



The Turning Point

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

January 2011

From the (former) President...

I have asked our new president for permission to write one last column for the newsletter. It has been a privilege to serve as president for past three years. A little over six years ago a few of us responded to an ad Jim Sample placed in the *Argus Leader* about starting a woodturning club. I believe there were five or six of us at the first couple of meetings and we didn't really know when or where we would meet. Needless to say, Jim is really the person most responsible for the *Siouxland Woodturners* even being in existence.

Over the past six years our chapter has grown to over 40 members, we have a nice meeting facility, our club owns 3 lathes, we have worked on some fun projects and we have learned a great deal from each other. My ego would like to take credit for some of the growth of our chapter but the credit really must go to all of the officers who have served during the past six years and **especially to all of the members.** Officers, facilities, tools, etc. are not the measure of our club's success. That success is measured in the talents and contributions of our members.

As we move forward we are in very capable hands. Sue Smith will serve as president and Alistair Hird will be vice-president. Thank you to them (and all of the officers) for agreeing to serve. Under their leadership I am confident that the *Siouxland Woodturners* will continue to grow and improve.

Royce Meritt
Outgoing President

2011 Membership Dues

It is time to pay your 2011 club dues. Dues are \$25 per year. Membership is FREE for anyone under the age of 18.

Demonstration Challenge...

The winner of the 2010 Demonstration Challenge was Jim Havard. Jim won a custom made "mini-skew" made by our own Dan Humburg. Congratulations Jim!
Thanks Dan!

The project for the February meeting to be entered into the 2011 challenge drawing is lidded boxes. We want to see examples of your work. Get in that shop and turn a box!

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Saturday, February 5, 2011

Harrisburg HS Ag Shop

1:00 PM

The topic will be **tool sharpening.** If there are tools you need help sharpening or have any tools that need a little "touch up" be sure to bring them with you.

Stan Houston Demonstration

The *Siouxland Woodturners* will be demonstrating at the annual Stan Houston Woodworking and Tool Show.

Friday, February 25- 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, February 26- 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

We need volunteers to give demonstrations and/or visit with people about the *Siouxland Woodturners.* If you can help for part of either of these days please contact Jim Sample.

At the January Meeting...

January 2011 Minutes

- Call meeting to order
- Introductions
- Approve previous minutes
- Approve treasurer's report \$814.29
- Web Site- Corky reported that he was unable to set up a "members only" page containing member contact information on the web site. A copy of the member contact information will be made available to members as soon as it is compiled.
- Upcoming Events
 - Feb. 18-20-Desert Woodturning Roundup; Mesa, AZ
 - Utah Woodturning Symposium May 19-21, 2011, Orem, UT
 - AAW national Symposium- June 24-26, 2011 in St. Paul

Old Business

1. Festival of Trees- Our tree sold for \$2250 and was purchased by Avera Health to be displayed at their corporate offices in Sioux Falls. The Siouxland Woodturners received the "Community Choice Award" and Royce showed the plaque we received for this award.
2. Release and Waiver of Liability forms were distributed for members and guests to sign.
3. Frank is checking on new grinding wheels for our sharpening system. Frank was not at the meeting so there was no report.
4. The 2010 Demonstration Challenge drawing was held. Jim Havard was the lucky winner. Dan Humburg hopes to have the prize of a "mini skew" ready for Jim at the February meeting.
5. We will move forward with the "State Tree" group project. Members reported on which species of wood they already have at their disposal. Royce will post a message on the AAW web site forum asking for donations of woods from the various state trees from AAW members across the country. We will discuss the actual turning of items at the February meeting.
6. We will be holding more meetings during the summer months this year to allow members who travel south during the winter to attend more meetings. We have a few meetings where we have not decided on a topic. If you have any ideas please let us know.
7. Jim S. will get more info on possibility of person from Nebraska who turns hats doing a demo for us.

New Business

1. Members voted to elect Sue Smith as President, Alistar Hird as Vice President and Royce Meritt as Newsletter Editor for 2011.
2. Members were reminded to pay their 2011 club dues of \$25. Membership is free to anyone under the age of 18. Members are also encouraged to Join AAW. AAW membership is \$48 or \$38 for members who choose not to receive the AAW Journal in the mail but receive it electronically.
3. Discussion was held on the AAW 25th Anniversary exhibit at 2011 symposium. Chapters are encouraged to submit a turning for display at the 2011 symposium. Submitted items would be auctioned at the symposium with AAW receiving 30% and the artist/chapter receiving 70% of the auction price. It was decided that any Siouxland Woodturners members who wish to have an items considered for our submission should bring that item to the February or March meeting at which time the members will vote on which item will be submitted to represent our club. Submission must be no larger than 8" X 8" X 8".

4. Discussion was held as to whether to use our "State Tree Project" for submission to AAW for the 2011 Symposium Collaborative Challenge. Royce will begin collecting the wood species and distribute that wood to member volunteers. At the February meeting we will decide what types, sizes, etc. of turnings to be made from each of the species of wood.
 5. Royce received the new copy of the AAW liability insurance policy and will get that to Dan.
 6. The club received 2 gift certificates from Doug Thompson Tools to be used however we wish. It was decided to use these certificates to purchase some turning tools for the club. Sue Smith will research what we need and take care of ordering.
 7. We will be demonstrating at the annual Stan Houston Woodworking and Tool Show in Sioux Falls on February, 25 & 26. Jim Sample will set up Thursday night or Saturday morning. If you can help out by demonstrating or talking with the visitors about the Siouxland Woodturners please contact Jim Sample.
 8. Sue "volunteered" to work on article for the AAW Journal about Festival of Trees project.
 9. Jim S. reported on turning demos on www.choice-woods.com web site.
 10. Several members presented items for Show and Tell.
- After adjournment of the business meeting Jim Sample presented a demonstration on turning small lidded boxes.

Jim Sample demonstrates turning lidded boxes.



Some nice examples of Jim's lidded boxes



Jim works on the outside of the box



Jim continuing on the outside



Jim beginning the hollowing process

Some really nice Show & Tell items from the January meeting...



Corky's segmented wishing well ornament



Ron E. needs to work on getting these goblet stems a little thinner



Another of Paul's nice segmented pieces



Some really nice examples of our members' work on display this month!



Is this Corky sharpening band saw blades again?