



# *The Turning Point*

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

The January meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School Saturday January 6 at 1:00 p.m. Challenge for the month is a writer's pen.

Remember the February meeting will be our annual Pens for the Military project day.

## ***President's Message...***

The December meeting was definitely not one to have missed with John Olson's fascinating demonstration of the Marbling Technique which he learned this

summer at the woodturning retreat in Michigan. Thank you for sharing with us, John. We now have two members that are proficient in marbling, John Olson and Sue Smith. Members who participated in the demo were able to marble objects which had been turned by John and Doug Noteboom.

Now that we have all of our equipment back at the Harrisburg School site, our open turning sessions allow new members to ask experienced turners for advice and techniques. The December meeting included several members receiving an impromptu tool sharpening demo.

You may have noticed that we try to include educational tips in our newsletter by referring you to articles from the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Another source that has great information and good ideas is the Central New York Woodturners Club. Their newsletter has been chosen as one of the best in the country. Check it out at [www.CNYwoodturners.org](http://www.CNYwoodturners.org) and I am sure you will agree.

Winter seemed to delay a bit, but now that it's definitely here, it seems like excellent weather to spend time inside with our lathes. Christmas is only three weeks away; but there is still time to delight family and friends with one-of-a-kind gifts. Happy Turning!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank of all you for your help and support during my year as Club President. I am happy to know that you will extend the same courtesy to our new Club President, Royce Meritt. In addition, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers, and sympathy cards upon the death of my mother. It meant a lot to our family.

**AAW NEWS – A free sixty day guest membership is available now.**

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=GuestSignUp> Use this opportunity to check out what is available to AAW members.

**JANUARY CHALLENGE – Writing pen challenge (which we forgot to mention at the meeting, will be a good drill in preparation for the military pen objective in February.**

**Merry Christmas! John W.**

## **December Meeting Minutes...**

John Weaver called the December 2nd meeting to order. The November minutes were approved. The treasurer's report, library report and equipment report were skipped at this time. The Membership chairman reported that memberships can now be purchased by paying Jack and will cover 2018.

Any old business was tabled.

### **New Business:**

There will be two different classes this spring...scoops and shaving sets.

Doug announced that he has tool rests for a small lathe price at \$10.00 to the club.

John W. has a Dremel saw for \$70.00 and a router table for sale. Contact John Weaver

Corky made a motion to adjourn and Jim seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

### **Show and Tell:**

Several very nice items were shared with club members as well as a good discussion of safety with turning.

### **Program:**

John Olson gave a very interesting program and demonstration of marbling. Several members were able to try the technique.

Free turning was available to anyone that wanted.

## **Spring Community Ed Classes...**

The spring Community Education classes are set. All classes will be held at the Career and Technical Education Center at 4700 W Career Circle in Sioux Falls. That's near the intersection of Terry Avenue and Madison Street on the west side of I-29. Class times are 6:00 p.m. to 8:30

p.m. As always if you can, please help out by just being there as a mentor for the new students.

Woodturning 101 Tuesday March 27 and Thursday March 29

Intermediate Platter Thursday April 5

Intermediate Writer's Pen Tuesday April 10

Intermediate Green Bowl Thursday April 12

Intermediate Candle Stick or Lamp Tuesday April 17

Intermediate Coffee or Ice Cream Scoop Thursday April 19

Intermediate Razor Kit Tuesday April 24

### ***December Show and Tell Table...***





## **John Olson Marbling Demo Pictures...**



These are some examples of marbling from the November show and tell table.

The first picture on the next page shows the setup. The white tub holds a solution of carrageenan, a type of gelatin made from seaweed, and water. The acrylic paints are dropped onto the surface of the water using plastic broom straw a drop at a time. Use as many colors as you like. Because of the carrageenan the paint stays on the surface.

The second picture on the next page shows “raking” the paint to gently move the colors on the solution surface. Many patterns can be produced depending on the raking movement.

The piece to be dipped is coated 24 hours in advance with a solution of alum and water and allowed to dry. The alum sets the paint immediately when the piece is dipped.





The piece is carefully dipped through the paint on the surface and then brought out of the solution and because of the alum applied to the surface of the piece earlier the paint dries instantly.



And then a rinse in clean water



The results are amazing in this picture of the finished piece and the next piece to be dipped.



Only one piece can be dipped for each individual paint setup. Removal of the remaining paint is very easy using a paper towel to skim the remainder from the surface. You are then ready to set up the paints for the next project.



Beginning of the next setup.



And a wooden ball finished.





A different group very interested in sharpening tips the same day.