



The Turning Point

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

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Upcoming Meeting Info

Saturday, March 7, 2026

- 10:00** Begin sharpening & Organizing Tool Boxes
- 12:00** Lunch Break (Bring your own or Go get some lunch)
- 1:00** Safety Message/Membership Meeting
- 2:00** Continue Sharpening & organizing

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.



March Challenge

Easter

Whatever that means to you.

***Bunny Rabbits,
Flowers, Easter Eggs,
Angels, etc.***

March Demo/Activity

Sharpening & organizing tool boxes for Community Ed

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.

<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>

At the January Meeting...

Siouxland Woodturners
February 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by the new president Bradley Hakeman at 1:06 PM
Introductions were made with 32 in attendance.

The meeting was begun with the safety person presenting a short program on sharpening blades for your table saw. Discussion and suggestions from the membership continued. If members want to hire someone to sharpen their blades you can contact Dakota Tool Sharpening - 605-332-5973

Committee reports,,,,

Treasurer - \$7016.47

Membership - dues need to be paid

Equipment - question on. Glue purchase. A minimum order of \$150.00 is required. Contact John Weaver for additional information.

Education - Mentors are needed for the upcoming classes. See Michelle. Note: classes are filling up and will be held April 9-28.

Library - Doug donated a new book to the library

Technology - Nothing to report

Stan Houston....sign up sheet for turners and helpers (talkers). See John Weaver for additional information. Stan Houston will provide a Powermatic. The program agenda is on Stan Houston's website,

The March challenge will be anything for Easter

April challenge will be anything made from a kit

Demos (need ideas and people for demos. It was suggested we do a demo on making wig stands.

March - sharpening tools in our tool boxes and organization of boxes (in preparation for classes) **Meeting to start at 10 AM

Newsletter discussion and best way to give notice of meetings. No changes were made.

Raffle - \$78.00

Show and tell (see pictures)

Respectfully submitted,
Ranah Sample, Secretary

Monthly Demos/Activities

Demo for January meeting – John Olson– coloring

Feb. Cleaning and maintaining chucks

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

April –

May -

June - picnic

July -

August - Segmented appliances

Sept

Oct- sharpening

Nov. - Pens

Dec. Christmas party pot-luck

Siouxland Woodturners

Executive Board meeting 2/20/26

Membership

Review discussion on the membership roster. *Dues paid by Feb 1 for current year. There's a 6 month grace period to pay the current year's dues to help cover "snowbirds" and those that live further away or those that can only attend a few meetings a year. Anyone not paid at that point will be removed from the active member list (the list given to vendors for discounts), but may still receive emails or other communication.

Those that have not paid for 2 years or more will be removed from email lists and member status. Records are kept by several members for historical purposes (Michelle -member cards; Al -treasurer; John -members; Corky -email lists)

Membership will send out a "gentle reminder" to those not paid for 2026 before the six month grace period is over.

Website

Several members commented on how helpful it was for Corky to review the website. At the next meeting, Corky and Gene will hook up a laptop to the tv and walk-through the website so it can be utilized more.

Community Ed

Spring class registration started on Wed, Feb 18. As of 2/20, there were registrations for all classes. 101 classes -9/10 and 4/10; Pens 2/10; Bowls 6/10; Hallows 4/10; Ice Cream Scoop 3/10

Trailer – Robert will take the trailer to Stan Houston and to the March Meeting. Al H will take the trailer for April Community Ed Classes. Robert will bring the trailer to the May meeting. No open turn in April.

Treasurer

Cory and Cleo have spent the last year working on an inventory of the club equipment. Cory put together a complete database with all the information with current replacement values and purchase value if available/applicable. Based

on that inventory, which values the equipment at \$37-40,000, Al W reviewed the current insurance policy. Since the insurance policy is up for renewal, Al will speak with the insurance agent and discuss increasing the replacement costs to \$40,000 (up from \$25,000).

Equipment

Proposal to spend \$260-270 on 2 new face shields; 12 replacement face shield covers; brooms, mini shop vac, and dust pan for the trailer. Several times we've been locked out of the closet for cleanup and needed to improvise.

Approved for Cory to purchase and have by March meeting.

John W will check with the Jet rep to see what kind of deal we can get for 2 new 12/21 lathes. We have several that have been damaged and should be replaced in 2026. The 2 older lathes would then be sold at discount to club members or new turners looking to get started.

Wig Stands

Avera Race for the Cure – Saturday, May 9, 2026

Talk with Aaron S to see what Avera's needs might be for Wig Stands.

Upcoming Meetings

March -Clean and Sharpen for Community Ed. Start time 10am

April – Wig Stand Demo. Start time 1pm

May – Open Turn start time 10am; _____demo

June – Picnic at Doug's. Will confirm date

July – Club Wig Stand Work Day. Start time 10am

Aug -OFFSITE meeting at Mark Poppe's. Mark and Corky will demonstrate Segmented Jigs

Sept – Open Turn start time 10am; _____demo

Oct – Start time 1pm _____demo

Nov – Club Military Pens Work Day. Start time 10am. POTLUCK

Dec – Open Turn start time 10am; No business meeting

President's Challenge

March – Easter

April – Made with a Kit

May – Wig Stands (to be donated to Avera during the Avera Race)

June – People's Choice Platters (during the picnic)

July – Patriotic, Happy Birthday America!

August – Scrap Wood Fun

September – Segmented September

October – **Spooky Vibes**

November – Turkey Turning

December – Santas and Snowmen

February Challenge- Hearts



1st Place- Gene Wubben



2nd Place- Steve Klein

February Show and Tell





February 2026 Demo

Cleaning & Maintaining Chucks with Gene W.

