110 for further information.

H. New Business:

1. The Big Bowl is currently at Flandreau Lumber. It has made quite an impression. The Lumber Yard is running a fundraiser for Kids' Cancer Charities: \$1 per guess as to how many packets of potato chips it takes to fill the Bowl. Al is turning a bowl as a prize to the winning guesser. If you have a place to display the Bowl next, let Al know.

2. Although we have received no donations for pens that have been on display, they definitely are a crowd pleaser. After a discussion, Royce volunteered to make a donation box that might encourage donations.

3. FBT Sawmill has 200 pen blanks they wish to give to the Club if someone can stop by. FBT also has a job vacancy if anyone is interested.

4. Bob B. has a friend with an excavator and a sawmill who ends up with a lot of cutoff wood that he is willing to give away (or he will burn).

5. Dakota Woodturners (Bismarck ND) are having their 2016 Symposium on April 22-24, featuring Michael Roper, Duey Marthaller, and Doug Schneiter. This event is highly recommended by John W and Doug who have attended previously. You must furnish your own lathe (can borrow Club's). Information at www.Dakotawoodturners.com.

6. John W donated a "Sharpening Guide" that he received with a tool order from Thompson Lathe Tools. It will be placed in the Club's toolbox for use with classes.

7. Doug mentioned that Keith Gotschall suggests turners buy "artisan" quality tools—they are the same quality as the more expensive "signature" tools, but may have minor blemishes that in no way effect their performance. Doug also challenged someone to turn a bowl or "something" from a beautiful piece of walnut—Gene accepted and will bring his creation to the next meeting.

8. Jeremy Frislie was a demonstrator at Stan Houston—he sells quality planing and carving tools at 214 S. Main in Sioux Falls (www.FrislieToolworks.com).

9. A good website for turning tools is www.Woodchuckers.com. It is a Canadian company—and the current exchange rate makes their products rather attractive.

10. For a bit of entertainment, consider viewing Izzy Swan turning pallet handles on YouTube.

11. Tentative schedule for future meetings:

- April – Harrisburg HS
- May – Harrisburg HS, demo by Larry Jergens (Aberdeen)
- June – Granite IA (Threshing Show location)
- July – picnic at Al's (2nd Saturday)
- August – Miller Pallet Factory (Tea)
- September – Harrisburg HS

Meeting adjourned at 2:05. Members shared a variety of projects for Show and Tell. Jack showed off a Viking bowl on which he used 80 through 600 grit sandpaper that had been dipped in walnut oil. Royce displayed duck calls that he used True-Oil Gunstock Finish on.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

Community Education Classes...

The classes are coming along well. These are the ones that remain.

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A Bit of Philosophy from the Internet...

"Normally, I have to justify everything before I buy it, but this was a situation where the very fact that it existed was justification enough for buying this tool...it just had to be bought!" Try that out on your wife.