



The Turning Point

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Stan Houston Demo...

The Stan Houston Demo was a big success again this year. We were able to make a big mess, meet a lot of nice people and perhaps gained a new member or two in the process.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the demonstrations!

See pages 6 for some pictures of the Siouxland Woodturners in action.

Woodturning Basics

The *WOODTURNING BASICS* column this month discusses the benefits of membership in AAW. It can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Saturday, April 6, 2013

1:00 PM

**Ag Education Shop
Harrisburg High School**

Harrisburg High School is located approximately ¼ 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.

**Work on "Pens for the
Deployed" Project**

(See Below)

Pens for the Deployed...

At the April meeting we will begin making pens for our "Pens for the Deployed" project. Our goal is to make 100 pens to be sent to deployed South Dakota military.

We will begin at 11:00 AM in the shop with pen making, hold a brief business meeting at 1:00 and then return to the shop if needed for more pen making.

Bring a sack lunch, along with your pen making tools and supplies to help us with this worthwhile project.

From the President...

March is a good month to spend in the shop, not much to do outside, the inside chores should be done by now, (HA!!) so I hope you are all having as much fun as I am on the lathe. My bowl I turn are generally heavier and thicker walled, so with the sycamore wood from last month's meeting, I tried turning a thin wall using a light through the side wall for determining thickness. I first rough turned the 8" bowl to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wall thickness, soaked it for two days in the methanol, let it air dry out for a couple of days then turned it down to about a $\frac{3}{32}$ " or less wall thickness. Starting on the rim I turned it down an inch at a time to the bottom. Once I got a thickness on the first inch that I half way felt comfortable with, and could see light through the side walls, I worked my way down to the bottom, keeping the light consistently though out the side wall cuts. It worked so well I turned a 12" walnut one without the help of a light. Neither one were perfect, I would have like to have made one more cut but were so thin I did not have the courage for one more pass. I questioned if I would get it sanded? The walnut oil finish really worked well on these tin walled bowls. And it was fun.

Turning pens parts between centers with my new bushings and 60 degree center drives has been so much better than the mandrel method. I still will use the mandrel but on the "Bullet" pen blanks it has been fast and better quality. And I need all the help I can get. I did make 10 deer antler pens in one night for an order from a friend, so they are faster. You can try them out at next month's meeting while we are working on our pens for the military. I am gluing up 75+ pen blanks to have available next meeting for you turning for our project. We should have over 6+ lathes available for turning at the Harrisburg shop, but if you have a small lathe you can bring in to help out, bring it. If you have never turned a pen this is the month to learn. Come as early as 11am and if you do not want to turn, there will be assembly to work on. Bring a lunch if you like. We will have the coffee on. This month will be a good one for watching and doing with all the turning going on. We will be friction finishing with GEL/CA glue and Doctors Woodshop Pen finish that I purchased in Mesa. They work great. If you have your own method of finishing pens, come equipped to apply/demonstrate your method.

Looking ahead to May we will have a Chain saw demo. So bring in those logs. And as we discussed last month a "Club Rummage sale". Dig out those unused items, extra tools, lathe parts/attachments, supplies, etc. that have been in the way and see what happens. At the worse you bring them and a few other things back home with you. This could be fun.

Till then keep turning.

Doug Noteboom



The Benefits of American Association of Woodturners Membership

As most of you know, the Siouxland Woodturners is a local chapter of our parent organization, *The American Association of Woodturners* (AAW). Unlike some chapters around the country, the Siouxland Woodturners does not require members of our local chapter to be members of AAW. For those of you who are not members of AAW, I would like to present some of the reasons I believe you should consider joining AAW.

(For those of you who are already AAW members, I guess you get this month off from my usual ramblings.)

- **The Magazine:** The *American Woodturner Journal* is published 6 times per year. In my opinion the magazine, alone is worth the price of membership. Each issue is packed with articles about woodturners around the country, woodturning tips and tricks, information about woodturning events and enough inspirational pictures to keep you drooling until the next issue arrives.
- **The Web Site:** The AAW web site (www.woodturner.org) contains a wealth of useful information. There you will find an on-line forum where members discuss a wide range of woodturning topics, galleries of pictures, an on-line store where you can find useful items and many other features.
- **Woodturning FUNDamentals:** Register on the AAW web site and receive this electronic newsletter packed with tips on basic woodturning skills and techniques.
- **Liability Insurance:** AAW members are automatically covered by AAW's umbrella liability insurance when engaged in club activities. There are also opportunities to purchase additional club and individual insurance policies.
- **Grants:** Members are eligible to apply for various grants through the AAW.
- **Discounts:** Members are eligible for discounts through the AAW store and from various merchants.
- **Symposium:** AAW members receive a discount on admission to the annual woodturning symposium.
- **Voting:** Members are eligible to vote in AAW Board elections.

A number of different membership options are available including: General, Youth, Family, etc. General membership cost \$53 and includes home delivery of 6 printed issues of *American Woodturner*. There is also an on-line membership available for \$43. The on-line membership DOES NOT include home delivery of *American Woodturner* but the journal is available for on-line viewing.

If you would like more information about membership in the American Association of Woodturners please ask one of our chapter officers or visit AAW's website at www.woodturner.org.

At the March Meeting...

Siouxland Woodturners
March 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes

President Doug Noteboom called the Siouxland Woodturners meeting on 3/2/13 to order. Members and attendees made self-introductions. 33 people were in attendance.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting was made by Sue Smith and seconded by Jim Sample. Unanimously passed by verbal vote.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1250.00. Royce Meritt collected any dues, as Frank Denton, treasurer, was not in attendance. A discussion was made about any need to raise dues. Frank had voiced that he did not feel that dues needed to be raised at this time. A discussion indicated that this issue would be looked at again at the 2014 planning meeting.

Committee reports (Old business):

Library: Seems to be lots of stuff coming in and going out. The President requested that it be noted in the minutes that \$200.00 would be allocated to the library for the 2012 year. This is a continuation of past yearly allocations to the library. (moved by Alistair Hird and seconded by John Olson and unanimously passed—New Business)

Community Education: Sue Smith gave a report. The 4 classes in February were well received and went well with attendance as follows: 6 8 5 5. Sue reported that 11 AAW/Siouxland Woodturners members donated time to teach the classes and she thanked them. Money received from the classes is as follows:

\$50.00 on pens (\$33.00 expenses)
\$75.00 on duck calls
Revenue to go to treasury .. \$36.50

Sue reported that a demonstration was given at the school and was well received. A pen was given to the custodian for the assistance he gave.

Sue discussed that the Washington Pavilion will be offering classes for youth during the summer. She asked that we continue to think about being involved in this activity.

Membership update-Royce Meritt discussed being the newsletter editor with Jay Cudzilo being out of town and unable to do the letter at the present time Royce said he would continue to do it. Jay will remain the membership person. This was brought to a vote and was unanimously passed by verbal vote.

Mesa Report: Doug Noteboom reported on the conference in Mesa. There were 250 in attendance. Doug offered pictures of the items displayed and said anyone wanting to try any of those items could have a picture.

Stan Houston Tool Show: Jim Sample reported that there were several members who turned out to help and he thanked those that did. The crowd was maybe not as big as in previous years due to the weather. He reported that there are sycamore blanks available in the ag shop from the Stan Houston demo if you want some. Stan Houston/PowerMatic/Jet has expressed an interest in giving something to the club for their help at this activity. Royce Meritt volunteer to explore items that the club could use that would be in the \$60.00 range.

New Business

Grants: Royce explained the grant process and Sue expressed the need for some additional equipment if the club is going to continue to teach classes.

Freedom Pens: Doug Noteboom will continue to explore this project. South Dakota has had a group deployed and we would need 50 pens for that group. Doug bought several kits at \$1.45/kit. They were 10% off at that time. Doug showed some that he has made. Doug attended a 4-hour presentation in Mesa on Freedom Pens. Doug asked if the club would like to commit to making 100 pens either as a group or individually. There was a discussion if pen kits could be obtained from suppliers. Doug will check with Woodcraft in Minnesota regarding that possibility. Doug will do 100 kits for \$135.00. Alistair Hird made a motion to make pens at a meeting. Passed by verbal vote. (see meeting notice for April meeting).

There was a discussion about contacting compliance officer Alistair Hird) and Mark Daniels discussed having veterans turn. Mark will submit something to the VA office for consideration.

Insurance: It was announced that we could obtain insurance from the AAW for \$90.00. Sue Smith made a motion to obtain that insurance and Mark Daniels seconded. Passed by verbal vote. Waivers of club liability for club meetings were discussed. Royce helped clarify this issue.

Boring bar: A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a boring bar for club use. There is a special on a boring bar at the present time. \$150.00, which would include shipping. (www.onegoodturn.ca) (www.monster-lathe-tolls.com). Royce will bring his to the next meeting to show members.

Plans for a boring bar set up: www.lylejamieson.com

Doctor's Woodshop (www.doctorswoodshop.com). Doug discussed their food safe coating with is a friction applied finish. The club could do a group order.

Membership Gift Ranah Sample asked if the club would consider an adult membership gift for Mike Sees who is the shop teacher in Wakonda-Irene who has an interest in turning. Sue thought this would be a good thing to do (although it had previously been discussed as a youth membership gift). Alistair Hird made a motion that the club does this and John Olson seconded. Motion passed by verbal vote.

The tools owned by the club can be checked out if a member wants to try something. Royce Meritt offered to inventory the tools and develop a list of those available. He made a motion to do this and Sue Smith seconded. Passed by verbal vote. A discussion was held that this tool loan would work the same as the library materials...a month for the most part, honor system for return of the tool. It was mentioned that chucks are on sale at Woodcraft but members might want to try different chucks before they purchase one.

It was suggested that the club members have a rummage of items that they no longer want or need. Each member can price his/her own item. It was suggested that we conduct a tool rummage in May.

A discussion was held about the upcoming 10th anniversary of the organization of the Siouxland Woodturners with 8 members. At the time of the organization of the club Alan Lacer came from Wisconsin and gave a demonstration and offered his help with organization. It was discussed the possibility of asking Alan and Mary Lacer if they could return for a day or two for a demonstration or perhaps a "hands on" activity. Jim Sample and Sue Smith volunteer to contact Alan Lacer and obtain additional possibilities for this activity.

Program: Doug Noteboom discussed finishes and Dave demonstrated making toothpick holders.

Show and tell

Alistair Hird made a motion to adjourn and John Olson seconded it. Verbally passed. Club adjourned to the shop for demonstrations by Dave and Jim Sample on finishing projects.

Raffle -- names of those members either helping with the classes or Stan Houston (22) were in the raffle for a nice prize.

Upcoming events

Trent Bosch Turning Demonstration & Workshop – April 20, 2013
Location: Woodsmith Store – 10320 Hickman Rd., Clive Iowa 50325
Projects: Vessels of Illusion, Scalloped Platters and other projects
Cost: \$60.00

Trent Bosch Hands-on Workshop – April 21-22
Location: Bob Saunders' Prairie Rose Woodworking Studio between Norwalk and Indianola
Cost: \$155.00

Woodworking shows
Dallas/Ft. Worth – March 8-10
www.thewoodworkingshows.com

April 6th meeting

11:00 meet in the shop at Harrisburg to make 100 pens
Sack Lunch (coffee and treats will be provided)
1:00 Meeting
Return to shop if needed to finish pen project
Respectfully Submitted by: Ranah Sample for Ron Seim, Secretary

Show and Tell Items at the January Meeting

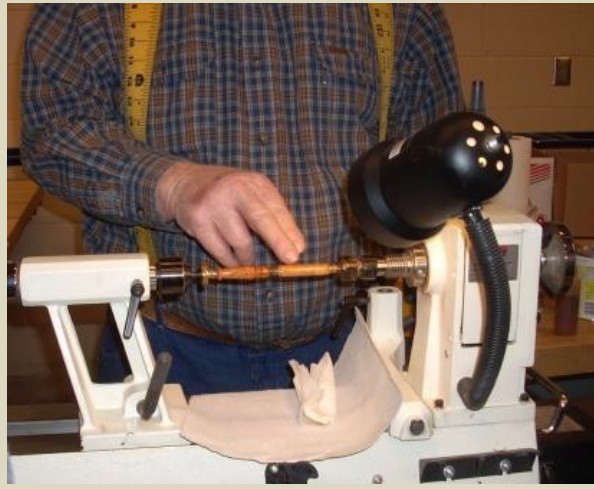


Some of the items Dave Mendel demonstrated at the March meeting...



Other happenings at the March meeting...





Action from the Stan Houston Demo

