



The Turning Point

The newsletter of the Siouxland Woodturners Chapter
of the American Association of Woodturners

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Upcoming Meeting Info

Saturday, February 7, 2026

- 1:00 Safety Message/Membership Meeting**
- 2:00 Cleaning & maintaining chucks**

Ag Education Shop
Harrisburg High School
(1300 E. Willow Street, Harrisburg, SD)

Drive around to the northeast side of the building and park in the gravel lot.



February Demo/Activity

*How to Clean & Maintain
Woodturning Chucks*

February Challenge

Heart Shaped Objects



Stan Houston Show

February 20-21, 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February 7th SWT meeting. I'm starting out my term as President of SWT for 2026 and I hope I can fill the shoes of my predecessors. I started turning in 2018 with the Community Ed classes and I've learned a lot from these meetings.

The annual Stan Houston Woodworking and Power Tool show is coming up. The dates are Friday, February 20th and Saturday, February 21st. There should be more info to come at our meeting on the 7th.

The President's Challenge for February is 'hearts'. Be creative, some examples are bowls/plates turned from heart shaped blanks or heart shapes turned from a crotch or fork of a tree.

See you at the meeting,
Brad Hakeman

Community Education Classes

The Spring Community Education woodturning classes will be here before we know it. Community Education is one of the more important activities we do as a club. Please consider signing up to instruct or mentor one of these classes. You need not consider yourself an "expert" to mentor the students during these classes.

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| <i>April 9, 2026</i> | <i>Woodturning 101</i> | <i>Lincoln HS, Sioux Falls, SD</i> |
| <i>April 14, 2026</i> | <i>Woodturning 101</i> | <i>Lincoln HS, Sioux Falls, SD</i> |
| <i>April 16, 2026</i> | <i>Pens</i> | <i>Lincoln HS, Sioux Falls, SD</i> |
| <i>April 21, 2026</i> | <i>Natural Edge Bowl</i> | <i>Lincoln HS, Sioux Falls, SD</i> |
| <i>April 23, 2026</i> | <i>Hollowing</i> | <i>Lincoln HS, Sioux Falls, SD</i> |
| <i>April 28, 2026</i> | <i>Ice Cream Scoops</i> | <i>Lincoln HS, Sioux Falls, SD</i> |

Stan Houston Woodworking and Tool Show...

At the February meeting we will organize our involvement in the Stan Houston Show. Sign up to turn and/or "meet & greet". The show is on Friday, February 20 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, February 21 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is one of our more important events of the year. We meet a lot of new people and even get a new member or two. Please volunteer to help if you are able.

At the January Meeting...

Siouxland Woodturners January 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Vice President Royce Meritt called the January 2026 meeting to order at 1:00 PM. There were 35 turners in attendance. Introductions were made and guests welcomed.

There was no official meeting in December and thus no minutes.

Committee reports

Treasurer's report: Treasurer reported a balance of \$6466.47, which included the \$200.00 raffle and \$150.00 donation for making pens for the highway patrol. Motion made and seconded and approved by voice vote to accept the treasurer's report

Membership: John Weaver reported memberships can be paid to him.

\$25 .00/family. 8 organizations give us a 10% discount.

Education Committee-no report

Library- nothing new

Equipment-nothing new

Technology – nothing new

Stan Houston – Friday Feb. 20 (8:00-5:00) and Saturday Feb. 21 (8-4)

John Weaver volunteered to be the contact for Stan Houston

New Business:

Vice president Meritt suggested that we leave the executive board in place to discuss club concerns and bring those that need to be discussed to the club membership. Al moved that the executive board consist of the following 10 members.

The 4 elected officers plus the following committee chairs/coordinators:

Membership

Media/Technology

Education

Equipment

Safety

Raffel/prizes

Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote

John Olson moved that the executive board could authorize an expenditure of up to \$500.00 at their discretion without club approval with a quorum agreeing. Woody seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

Nominations for President

Brad Hakeman was nominated for president

Rex moved that nominations cease. It was seconded and passed by voice vote.

The equipment chairman has resigned. There are no volunteers for this position at this time.

Raffle: total of \$99.0

Show and Tell: A nice show and tell of items club members have made: Pictures will be posted in the newsletter and on the facebook page.

Monthly Demos/Activities

Demo for January meeting – John Olson– coloring

Feb. Cleaning and maintaining chucks

March -

April - (10:00 AM). Sharpening and organizing

May -

June - picnic

July -

August - Segmented appliances

Sept

Oct- sharpening

Nov. - Pens

Dec. Christmas party pot-luck

Challenges

Feb. - Valentines

March- Easter

April – kits

Adjournment: Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by voice vote. Next meeting is at Harrisburg High School on February 7, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ranah Sample, Secretary

January Show and Tell





January 2026 Activity
Makin' A Mess with John O.



