



The Turning Point

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

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News from your President...

Winter continues to keep a pretty tight grip on us. Hopefully, between sessions of shoveling snow, all of you have had plenty of time in your shops. For me, the less than ideal weather has kept me indoors more than I would like. However, I still don't seem to find as much time for spinning wood on the lathe as I might like.

We are in the process of setting up our club library in the Ag Ed classroom where we meet at Harrisburg High School. This will be a much more efficient way for members to access our club's collection of DVD's, video tapes and books. This really is a nice collection of resources and I encourage you to take a look at what we have available to check out. On a related note, if any of you have any items you would be interested in donating to our club library we would love to add these items to our collection and make them available to our members.

The annual Stan Houston Woodworking and Tool Show in Sioux Falls is coming up on February 19 & 20. This is a little earlier in February than usual so mark your calendars accordingly. As we have done for the past several years, the Siouxland Woodturners will be demonstrating at this show. This is always a great event for us. It gets us some excellent exposure and usually results in a new member or two. We will be in need of some members to come to the show and help out, either with turning demonstrations or simply talking to people about our club and the art of woodturning. If you will be able to help out (particularly on Friday the 19th) please contact Jim Sample or me.

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

Royce Meritt

President, Siouxland Woodturners

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January 2010 meeting minutes

Members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: \$1,288.49 (includes deposit of dues paid at Jan. meeting)

Old Business

Check with Ron Seim, membership chairman, to make sure your contact info is up to date and that you have received your name badge.

Paul Sova, publicity chairman, has club brochures. If anyone needs some please contact Paul or Royce and they will get you some. Paul will also be placing copies of our brochure at various local businesses.

The Christmas tree, which was donated to the Sioux Falls Festival of Trees, sold for \$1200.00 at the fundraising auction. Thanks to everyone that participated. It was discussed that, if we think we will be doing this again next year, now might be a good time to find an artificial tree at a bargain price. The possibility of using a white tree next year was discussed. If any members are "out and about" in the near future and come across what they think would be a good tree for this purpose, they should contact Royce and we will decide if we should purchase a tree now.

The AAW grant application is complete. Any grant money received will be used to purchase mini lathes and/or video equipment.

Tim Bayajian is heading up a demonstration at the Center for Active Generations in Sioux Falls. The date of this demo is January 29 at 1:00 PM. If you would be able to assist Tim with this demo please contact Royce or Tim. Members are reminded to pay their club dues and also encouraged to join AAW. Members who will be involved in public demonstrations must be members of AAW to be covered by the club's liability insurance.

New Business

Royce presented information about the Saskatoon 2010 Woodturning Symposium July 23-25, 2010. If anyone is interested in getting their passport up to date and vacationing in Canada this summer contact Royce and he will get more information to you.

Exotic Woods USA has offered the club members as 15% discount on any online purchases. Royce will be sending the membership a coupon code that you must enter on the web site to take advantage of this offer. This web site also offers free shipping on orders over \$300. The possibility of doing a group order was discussed. The web address is: www.exoticwoodsusa.com.

One way manufacturing is offering AAW chapter's deep discounts on lathes and turning accessories for use in club activities.

Jim Sample presented information on a woodturning symposium being offered by Dakota Woodturners of Bismarck, ND on April 9-11, 2010. Presenters include Cindy Drozda, Stuart Batty and Rex Burningham. If you would like more information please visit their web site at www.dakotawoodturners.com.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Stan Houston tool show demonstration held on the February 19 & 20. Jim Sample will, once again, be spearheading this demo. Jim will get things set up Friday morning and could really use help from other members throughout the day on Friday. Members are also encouraged to come and help out on Saturday.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February, 6 at 1:00 PM at Harrisburg High School. The topic for that meeting will be sharpening.

After a show and tell of member projects the meeting was adjourned to the shop where members discussed and experimented with various types of surface treatments and inlaying techniques.





Pictures from the Center for Active Generations



