



# *The Turning Point*

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## ***October Meeting and activities:***

The October meeting will be at the school on Saturday, October 5, 2024 starting at 10:00 AM with open turning, a closed business meeting at noon, show and tell and the raffle at 11:45, and pens for the military at 1:00. There will be no demo this month. There may be pen making during the open turn time in the morning as well. See the president's message below for more details.

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

We are coming upon our October Community Education Classes. The classes are an important part of our mission to teach and promote woodturning. Just as important, is the learning that we do mentoring others. There are many spots open and one may sign up with Michelle. You

do not need to be the most skilled woodturner to mentor. Of course, all members can attend just to watch.

This reminds me of a safety rule that I learned at those classes. The rule states “don’t move the tool rest, while the lathe is turning.” It’s sometimes misquoted. Unfortunately, we have a member this week who received five stitches in his left hand to show that there is a reason for the rule. Please, take the time, be safe, and leave the students the impression that we do so.

Two things that I’d like to point out about our new meeting format. First, we can be creative with the turning time. We can have collaborations and contests. We can have mini demonstrations. Or just bring a piece of wood and go after it. There’s no pressure or judgment. Please let me know if there is something that we can do for you during the turn time. Second, show and tell and the raffle will be at the end of the turning time session, about 11:45.

We turned in nearly 30 items for the Augustana sale which will be September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>. I know that the wood was hard to work with but the pieces came out amazing. I’ll follow up with how it turns out in the future.

Lastly, the AAW Symposium is scheduled June 12 -15, 2025, in St. Paul Minnesota. Three days of woodturning displays, experts and tools doesn’t get any closer to home. Time will fly before then. People are already talking about ways to cut costs like car pooling. Please let me know if anyone is interested or has ideas.

Until then, please turn safe.

Thank you.

Aaron

## ***September Meeting Minutes...***

### *Siouxland Woodturners* September 7, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 12:05 PM by Pres Aaron Salberg

This was the first meeting in the new format with board members only

The minutes were approved by all members present

Assistant Secretary John Olson took the meeting notes due to Ranah Sample not being present

No treasurer report given

Pres Salberg requested that any reports or information needed for future meetings be sent out as early as possible so they can be used at the meeting. It's difficult or impossible to use them if they arrived too late.

Education report

All classes are full except the duck call class which has only 3 signed up. There is a waiting list for several of the classes

We are getting more requests for military pens. Organizations from as far away as Rapid City are sending requests with many other organizations also making requests for pens. A discussion was done with a number of options brought up. We will continue to do pens for those Vets in the VA hospital. However it was unanimously agreed that we can not continue to fill all requests so some limits will need to be decided. With a number of options suggested the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

A suggestion was made that we should start a discussion on members going to the Minneapolis AAW symposium which is coming up in 2025

A motion was made to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1235.

### **Program/Demo for October:**

None – the time will be spent turning and assembling pens for the military.

### **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.

We are looking for teachers and mentors for these classes. Talk to Michelle for more information.

### **September Show and Tell**

There were no pictures submitted for inclusion in the newsletter from the September meeting.

### **Items for Augustana**

Here is a picture of items made from the maple tree salvaged from Augustana. These items are being donated back to Augustana for auction as a fundraiser.

