



The Turning Point

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August Meeting:

The August meeting will be back at the school on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 1:00 PM starting with the business meeting, show and tell at 1:45, and demo at 2:00.

President's Message...

Dear Woodturning Enthusiasts,

The August meeting will address some Club changing topics.

It's going to be proposed that we change our tax designation from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3). This will allow donors to give grants that are tax deductible for them. There are many grants

for non-profits. In short, we could obtain new lathes, tools and materials to teach. We could obtain funds for materials for our Military Pens and Wig Stands. Perhaps we could even fund demonstrations.

Changing our tax designation is going to be a several step process. There will be fees. There will be additional responsibilities. The Bylaws would be rewritten with one major change – the Club would be board ran rather than member ran. Just something to think about.

This is also part of a larger plan. Ultimately, the plan is to get our own shop. A comfortable place to meet, turn, sell and educate. A place to grow. There are many ways that a shop could materialize. Building the Club's organization is perhaps the first step.

Taxes aside, we're here about turning. The feature of our August meeting will be Jeff Albrecht's demonstration on staves – a topic that can be incorporated into many woodturning projects. Also, it has been suggested that we cancel some of our next business meetings. Instead, we'd get out the lathes and turn. I'd like to put that out there for ideas. We have a lot to talk about.

Until then, turn safe,

Aaron Salberg

July Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

Being that the July activity was the annual picnic, there was no business meeting, so no minutes. Following are some carry-overs from the June meeting that are still active.

Other

SWAT in Waco August 23-25

Currently have Woody, Jack and John attending. Contact one of them if interested

Lots of give aways in Waco as well as displays of turnings and many sessions you can attend

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(Show and Tell) – Note for S&T: Make sure to bring your latest projects for Show and Tell. There is always a good selection of items that can inspire you to make your own works of art. There are always opportunities to learn from others by watching the demo or just talking with other turners.

If you have some projects you finished you can send photos of your work to Gene if you want it published on the web or Ranah or John Olson if you want them posted on Facebook.

Program/Demo for August:

Demo— This month's demo will be presented by Jeff Albrecht on creating objects with staves.

Fall 2024 Community Ed Classes

Michelle reported that our education classes start in October.

Classes are as follows:

101 (1,3,8)

Calls (10)

Platters (15)

Xmas/ornaments (17)

10 students maximum for each class.

It's not too early to think about being a teacher or mentor for these classes.

Woodcrafts expo August 17-18

Got this e-mail from the expo promoter yesterday.

Hi Rex! Just wanted to let you know that your assigned booth number is #20. Also, if you have a product that you would like to give away for raffle, please let me know so I can get it advertised for you.

Looking forward to having you at the Expo! Just a reminder that if you need electrical service for your booth, you need to fill out the electrical service request form (link to form provided at the end of this email). Service must be secured through the Sioux Falls Convention Center. You can fill out the form with your business name and booth number. Power will be provided in the demonstration area for exhibitors who are demonstrating products and techniques along with a hands-free microphone and speaker.

If you are in need of extra chairs, tables, or other special equipment, many items are available through the Convention Center. Please see the additional forms on our website under the Exhibitor Page. www.woodcraftsexpo.com .

Additional notes from Rex. The expo runs Saturday 10-7 and Sunday 10-5. Exhibitors can sell items from their booth. Cost for electricity at the booth is \$50 for the weekend. We are expected to do a demo each day. I haven't gotten a layout of the facility yet – possibly Monday. The demo area is within the convention center, supposedly close to our booth area. We are scheduled to give a demo Saturday at 1:00 and Sunday at 12:30. Do we want to have a lathe at the booth as well? 10x10 isn't really that big of a spot to be demoing. Possibly have something about the comm ed classes at the booth? We will need volunteers for the booth and the demos.

Picnic



July challenge – something with metal.

I don't know if there were any submissions.

July Show and Tell

