



The Turning Point

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

March 2026

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Upcoming Meeting Info

Saturday, April 11, 2026

- 11:30 Wig Stand Demo**
- 12:00 Lunch Break (Bring your own or Go get some lunch)**
- 1:00 Safety Message/Membership Meeting**
- 2:00 Wig Stands Demos**

**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.



Demo/Activity

*Different Ways to
Turn Wig Stands*

April Challenge

Turned from a Kit

Examples include, but not limited to:

***Pens, Tools & Utensils,
Bottle Stoppers,
Pepper Mills, etc.***

President's Message...

Thank you to everyone who was able to help prepare the club equipment for our upcoming Community Education classes in April.

We will have a table at the upcoming Avera Race Against Cancer on Sunday, May 9, 2026. This is an opportunity to display the wig stands our club has been busy making for their patients. It's also an opportunity to promote the club to anyone interested in taking up woodturning. More info to come as we get closer to race day, but please continue to work hard on producing wig stands.

Now that it appears spring is here, a lot of us can get back to turning if we aren't lucky enough to have climate controlled workspaces. Keep in mind the safety tips we hear at our meetings and I look forward to seeing our show and tell items as well as the President's Challenge items.

See you at the next 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.

<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 & Tool Show February 20 & 21, 2026



At the March Meeting...

Siouxland Woodturners
March, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by the president Bradley Hakeman at 12:58 PM. Introductions were made with 29 in attendance.

The meeting was begun with the safety person presenting a short program from AAW safety points guidelines.

Requests...the Little Rock, Iowa school district has a lathe for sale. They would like to have a demo presented to their students on the use of a lathe. A couple of members said they would be interested in presenting a demo for them.

There has been a request from the Rapid City area regarding making wig stands. It was decided to ask Jeff, who was not in attendance, if he could get more information from and for them.

Michele's report was read and several classes are full. Mentors are still needed as it is best, if we can, provide a mentor for each student/lathe.

Gene presented information about our website. There are 1500-2500 hits/month. He went through the

process to access material from the website and how to get to the newsletter for current information.

Committee reports

Treasury - \$7469.47 with \$290.00 to be paid to Cory.

Library - nothing new

Membership - 4 new members today, 46-48 paid members, 80 on list

Equipment - recommendation to change the casters on the tool boxes

We have received the new face shields

Need to replace 2 lathes in the area of about \$800.00

(John Weaver is looking into prices)

Question — are we still working on “tax free” status? Contact Aaron

Moved to purchase two lathes if under \$850. Rex amended it to \$900, Al told the members that the executive committee made the recommendation to purchase if under \$1000 with membership approval.

This was passed by voice vote.

Bill read a thank you letter from Disabled American Veteran (DAV) for 80 pens presented to veterans at the hospital at the Christmas party on Christmas Day.

We showed the military pens to the new people that were at the meeting.

Looking ahead...

April demo - wig stands

May - ?

June picnic at Doug's house. The challenge will be platters and only non members can vote for people's choice. Please bring chairs to the picnic,

Respectfully submitted,
Ranah Sample, Secretary

March Challenge- Easter



March Challenge Winners
1st Place: Robert Tebben 2nd Place: Royce Meritt

February Show and Tell





January 29, 2026

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Greetings:

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1, Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter No. 5355, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 959 would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Siouxland Woodturners for the donation of handcrafted pens to benefit Veterans served by the Annual VA Patients Christmas Party on Christmas Day.

Through your support we can continue DAV's mission of "*KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS.*"

"HAPPY NEW YEAR" and thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack Hanson, Commander

Buck Underwood, Commander

Terry "Hawk" Mayer, Commander