



THE TURNING POINT

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

February 2008

Upcoming meeting info...

The March meeting will be held on *Saturday, March 8, 2008* at 1:00 PM at the Ag. Ed. Shop at the Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg.

The March meeting will provide demonstrations of basic spindle and faceplate turning techniques for new and existing members. We will also regularly include sharpening tips (so bring those tools that give you trouble and we'll help with sharpening if possible).

Directions to the March meeting

Harrisburg High School
600 S. Cliff Ave.
Harrisburg, SD

From Sioux Falls: South on Cliff Avenue to Harrisburg. At the 4-Way stop there will be a Casey's on the right and a BP on the left. Continue south for approximately 2 blocks. Harrisburg High School will be on the left.

From the West: Take the Harrisburg exit off I-29. Go east about 5 miles. At the 4-Way stop by the Casey's turn right. Go about 2 blocks south. Harrisburg High School will be on the right.

From the East: On Highway 11 turn west on the Harrisburg road. Continue west through Harrisburg to the 4-Way stop with the BP store on your left. Go south about 2 blocks. Harrisburg High School will be on the left.

The Ag Shop is located around the back of the building in the northeast corner of the building.

If you get lost give Royce a call at (605)351-9435

Officers elected for 2008

President: Royce Meritt
Vice President: Sue Smith
Secretary/ Newsletter Editor: Dan Humburg
Treasurer: Frank Denton
Librarian: John Olson

News from your President

This being my first column as president of the Siouxland Woodturners, I'm not exactly sure where to start. I guess I'll just jump in and begin rambling.

We have what I think are some exciting months ahead of us as an organization. We have secured an excellent, permanent meeting place at the Harrisburg High School Ag Education shop. This facility provides us with classroom space for our business meetings as well as a large shop area. It's nice to finally have a "home". We are in the process of attempting to secure funds to purchase some club-owned equipment. In the coming months we will need everyone's input as we make some important decisions.

We will be exploring some interesting and informative topics at our meetings throughout the coming year. Everything from basic woodturning skills to photographing those great projects we've been turning will be covered. Being able to learn from each other is one of the most important aspects of our club.

As has often been said, there is strength in numbers. One of our challenges during the next year must be to do everything we can to help our club grow. I would like to issue a personal challenge to each of you to invite at least one new person to a club meeting this year. Don't be afraid to ask. You never know who might be interested in learning about this wonderful craft of woodturning. I, myself have two people on my list to call before our next meeting. I've been meaning to invite both of them for some time now and it's time for me to get off my duff and make two simple phone calls.

It hardly seems like it has been well over 2 years since I read a small ad that Jim Sample had placed in the Sioux Falls *Argus Leader* trying to gauge interest in starting a woodturning club. Jim was the logical choice to be the first president of our organization and we could not

have made a better choice. Jim has left me with very big shoes to fill. I sincerely hope that during my tenure as president the Siouxland Woodturners continues to flourish.

Royce Meritt
President, Siouxland Woodturners

Stan Houston Woodworking Show

Our Chapter will be demonstrating turning at the Stan Houston show on Friday and Saturday, the 22nd and 23rd of Feb. Anyone interested in doing a demonstration is welcome. You can come when it is convenient and take a turn. Show your stuff and help recruit members.

At the January meeting...

*Siouxland Woodturners
January 2008 Meeting Minutes*

The January 2008 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners was held in the shop at the Harrisburg High School on the 10th. Approximately 18 members were in attendance.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion by Sue Smith and seconded by John Olson. Frank Denton was unable to attend, but had provided our account balance which is currently \$855. That report was approved on a motion by Jim Sample, seconded by John Olson.

Old Business:

Dan Humburg had purchased 10 gallons of Anchorseal. Ron Erickson moved that the Anchorseal be sold to members at \$14 per gallon, \$7 per half gallon. Corky Miles seconded that motion and it carried. All 10 gallons were eventually dispensed at this meeting. Additional Anchorseal can be purchased at a similar price.

Dan Humburg had also received confirmation that denatured ethanol can be purchased from Corn Plus in Winnebago, MN at the market price, which is currently about \$1.90 per gallon. If a local source can be identified it will be purchased here. Otherwise it may be possible to obtain some bulk alcohol from Corn Plus. A show of hands indicated that approximately 10 people in attendance would have some interest in ethanol. Assuming each might utilize 5 gallons we will seek at least 50 gallons of denatured ethanol to distribute at a future meeting.

Royce reported on the AAW grant and circulated the draft proposal. Jim Sample moved its approval and submission. The motion was 2nded by John Olson and passed.

The Stan Houston demos are scheduled for the 22nd of February and the 23rd. The Friday session could go from 8 AM to 6 PM and the Saturday show runs 8 AM to 4 PM. Jim is planning to spend much of Friday there. Anyone else interested in demonstrating is welcome to take a turn. Royce showed a banner provided by AAW to which he is planning to add Siouxland Woodturners. The banner will be displayed as we demonstrate.

New Business:

Sue Smith mentioned the ND Mini Symposium held in Bismark in April.

A discussion of library status and how to purchase videos took place. Motion made by Corky Miles to authorize \$250 for library acquisitions. The motion, seconded by Dan Humburg, passed.

The topic of planning future meeting topics was addressed. Following the discussion the following schedule calendar for 2008 was planned.

- March 8. Basic turning techniques (for new recruits that might come following the Stan Houston event).
- May 3rd. Photographic techniques for turned projects
- July 14th. Picnic and turning at Jim's home or shop
- September 6th. Turning Christmas ornaments or miniatures at the Humburg shop in Brookings
- November 1st – finishing techniques – John Olson

Annual dues were reviewed. John Olson moved we renew them at \$25 per year. This motion, 2nded by Corky Miles, passed.

A number of resources exist for interested turners. The AAW website was highly recommended. Sue Smith reviewed the benefits and options of the Anderson Ranch vacations. Also, the Renaissance Festival is June 6 and 7 and has space available.

At 2:30 we adjourned to the shop. Dan Humburg did a demonstration of turning a shallow bowl or plate in basswood. Jim sample also shared techniques on his mini. Thanks to both Jim and Royce for providing lathes. The meeting adjourned about 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Humburg, Secretary

Need some Denatured Alcohol?

We will be purchasing a bulk quantity of denatured alcohol for wood seasoning from an ethanol producer. In order to know how much we should purchase please send an e-mail message to Dan Humburg at humburg@itctel.com with the quantity of alcohol you personally would like to purchase.

Videos currently available for loan to members. If interested see Librarian, John Olson.

Turning Boxes by Richard Raffan
Decorative Utility Bowls by Trent Bosch
Turning Bowls Made Easy by Bill Grambine
The Skew Chisel by Alan Lacer
The Son of Skew by Alan Lacer
Vessels of Illusion by Trent Bosch
Sculpting Wood Beyond the Lathe by Trent Bosch

Member Profiles

A portion of each issue of The Turning Point will be dedicated to learning a little bit about your fellow members. Please fill out the member profile form on page 5 of this newsletter and bring it to a future meeting. We will include member profiles in future issues as we get more profiles and as space permits.

Name: **Wally Wenzel**

Occupation: Retired Firefighter

Family: Wife, Joyce; grown son Mike, his wife Kim, & four lovely granddaughters

Home: 2409 E. Austin St, Sioux Falls

About the Shop: Pretty well equipped but could use a new lathe

Favorite Projects: Turning bowls, green wood

Other Interests: 'Flatwork' scroll sawing, trapshooting



**Bowls and scroll saw creations
by Wally Wenzel**



Member Profiles

Name: **Al Schroeder**

Occupation: Retired Air Technician, Retired Farmer

Family: Wife

Home: Tea, SD

About the Shop: Started with old Sears, just got a new Jet Mini. I've had a larger woodshop but I'm down to a garage stall now.

Other Interests: Classic vehicles—'54 Chevy pick-up, '76 Thunderbird, 1938 WD Allis tractor; have refinished dozens of old furniture projects

Name: **Paul Sova**

Education: Washington High School 1971
SDSU 1975 (Liberal Arts)

Occupation: Vice President at Showplace Wood Products in Harrisburg, 28 years in the cabinet industry. I design and manage cabinet factories. We make about 50 kitchens per day.

Family: Married 32 years to Jilayne, a Medical Technologist at Sanford Health. Two kids—son Daniel is a second year medical school student at UNMC in Omaha, daughter Laura is a senior at Augustana College and is preparing for law school.

About the Shop: 16' x 18' (new in 2007) with 10' ceilings and lots of windows, heated and air-conditioned

Equipment (all new): Powermatic 3520 lathe
Powermatic 10" 3 hp table saw
Delta Industrial sander
Jet ¾ hp drill press
Powermatic 14" band saw
Jet wet sharpening system
Oneida Super Gorilla 2 hp dust collector
Larson, Sorby, and One Way turning tools and attachments

I started turning about one year ago and confess I am completely addicted. My focus is entirely on bowls and vases. Because of my position at work, I have access to high quality kiln-dried hardwoods. I have a nice supply of 2" thick turning stock in maple, cherry, and walnut, plus I buy some exotics on-line.

My attention now is on segmented turning. My latest work has 17 rings (205 pieces and still on the lathe) utilizing four species: Tiger Strip Maple, Eucalyptus (Brazil), Walnut, and Sapele (Africa) using a spiral construction technique. I learn more from each project and have started a library I will share with members.

Other Interests: When not working or turning, I enjoy playing tournament golf (or and golf).

Member Profiles

We all want to get to know each other a little better. Please take a few minutes and fill out the following form. You can return it to a future meeting. If you prefer you can email this information to Dan Humburg (humburg@itctel.com). We will include some of the profiles in each issue of *"The Turning Point"*.

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Family: _____

Where are you located? _____

Tell us about your shop. _____

What are some of your favorite projects? _____

What are some of your other interests? _____
