



The Turning Point

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June Meeting:

The June meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School on Saturday, June 1, 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 be kind of a normal meeting. The demo this month will be a remote demo, taking place at 1:30 so we’ll see how quickly Aaron can run the business meeting or if we’ll need to reconvene after the demo.

President's Message...

Dear Woodturning Enthusiasts,

This is a heads up of some of the good things that may or will occur soon.

The Siouxland Woodturners has nominated its first AAW Stalwart. A Stalwart is a tireless and selfless volunteer. The first to arrive and the last to leave. One that does more work than could be expected from one person. Our nominee fits that description several times over. I will provide the AAW's decision upon my receipt of the same.

The SWT itself is also nominated for the AAW's Community Impact Award. Our nomination is based upon our Community Education Classes, Military Pen Program and Wig Stand Program. Our focus on safety and our newly appointed safety officer position was a factor in the application process. This is a new AAW award. There will only be one winner out of the AAW's 360 Clubs worldwide. The winner will be announced May 25th at the AAW International Woodturning Symposium in Oregon.

Lastly, our next two demonstrations will be Interactive Remote Demonstrations (IRDs).

The first demonstration is by Professor Robert Wallace. It is entitled "Basic Principles of Bowl and Vessel Design." It will be on June 1st at 1:30 p.m. at our shop. Many thanks to our sponsor Attorney Paul Linde of Shaffer Law Office, LLC in Sioux Falls.

The second IRD is by Jim Collingwood's friend Tom Wirsing. It is entitled "A two-step process for making platters." It will be on July 10th at 7:00 p.m. We will provide the log in information so that you may watch this IRD from the comfort of your home, shoreline or wherever else you so choose.

Until then, turn safe,

Aaron Salberg

May Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

May 4th Meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 13:14 by President Aaron Salberg. 38 members and guests were present. A quorum was present and reported to President Aaron Salberg by Asst. Secretary John Olson.

Due to time constraints Jack Zimmel presented his demonstration on the Rose Engine first. Jack gave a history of the Rose Engine and then demonstrated a number of turning techniques and tools that could be used on the Rose Engine. He answered questions and concluded his demonstration.

The meeting was restarted in the classroom at 14:00.

Committee reports:

Membership Report

68 current members. Membership cards and name tags were passed out. It was reported that Stan Houston is no longer giving members a 5% discount.

Community Education

Thanks to everyone who assisted with the Adult Education classes. We received glowing reports from the students in the classes. A motion was made and seconded to do 6 classes for the fall session; 3 beginner classes and one each of a platter, trees and ornaments, and duck calls class. The motion carried. Classes will be from Oct 1 through Oct 17th. There was some discussion about doing an advanced class for those who have taken all our other classes, sometime in the future. There was also discussion about teaching at the Washington Pavilion but nothing was finalized.

Technology: no report or discussion

Equipment

Five new rolling stands were completed for the lathes. This appears to be enough for now. A motion was made, seconded and passed for \$200 for needed tools. We will be planning on a work day to ready the tools for the fall classes in September or October.

Old Business

Discussion was held regarding who we should be giving the Military Pens to; should every Guard Member returning from overseas receive one or just those returning from their first deployment. It was decided to table this until we can get more information.

A representative from Avera was present to thank us for the wig stands and explain how they were used and distributed.

New Business

A safety talk about dust and the most harmful types.

Treasurer Report

Current checkbook balance is \$1477.24. Some outstanding bills were paid and there are a number of receipts not yet in the total.

Library Report: nothing

Show and Tell and the Raffle were held and the meeting was adjourned at 15:09.

Challenge for May – Something with a finial

Demo – Rose Engine – jack Zimmel

Program/Demo for June:

Demo – Professor Robert Wallace – Bowl and Vessel Design (remote)

Challenge – Goblet/Chalice

Spring 2024 Community Ed Classes

Spring classes have completed. A huge thank you to all the teachers and mentors. One follow-up class on bowl turning was held the morning of the meeting. Pics below. Fall classes have been decided upon, more information coming.





Wig stands





Thank you to the volunteers at the Avera Cancer race, showcasing the wig stands made and donated to Avera.

April challenge – finials.



Andrew Harkin

April Show and Tell







And finally a “peek-a-boo!” just to see if anybody notices!

Rose Engine Demo.





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