



# The Turning Point

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

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## News from your President...

Finally, it looks as if there might be some signs of spring! Of course, all that really does for me is make the urge to get out fishing even stronger.

Our club has received a grant from AAW in the amount of \$600.00. We have used this money to help with the purchase of 2 Jet 1220 VS lathes. These additional lathes will make it much easier for us to get more members involved in some hands-on work at our meetings.

Speaking of hands-on turning, our April meeting should be very informative. We will be exploring basic spindle turning. The great thing about improving one's spindle turning technique is that these techniques can be applied to so many different types of projects. Spindle turning techniques are used in everything from chair and table legs to pens. Practicing spindle turning is also a great way to learn tool control.

I encourage everyone to bring a couple chunks of wood (or perhaps a spindle turning project you are working on) and some of your spindle turning tools to the meeting. We now have 4 lathes at our disposal during our meetings so we might as well put them to good use. Some cheap 2X4 lumber cut up into 1½" X 1½" square blanks 12" or 16" long makes good, inexpensive material for practicing spindle turning.

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

Royce Meritt

President, Siouxland Woodturners

## Minutes of the March 2010 Meeting

- Meeting called to order by Vice President Sue Smith
- Previous minutes were approved
- Treasurer's report was approved
  - Royce submitted a bill from CC Engraving for badge engraving.
  - Corky submitted a bill for web site domain change
- A few members still need name badges. Royce will get those names from Ron and get in touch with the engraver

### Old Business

1. AAW Grant in the amount of \$600.00 was approved. The club will be purchasing 2 Jet 1220 VS mini lathes from Stan Houston for \$515.00 + tax each.
2. Discussion was held on recent Stan Houston Demo. This demo is always a positive thing for the club. It provides a great deal of exposure for the club and usually results in new members signing up. It also allows us to take advantage of discounts, etc. provided by the other vendors.
3. The club library is now set up at the school. Discussion was held on what types of things we would like to add to our club library. Librarian, John Olson would like to get more input from members before he purchases any more titles.
4. Discussion was held on club liability. AAW liability insurance covers members who are also members of AAW. We need to determine extent of club's liability concerning club members who are not AAW members if they or someone else is injured while turning at a meeting. Possibly have non-AAW members sign some sort of "waiver of liability" to cover the club, school, etc. More research will be done on this.

### New Business

1. At the Stan Houston demo, "Tite Bond" donated a CA glue kit to the club. This kit will be stored at the school in library cabinet for use during meeting demonstrations, etc.
  2. Discussion on Mirka foam backed sanding sheets. Some members used some samples provided by Mirka at the Stan Houston demo and reported good results. Discussed the possibility of the club purchasing some of the 200 sheet rolls for use at club demos and/or for members to buy sheets from the club as needed. Decision was tabled until after lathes, etc. are purchased to determine if club finances will allow.
  3. Mention was made of the Chicago Woodturning Symposium on August 20-22, 2010. Members can go to <http://www.turnonchicago.com> for more information.
  4. It was decided that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> even though this is the Saturday before Easter. The topic at that meeting will be spindle turning techniques. Members are encouraged to bring some wood and tools and share their specific techniques or to practice a technique demonstrated by others.
  5. Members participated in Show and Tell of various items they have turned.
- After the business meeting was adjourned Paul Sova provided a demonstration of techniques he uses in his segmented turnings.

Hi wood turners. I received this email from the AAW with a request to pass it along to our members. Feel free to look it over.

Royce Meritt  
President, Siouxland Woodturners

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If you are not currently a member, I'd like to take a few moments of your time to inform you about the benefits of membership.

There are many individual benefits of being an AAW member. One of the premier benefits is the American Woodturner publication. Recently, the AAW put the entire archive of the American Woodturner on our website. This vast resource is available to the membership at will. We'd like to have you experience this benefit. We have a temporary page for non-members to use to enjoy this new member benefit.

<http://www.woodturner.org/products/aw/WholeIssues/index.htm>

There is now an "electronic" version of AAW membership. Since the entire archive and future editions of the American Woodturner magazine will be present on the website, new members can opt for a membership without the hardcopy journal being mailed to them. You can find the membership opportunities at <https://www.woodturner.org/Member/MemberSignup.asp>.

If you are interested in this green effort, select the "online" membership option for \$38.

Another new benefit of membership is the periodic drawings. Currently, there is a monthly drawing from the membership for a group of very exciting prizes. These drawings will continue all year and are planned for the future as well. We also have a year end Grand prize drawing for a Powermatic lathe. You can see the details on these drawings at <http://www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/drawings.htm>.

I think you'll agree that there are even more benefits to being an AAW member. Recently we have added vendor discount program. We want to help get our 13,600 + members in touch with vendors who support our non-profit organization, by encouraging vendors to offer our membership exclusive discounts and other incentives to buy the products they offer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or ask your local chapter contact. We'll be glad to answer any questions you may have.

There are many other benefits to membership they are listed here, please take a look at the comprehensive list of the benefits of membership.

Benefits of AAW Membership Six issues of American Woodturner .Marketing opportunities on our website for artists, collectors, galleries and museums

.Group rates for health, life and commercial business insurance (US members only) .AAW members are

covered by the chapter liability insurance AAW provides to local chapters. Ability to demo at chapter events and shows .Merchandise discounts at many suppliers, and savings of up to 50% on AAW merchandise, including project books, DVDs, logo apparel and more! .Access to Educational Opportunity Grants. AAW Forum and member-only access to articles and resources at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) .Ability to vote in AAW board elections if a member prior to the end of August .Eligible to apply to be a member of the Professional Outreach Program (POP).Exhibit opportunities .Annual International Woodturning Symposium .Covered by the AAW provided local chapter liability insurance. To be covered for bodily injury insurance for chapter demonstrations or events .Access to apply for demonstration opportunities at AAW Symposiums .AAW Resource Directory contains a complete listing of contact information of our members, Local Chapters, demonstrators, and woodturning resources. Updated listings are available to members on our website. A printed directory is published biennially .Local AAW Chapters. Over 325 local chapters offer workshops, camaraderie, opportunities to share ideas and techniques, and access to lending libraries, discounts, and volume purchases .Access to all past issues of American Wood turner through the Members Only. Area Access to machine-readable American Woodturner issues for those members who are visually impaired, and use computer screen reading software - contact the webmaster if this applies to you.

Thanks,

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