



The Turning Point

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

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Upcoming Meeting Info

Saturday, May 2, 2026

- 10:00 Open Turning**
- 12:00 Lunch Break (Bring your own or Go get some lunch)**
- 1:00 Safety Message/Membership Meeting**
- 2:00 Demo- Making Rings**

**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

***Open Turning at 10:00 AM
Ring Making Demo at 2:00 PM***

May Challenge

Wig Stands

***To be donated to Avera
at the Avera "Race
Against Cancer" on
May 9th.***

President's Message...

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to mentor and teach our Community Education classes this spring. We had a great turnout and everyone had a good time learning a new skill.

Again, a reminder we will have a table at the upcoming Avera Race Against Cancer on Saturday, 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.

See you at the next meeting.

- Brad Hakeman

At the April Meeting...

Siouxland Woodturners
April 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by the president Bradley Hakeman at 12:58 PM. Introductions were made with 30. in attendance.

The president asked to have the members vote on the challenge which was to make something from a kit. Winner will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

It was announced the information has been sent regarding the AAW convention in North Carolina. Those that are not attending can watch 20 on-line seminars.

Committee reports

-Treasurer—\$6960; insurance is paid (\$437) and the cost of the 2 lathes is pending.

-Membership - 47 paid members

-Equipment — 2 new lathes have been purchased and will replace 2 worn ones

—need to redesign the stands and make it a stand alone unit

—going well with the equipment

-Community Ed - please help out with the mentoring. It is VERY important to try to have a mentor with each

participant. We generally have 10/class. The club mission is met by our community ed classes..we need to step up and be a mentor!! Classes are held twice a year (April and October) and have 6 sessions each.

After discussion on our community education classes a motion of made tp continue the community ed classes.

Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Kathy shared what having a mentor meant to her. Michelle said she will be developing the class list for October.

Several members requested that we have pen making at a meeting. Open turning will be held May 9th.

Safety - safety officer was not in attendance so Michelle gave a report on safety.

- Keep you shop clean-a clean shop is a safe shop
- shavings on floor make it very slippery
- take breaks!

Aaron gave a report on the upcoming Avera run to be held May 9th starting from the Avera Center Fitness on 26th. They will provide breakfast. We can display any items you have turned in the tent.

WIG stands

-4 1/2" maximum wig placement

Doesn't have to be complicated

Anything is better than nothing

99% need the shorter ones. 15" tall

U-tube has video on making wig stands

We have probably provided 200 wig stands to Avera and are always in need to make more including blanks to make them.

Announcements

Kathy has a friend who makes pottery and would like hardwood shaving. Dakota Pottery

Doug announced that by July. 1st he will be reducing his equipment including his sawmill, Michelle indicated the Boy Scouts might be interested in that. Doug priced his Ricon 18" bandsaw for \$ 500. Contact Doug for additional information.

John Olson made a motion for Adjournment and John Weaver seconded it. Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by

Ranah Sample, Secretary

Raffel - \$72.00

Show and tell - pictures in newsletter

Challenge winners

1st John Weaver (lampshade)

2nd John Olson (coffee mugs from Jim Sample scrapes)

3rd - Robert (bar-b-que tools)

April Challenge- Something From a Kit



April Challenge Winners

1st Place: John Weaver (Lampshade)

2nd Place: John Olson (Mugs from Jim Sample Scraps)

3rd Place: Robert Tebben (Bar-B-Que Tools)

April Show and Tell

