



The Turning Point

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

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News from your President...

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer. The weather has been a bit goofy but I hope everyone has been able to get in some outdoor activities.

Speaking of summer, our July meeting means it is time to make the journey to Jim and Ranah Sample's home for our annual "picnic meeting". This always proves to be a most enjoyable time. I hope you can all make it there. Look for times and directions elsewhere in this newsletter. If anyone is interested in car pooling to this meeting let me know and I will see what I can arrange.

My wife and I recently visited some relatives in Utah. We were only a few miles from the retail showroom of ***Craft Supplies, USA***. If you have ever ordered any turning supplies from their catalog or web site you know that Craft Supplies, USA carries a huge array of turning tool and supplies. I have always been very impressed with the level of service whenever I have ordered from them. That being said, I must say I was not very impressed with their retail showroom. I was expecting it to be **HUGE**. It was very, very small. There were only a tiny percent of the items from the catalog or web site at the retail showroom. I guess the good news is that the small amount of things available in the retail outlet probably saved me a lot of money.

Finally, please take a few minutes to reply to the email you received from me about member profile information. We would like to know more about all of our members and need to keep our contact info up to date.

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming meetings and **don't forget to invite a friend!**

Royce Meritt
President, Siouxland Woodturners

Siouxland Woodturners
May 2009 meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM on May 2 at the Harrisburg School shop.

Treasurer's report indicated a chapter balance of \$863.16. The report was approved on a motion and second by Corky Miles and Wally Wenzel respectively.

Old Business

Sue Smith is working on laser engraved tags for new members. She is still seeking names for additional members before forwarding them to Bruce Volden for engraving.

Grinder donated by Delta is operational. Some issues of imbalance in the wheels and resulting vibration.

Chapter web site: The web site up and running. Corky is adding more pictures to the site. Royce will be given access to the E-Mail account as Corky is currently the only one handling E-Mail. Member profiles are being added to the web site. No sensitive information is published on the page to protect privacy of those profiled. Ron may E-Mail member contact info to other members to facilitate communication without making that information widely available.

Brochure: A simple one has been developed. Royce has a file ready to print as necessary. A membership application may be added to the brochure to facilitate that process for those using the brochure.

Siouxland Renaissance Festival: Sue has reserved an extra 10 x 10 at the festival at the Fairgrounds. Contact Sue if interested in participating.

New Business

A mailing from AAW regarding the annual symposium to be held in Albuquerque.

Next meeting is scheduled to be held at Jim Sample's home. The date is set for July 25. (This has since been changed to August 1 as Jim has a conflict with the 25th.) Jim will be attending a demo by Jim Grumbine on the 18th at the Loess Hills Turners chapter.

Jim Canning spoke to the group about having come to the area to teach silversmithing and woodturning to the Native Americans at the Santee Sioux Reservation near Niobrara. Members are invited to come to Niobrara on a Saturday in the future to help teach their specialty. The experience could give some there a chance to develop a skill and pride to motivate them into a hobby or career.

Show and Tell: A variety of member projects were presented and studied.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned on a motion and 2nd by Corky Miles and Jim Sample.

Following the meeting Frank Denton provided a demonstration of chainsaw prep of a turning blank and then the turning of a bowl or vessel from the wet blank. Excellent chance to observe member technique.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Humburg, Secretary Siouxland Woodturners

Images from the May Meeting



A variety of limbs and chunks to be reduced to turning blanks.



Frank Denton using a cradle made of dimension lumber to hold a limb as he saws a bowl blank. He does not particularly recommend this brand of chain saw....



The blank is mounted crosswise in the lathe. Drive is from a spur center recessed into the blank.



Frank making initial cuts on what will be the base of the bowl.



The lower portion of the bowl has taken initial form and a tenon or recess has been turned to facilitate holding when the blank is reversed.



A turned platter from a cedar blank by Frank Denton.



A walnut vessel with natural bark edge turned by Frank Denton.



A bowl turned by Jim Canning in maple.



Another bowl by Jim Canning. This one is in spalted Hackberry.



Two winged bowls turned by Jim H. The wood on the right appears to be oak, but I do not recognize the species on the left. ??



A bowl turned by Tim B. The wood is Cherry and the figure is dramatic.

Thanks to Royce Meritt for taking pictures and providing them. If others have chapter pictures that would enhance the newsletter they can be forwarded to Dan Humburg. Please include information so that an appropriate caption can be included.