



The Turning Point

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

July 2011

From the President...

Thank you to Frank Denton for hosting our July meeting and pot luck. The members enjoyed seeing his shop, watching his demo, and coming home with some Black Walnut turning stock. Of course the pot luck lunch was a great success. Thanks again Frank!

I encourage any members who attended the AAW Symposium to bring their Symposium booklet with them to the August meeting. This will allow other members to see the wide variety of offerings at the symposium and help with our discussion of symposium experiences. If members have any items they purchased at the symposium such as tools, wood, auction items, etc. please bring them for "show and tell".

This month's "Demonstration Challenge" will be anything members have turned from wood we cut at the May meeting at the school and/or at the July meeting at Frank's. If you have turned anything from these woods please bring them with you to have your name entered in the drawing.

See you soon!

Sue Smith, President

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Upcoming Meeting Notes

Saturday, August 6, 2011

**Harrisburg High School
Ag. Shop**

**Approx. ¾ of a mile West of
Harrisburg
(Back of Building)**

1:00 PM

**Tool Sharpening and Symposium
Experience/Show & Tell**

The August meeting will include show & tell and reflections on the recent AAW Symposium by members who attended.

We will also spend time on tool sharpening techniques. If you have any tools that you would like help sharpening feel free to bring them with you.

News Briefs...

- Be sure to bring items for the monthly Demonstration Challenges
- See Royce to pick up a chunk of wood for our "50 State Tree" project
- Start turning your ornaments, etc. for our Festival of Trees project

At the July Meeting...

The Siouxland Woodturners meet at the shop of Frank Denton in Beresford, SD in July. The meeting commenced at approximately 10:00 AM with some socializing and enjoying the coolness of Frank's air conditioned shop.



Frank then began a demonstration of how he turns a hollow form.



After a fine pot-luck lunch and a brief business meeting (see minutes below) members returned to Frank's shop for more of his demonstration and to try their hand at hollowing. Other members fired up one of the club's mini lathes.



The day concluded with members attacking the large pile of walnut logs Frank had stacked in his back yard. Any member who wished to went home with as much walnut turning stock as they wanted. THANKS FRANK!!



July Meeting Minutes

The July meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners was held at the shop of Frank Denton in Beresford, SD. The meeting was called to order and introductions led by President, Sue Smith. There were approximately 18 members in attendance.

Frank reported a balance of approximately \$1425.00.

Old Business:

- Royce and Ron reported on the update of the member contact list. This list was circulated among those present for any corrections and/or additions.
- Member name badges are gradually being done. Any new name badges that have been engraved since the last meeting were distributed. Members who have not received their name badge are asked to contact Ron Seim.

New Business:

- The August meeting will be held at the Ag shop at Harrisburg High School.
 - The focus of the meeting will be a “round-robin” discussion and “show & tell” of the recent AAW Symposium. Any members who attended the symposium are asked to share their experiences of the symposium and to bring any new tools, wood, etc. purchased at the symposium.
- The September meeting will be held at Dan Humburg’s shop near Brookings, SD.
 - Dan will possibly lead us in a demonstration of techniques for making a tool similar to one he purchased at the symposium.
- Members are encouraged to attempt to return library items within 2 meetings.
- Sue has been in contact with Stan Houston in regard to the offer the Jet rep. made to us after the demo we did at the tool show. The club will be receiving a portable stand for one of our Jet mini lathes. This will probably involve a small expense to the club in addition to the donation by Jet.
- The club decided to donate a tree to the Sioux Falls Festival of Trees event again this year.
 - Royce, Ron, Corky and Sue will serve on that committee.
 - Members are encouraged to get busy making their ornaments and “gifts” for under the tree.
 - We will decorate the tree at the November meeting.
- The “root ball” from our Collaborative Challenge entry at the symposium was not taken by the person who purchased our entry.
 - Sue suggested the possibility of members turning something from this walnut root ball as a Collaborative Challenge entry for next year’s AAW Symposium

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug N., second by John O.