



The Turning Point

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May Meeting:

The May meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the normal 1:00 PM time. For newcomers and visitors, go all the way around the west and north sides of the school to the northeast corner of the building. The meeting is in the wood shop. Follow the trail of sawdust. This will **not** be a normal meeting, we will try to keep it under an hour, then the normal demo time, Jack Zimmer will be showing his Rose Engine.

Here is a summary of the e-mail Aaron sent out earlier.

Saturday, May 4th will be a busy day. We start the morning with a Community Education class on bowl turning. We'll need mentors. I think that set up is at 8:30 am but will let Michelle confirm the schedule.

I have on the 2024 Agenda that we're grilling hot dogs at noon but have done little to organize that. I apologize. We'll need a grill, hot dogs, side dishes and desserts. Please let me know if we can still get that done. Note from Rex – if you can help with this contact Aaron. I believe the hot dogs have been provided (Thanks Jon).

Jack Zimmel will be doing a demonstration with his Rose Engine. I really can't do that machine justice in words. All I can say is that anyone loving detail, precision and complexity needs to see this demonstration.

KC Herman from Avera will be visiting us at about 2:20pm regarding the Wig Stand Program. As you know, Avera has given us a table to set up a display at the Cancer Race on May 11th. The set up starts at 6am. It runs until about 10am. We can place wig stands and other works on our table. We can use our banner and new brochures*. We will need several greeters. Avera will provide the table, table cloth and chairs. Avera has provided passes for set up because the traffic gets ridiculous in that area. Please bring your finished stands to the meeting. You can also drop them off at my office during the work week if needed.

*I want to express a sincere thank you to Frank Denton for making and donating the new brochures to the Club.

President's Message...

Dear Friends and Woodturning Enthusiasts,

This month has been busy!

We started April donating 56 stands to Avera Hospital. The Hospital in Sioux Falls donated six to patients the first week. Others were shipped to Avera's facilities throughout the State. The response has been humbling. In gratitude, Avera is providing us a table at the Annual Cancer Race on May 11th. We will need additional stands to place on that table. Please bring finished stands to our next meeting.

We are also in the midst of our Spring Community Education classes. Michelle has done an exceptional job coordinating the moving parts as our Education Chair. The students' positive responses are attributable to our exceptional teachers Doug, Royce and Alistair and all of our mentors.

Lastly, members* met at Doug's shop on April 20th to build lathe stands. Five of our lathes had been stored on the floor of our trailer. These lathes were previously moved on a dolly and

hoisted upon tables for classes. These lathes are now attached to stands with casters. Each lathe's tool box can be stored in the stand. The stands all fit in the trailer. We are in the process of getting a stencil to paint our name and website on the stands.

Our next business meeting is May 4th at 1:00 p.m. My hope is that we we'll see a lot of faces from our Community Education Classes. Around 2:00 p.m., Jack Zimmel will demonstrate his Rose Engine. If you're unfamiliar with it, you will leave astounded at the detail, precision and possibilities possible with this machine.

Turn safe,

Aaron Salberg

*I am required to state that John Olson was not injured in the making of the lathe stands.

April Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners April 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by President Aaron Salberg. 33 Members and guests were present and introduced themselves. A quorum was determined and reported by the secretary.

It was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to accept the minutes from the March meeting. A review of the Treasurer's report was presented by Royce for Mike Dimock, treasurer, who was unable to attend the meeting. An ending balance of \$2084.42 was reported. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Membership

We have about 69 members. Some members have not yet paid the 2024 dues. Membership cards were handed out that can be used in several places for discounts. If you need a name badge contact Royce.

John Weaver reminded the membership that several companies offer discounts to club members. Please contact John if interested in that benefit.

Community Ed

Michelle reported that our education classes start on April 9th and we have 9 classes and 8 classes are full with “wait” lists. An “overflow” class for 101 was conducted this morning prior to the meeting. Next month an “overflow” class for bowls will be conducted prior to the meeting. This class will be from 9:30-noon with our regular meeting at 1:00 PM.

Discussion of the class at Washington Pavilion, which will be held in the Career Prep classroom from 8:30-noon. This will be held on June 20 and June 24th. A thank you to Royce for volunteering to teach this class. Please contact Michelle if you can mentor. Michelle will work out the details of bringing equipment, etc.

Technology --Gene reported that the new brochures have been printed.

Equipment – Bill reported that the two new (2023) lathes are pink and the 2024 lathes are brown for toolboxes. He has conducted an inventory of tools in all toolboxes and there is always a need for tools for the boxes. If you have tools to donate please contact Bill. There are brass filings available from Bill as well. There is a new toolbox for the big Jet. \$400.00 has been authorized for tool purchase and \$180.00 has been spent.

Doug reported for Rex that there are pen kits available. Please sign the box for what you take.

Old Business

Doug looked at the cannon project (see March minutes) and can do it but turning is not required. Gene volunteered to help Doug.

New Business

Wig Stands – the club is making wig stands to donate to the cancer department at Avera Hospital. Some stands were made at the March meeting and members took home blanks to make at home. Today members returned 57 wig stands. Aaron and John will deliver them.

Safety Rules

Motion made, seconded and passed by hand vote that we amend the by-laws to include a Safety Officer and while everyone needs to be aware of safety rules and procedures this person will be sure that safety measures are followed and posted on each lathe.

Motion made and seconded for adjournment at 2:10 PM, passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranah Sample, Secretary

Challenge for April – Writing Pens (winners displayed at Community Ed Classes

Winner pictures on website and face book

(Show and Tell) – pictures in newsletter, face book and on the website ***note from Rex, I wasn't at the April meeting and don't have any pictures from S&T or pictures of the pens except the winners.

Raffle - \$60.00

Demo – Spoons – Alistair Hird

Program/Demo for May:

Demo – Jack Zimmel – Rose engine

Challenge – something with a finial

Spring 2024 Community Ed Classes

Spring classes have completed. A huge thank you to all the teachers and mentors.

April Wig stands



April challenge – pens.



And The Winners.



Robert Tebben



Dennis White

April Show and Tell





Some of these items are part of the pen challenge and some aren't so I had to put the picture somewhere.





Lathe stands – Thanks, Doug for setting this up and for the use of your shop.

