



The Turning Point

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Upcoming Meeting Notes

Saturday, February 4, 2012

1:00 PM

**Ag Education Shop
Harrisburg High School**

Harrisburg High School is located approximately ¾ of a mile west of Harrisburg. The Ag Ed shop is located around back in the northeast corner of the building. If you have trouble finding the place call Royce at (605) 351-9435.

**Finishing/Wood ID/Drying
Plus Basic Turning Skills**

2012 Officers Elected

The following were elected as officers of the Siouxland Woodturners for the upcoming year:

President: Doug Noteboom
Vice President: Alistair Hird
Secretary: Ron Seim
Treasurer: Frank Denton
Newsletter Editor: Royce Meritt
Librarian: Gene Wubben

The officers' contact information is listed on the "CONTACT US" page of the club web site. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact a member of the officer team.

Woodturning Basics

Throughout the coming year, in addition to our main meeting demonstration or topic of discussion, we are going to attempt to have basic woodturning sessions going on in the shop. These sessions will focus on basic turning techniques and tool usage.

If you would be interested in leading one of these sessions please let one of the officers know. If you see a technique or tool being demonstrated that you would like to try, feel free to jump in and give it a try!

From the President...

Greetings! I told the nominating committee that I did not "need another job" but I am excited about my involvement with you as a group, with the admiration, passion, and giftedness in all things wood and the love of turning that you possess.

First of all a thank you to Sue Smith for her time of leadership, demonstration of her interest in wood, knowledge of a broad spectrum of wood turning, and getting things done for the club. Thank you! You were a gracious and knowledgeable leader.

As I look ahead to my time of leadership with you I have two things in my mind. One is to learn from the past (we do not need to always reinvent the wheel) and second, hold no limits to the future. Every time something flies off of my lathe or I mess something up I say, "Well! I won't do that again." But I do believe we learn as much from our mistakes as we do from the things that turn out pretty good. My challenge to you is this!! Even as we "mature" and get set in our ways do not be afraid to try new things or challenge yourself with things you have never done before. Let's see what we can do and have some fun along the way.

I bought my first lathe early in high school from an old woodworker in my hometown. My older sisters set pins at the local bowling alley and brought home the discarded pins for me to have some hardwood to turn with. After college we moved our 10' wide trailer from Brookings to Yankton for my first teaching job in Industrial arts. I ran an extension cord to the 4X8' storage shed that was my new shop with my lathe in it. The ensuing year with kids, work and other responsibilities did slow the turning down but there was always something being built in the "shop"

The last few years I have settled in on that early passion for turning and have rekindled the energy for creating something on the lathe.

Part of not "reinventing the wheel" came to me as I reviewed the by-laws of our club and specifically Article IV- Purpose

1. To provide a meeting place for local woodturners: so come to the meetings, learn, share, and invite
2. To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft: All of you know and can do things that I do not, so help me
3. To trade wood: A lot of us have more than we can use, so let somebody else have fun
4. To exchange ideas about tools and to learn from each other: There is no one way to do just about anything, but often there are better, easier, simpler, cheaper, and less dangerous ways to do a lot of them. So let's help each other.
5. Promote exhibitions and activities involving the general public: As with any thing if all we do is look inward we grow stale, boring, and die out. Look at the list of members that haven't been here for a while and tell them we have missed them. Help out at the "Stan Houston" event and demonstrate or promote.

There are no dumb questions or people that are not important. My pledge to you is to the best of my ability to lead in that manner and in it all "Let's have some fun" and expand our horizon in the next year.

Doug Noteboom, President

News Briefs...

2012 Meeting Topics and Demonstrations

Please check the "MEETINGS" tab on the club web site for the topics for our upcoming meetings. We have some interesting and informative topics lined up for the coming year. You will note that there are a couple of meeting where no topic has been set as of yet. If you have a suggestion for that month's meeting please present that idea at an upcoming meeting. Also, if there is a topic or demonstration that you would like to help lead we would welcome your participation.

Stan Houston Demo...

The Siouxland Woodturners will, once again be demonstrating at the Stan Houston Woodworking and Tool Show in February. Please check the web site and watch your emails for more information about dates and times for this event. Having lots of volunteers on hand makes this easier on everyone. In addition to demonstrators, we also need people to visit with the public so even if you don't feel comfortable turning in public we can still put you to work.

Appointed Positions

In addition to the 6 elected officers, our club also has a number of appointed (OK, more "volunteer") positions. The positions include: MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, WEB MASTER, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN and PHOTOGRAPHER. If you would be interested in serving in one of these capacities please let one of the officers know.

Club Dues/AAW Membership

A new year means it's time to pay your club dues. Your \$25 dues help support our club activities. Please make this payment to Frank Denton as soon as possible. On the subject of membership, while membership in The American Association of Woodturners is not required to be a member of the Siouxland Woodturners, you are encouraged to consider joining our parent organization. Membership in AAW has many advantages. For more information visit the AAW web site at <http://www.woodturner.org>.

At the January Meeting...

Minutes from the January meeting

Siouxland Woodturners
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Minutes from the January meeting were not available prior to posting of the newsletter.