



The Turning Point

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A SUMMER MINI NEWSLETTER!!

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June Meeting...

The June meeting will be 10:30 a.m. June 11 at the Granite Threshing Bee grounds for a demonstration of their circular saw mill. After the demo any of the buildings you want to peek into will be open. Nancy and I are also furnishing barbecues and chips after the demo for club members attending. Please let us know if you plan on coming so we can be prepared. My email address is suhreptz@gmail.com or call my cell 605-351-1504.

Directions to Granite; From Sioux Falls take 10 Street/Arrowhead Parkway east. Just after crossing the Sioux River there is a corner to either turn north to Brandon or to the south. Turn south and continue about two miles to where you have to take a sharp left turn (east) on the state line road. About a quarter mile after that corner turn right (south) and stay on the blacktop road about four miles and the road goes right through Granite. Threshing bee grounds on the south side of the road.

From I-29 exit 73 take 271 Street nine miles east. At the Spring Creek Golf Course take 480 Ave one mile south then 272 Street/140 Street three miles east and then Arizona Ave one and one half miles north.

For anyone familiar with the Miller Loader factory we are just across the street.

May Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners May 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The May meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Al Hird. There were 25 turners in attendance.

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

B. Treasurer's report: Club treasury has a balance of \$2509.

C. Library report: Library materials were available for summer check-out.

D. Community Ed report: Community Education classes went well, overall. A discussion about the classes was held and ideas for improvement included the following: name the instructor for each class in program booklet/furnish short skills biography; provide Community Ed with pictures of finished product for each class (bottle stopper, pen, etc.); best wood for new bowl turners (slightly wet, no faults, easy to turn-like ash); have one instructor lead the class through step by step turning process (others assist with safety and hands-on); provide better hand-outs to students; instructor to be responsible for having class materials ready and for providing hand-outs. Motion made and passed to have committee of three develop class schedule and make all necessary decisions concerning classes. John W., Carter and Sue will be the committee. They will report back the Club on their decisions.

E. Equipment report: Jim H. explained that members may check out Club's tools – use designated black binder with library materials. Royce reported on the decisions made by the Executive Board that met after April's business meeting: it was decided to outfit each of 8 student toolboxes with four gouges (bowl, spindle, roughing, parting tool), mandrels for pens and bottle stoppers, needed bushings. Decision on chucks not yet complete. John W has received promise of two sets of gouges from Craft Supply (two additional sets is still a possibility from Henry Taylor of England).

F. Membership report: no report

G. Old Business:

1. John S has made further progress on his treadle lathe. It will be ready for the Threshing Show on July 16-17.
2. John S confirmed the date for the Club visit to Granite: it will be June 11th at 10:30AM. We will see their sawmill in action and also make plans for our turning demo (that will take place during their Threshing Show). The Club will be using two electric lathes for the Show, wood will be available from the Threshermen's Association. Let Al know if you can turn during the Show. John passed out flyers for the Granite Swap Meet to be held May 21-22 (as they had great directions to Granite) – best to go to the Swap Meet for “swapping” on Saturday, “pancakes” on Sunday.
3. July meeting/picnic to be July 9th at Al's farm.
4. John W. reported that the Club is signed up with Craft Supply. He has catalogs, workshop information and discount coupons (Club will decide how to use/distribute coupons at later date). If a club spends \$1000, they get a 10% discount, reduced shipping and can use 2 discount coupons.
5. John W. contacted Ronald Day of Bismarck ND about teaching a class on Hollow Form

Turning for our Club. Ronald will teach for \$350, plus travel expenses of \$150. Session is 3 hours in length and he will teach second session for no additional cost. It was suggested we have morning session, short business meeting, afternoon session; members would need to bring additional lathes; location would be at Harrisburg HS. John has offered his home for Ronald's stay. Motion made and passed to have Ronald Day come on September 10th to teach Hollow Form Turning.

6. The Big Bowl is still at Flandreau Lumber Company. Anyone wishing to display it somewhere can let Al know.

H. New Business:

1. The Sioux Falls Sidewalk Arts Festival is September 10th. It was mentioned that there are many rules for vendors: no wooden jewelry, anything you bring must be available for sale, etc. Anyone doing this, or any, craft show can let the Club know if you would consider adding another member's works to your booth.

2. Frank mentioned the *East Bank Art Colony* (next to *Sticks & Steel* at 8th & Railroad in Sioux Falls). It is a cooperative; an artist must agree to work 8 hours per month to sell at their location. 30% of sale goes to *Colony*, remainder to artist.

3. With the mention of *Sticks & Steel*, a motion was made and passed to have John W. check with *Sticks & Steel* about doing a Club demonstration prior to the 2016 Christmas season. John W. (the "W" is for "workhorse") will report back on specifics.

4. Sharing: Frank brought black walnut, sandpaper, and key shavings (for inlay work); Ron brought Chinese Elm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00. Members shared a variety of projects for Show and Tell. Doug showed off an axe handle stool and a black ash burl bowl - done in the style of Phil Brown's vortex turning (American Woodturner, April 2016). There were ornaments, whistles, tops, a pizza cutter, necklace stands, bowls and bracelets. GrandDad (AKA as Al) turned a baby rattle. Ron explained his use of liming wax on a bowl he had turned: use propane torch to burn the outside (2-3 sessions to prevent overheating), get black off with soft steel brush, rub on Johnson's Paste Wax, apply antique oil, sand w/600 grit, rub liming wax on wood with force to get in all cracks (wipe off excess), wipe on antique oil (apply 4-5 coats of oil).

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

LATE NOTE:

A member of the South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild sent me information on their Symposium that will be in Regina on July 22, 23, 24, and asked that I pass it on to Club members. Featured will be David Ellsworth, J. Paul Fennell, and Jacques Vesery. Specifics can be found on their website: www.southsaskwoodturners.ca/