



# The Turning Point

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## **Help the next generation of turners...**

The Industrial Arts program at Montrose High School is trying to get started down the woodturning path. They have purchased a lathe but, due to budget issues, were unable to purchase the pen turning "class packs" needed to get started. The instructor has written a grant through "DONORS CHOSE" to help acquire these supplies. If you would like to help, please follow the link below.

<http://www.donorschoose.org/we-teach/2438402>

Another way to help would be for our club to gather up some surplus pen turning supplies and kits and donate them to the school. If you are interested in helping this way please talk to Royce.

## **Woodturning Basics**

This month's Woodturning Basics column provides a humorous look at some woodturning terms.

## **Upcoming Meeting Notes**

**Saturday, September 6, 2014**

**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.*

**Wave Bowls with Vern M. as well  
as Ring Bowls with Ron S. &  
Corky M.**

## **Community Education Classes...**

The Community Education woodturning classes will be starting up again very soon. Check the minutes in this issue for a schedule of classes and to find out how you can help.

## **Lathes available for check-out**

In the near future we anticipate having 2 Sears' lathes available for members to check out. Watch this space for more details in the coming weeks.

## ***From the President...***

August 2014

Fall is upon us and being in the shop is a pleasure, the saw mill has been working and a good supply of Catalpa wood blanks and elm crotches will be at the next meeting for your taking. I have also been making items with the imbedded wave wood strip and they are turning out quite fine. We will have a set up and turning demo on that process September 6th with Vern Munson. Corky and Ron have been turning glued up ring bowls and will show their setup process and turned items. It should be fun and educational.

The fall community ed. classes start in a couple of week. Be prepared to offer your help as a demonstrator or assistant. This is a great opportunity to reach out and share our passion with the community and future club members. The teacher (Rachel Heisinger) from Montrose has been in correspondence looking for help with providing pen kits for her students. She has acquired a lathe and is excited about giving her young people the opportunity to turn something to keep and use. How can we be an encouragement and be involved??? We are also teaming up this fall with the Sioux Falls Home builders and providing a session at the Harrisburg School on operating the lathe and related opportunities for their junior high students. Sharpen those skills and be ready to get involved.

Come to the meeting with those wants, ideas, wishes, proposals, and opportunities for agenda and turning ideas for this fall. We now know we can turn eggs, but what else shall we challenge ourselves with in the weeks ahead. Bring in those show and tell items, mistakes and questions so that we can all learn together from each other's goof ups and successes.

See you Sat. the 6<sup>th</sup> of September at 1:00.

Doug Noteboom



# **WOODTURNING BASICS**

By Royce Meritt, Newsletter Editor

I received this information from member John Suhreptz a while back and finally got around to getting it in the newsletter. Of course this is all in fun, but if you look this list over carefully, I bet you'll see a little bit of yourself in some of these definitions. Thanks John!

## **Some Definitions**

In order to improve the level of communications among woodturners around the English speaking world, it seems worthwhile to define some of the terminology unique to our activity.

**Valid Opinion -- one's own enlightened viewpoint**

**Opinion -- what others think**

**Fact -- see Valid Opinion**

**Herd Creature -- those who benefit from shared learning**

**Solitary Creature -- stands away from the herd; AKA lion food**

**Heard -- Internet rumor; see *Fact***

**Internet Rumor -- Valid Opinion; see *Fact***

**Grind -- waste steel**

**Sharpen -- waste less steel**

**Hone -- waste even less steel**

**Honie -- see OCD definition**

**OCD -- one who hones**

**Abrasive -- rubbing the wrong way**

**Sand -- delivering (I'll sand you a bowl blank)**

**Weight -- putting sand on a lathe**

**Wait -- allowing turning wood to dry**

**Scrape -- barely getting by**

**Skew -- a different perspective**

**Gouge -- paying for tools**

**Detail -- back side of a coin**

**Parting -- what a turner and his money do**

**Set Screw -- a screw that sits**

**Grub Screw -- set screw + ocean**

**Board -- what grubs do to turning blanks**

**Bored -- uninspired**

**Live Center -- one that still works**

**Dead Center -- past tense of live center**

**High Center -- 4WD too far off road**

**Catch -- design opportunity**

**Design Opportunity -- catch**

**Vessel -- something that holds water**

**Art -- something that doesn't hold water**

# At the August Meeting...

## *Siouxland Woodturners* August 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The 23 members and guests introduced themselves as everyone enjoyed the picnic potluck at Corky Miles' home and shop. Show and tell prior to the meeting included several new accomplishments as well as discussions of things learned at the Symposium. Meeting called to order at 12:30 by President Doug Noteboom.

- A. **Minutes of last meeting:** No meeting in July due to holiday. Previous meeting's minutes will be available online.
- B. **Treasurer's report:** No report. Doug said the Symposium was basically a break-even event.
- C. **Library report:** Materials were brought to picnic and were available for checkout.
- D. **Community Ed report:** Sue has the fall community education classes all set. The brochure is currently online ([www.sf.k12.sd.us](http://www.sf.k12.sd.us)) and print editions will be going out to homes in the near future. Members are invited to come to assist with students and maybe learn something new. Bringing chucks and bowl gouges would be helpful. Woodturning 101 will have a maximum of 10 students this fall; bowl turning will be done in a single session. All classes are at the CTE Academy, 4700 W Career Circle, room D106; hours are 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Classes shown in the brochure are as follows:
- Woodturning 101...Sept 16 Tues, Club instructors
  - Woodturning 101...Sept 18 Thur, Club instructors
  - Sharpening Woodturning Tools...Sept 23 Tues, Club instructors
  - Mandrel Turning...Oct 2 Thur, Ron Seim
  - Natural Green Bowl Turning...Oct 7 Tues, Club instructors
  - Eccentric aka Off Center Turning...Oct 14 Tues, Sue Smith
  - Inside Out Turning...Oct 23 Thur, Doug Noteboom
- E. **Membership report:** Royce will have new nametags at September meeting.
- F. **10 Year Anniversary and Symposium:** Everyone that attended had very positive remarks concerning the symposium and the one-on-one workshops. A brief discussion about the possibility of having another symposium ensued with questions about whether late spring or early fall would be a better time, and if the format used by North Dakota (teaching periods followed by lathe work periods; up to three presenters/instructors) might be better. We might also consider carpooling to the ND symposium in the future.
- G. **Old Business:**
1. Spaulding cultures – John W reported still no growth.
- H. **New Business:**
1. Next meeting will be September 6<sup>th</sup> at Harrisburg High School.
  2. The Home Builders COOP at Harrisburg is planning to have a program on home maintenance/etc. for junior high school students. It will probably be a weekday afternoon in the fall (after school). Motion made and passed to have club present lathe demonstration at this event.
  3. The Freedom Pen Project for 2015 was discussed. Motion made and passed to make pens for our deployed service members again in 2015. Club will purchase 200 of the .308 cartridges with tubes installed (to expedite the pen-making process).
  4. There was a brief discussion concerning fall programs/challenges for the club. It was decided that for September the focus would be lidded boxes. Jim mentioned that a good resource for lidded boxes is Mike Stafford (North Carolina expert turner). A google search should guide you to his information. The August/September 2014 issue of the American Woodworker has an article on lidded boxes written by Alan Lacer. Also, Vern will be doing a demonstration on wave effect accents at the next meeting.
  5. If anyone would like to be a part of a bulk purchase of turquoise, let Doug or Jack know. They have a contact in the Southwest where we could obtain it from. The turquoise can be crushed, mixed with CA glue and used as a highlight/inlay for projects.

6. Jim mentioned the following events: Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium – Sept 12-14 in Larimer County ([rmwoodturningsymposium.com](http://rmwoodturningsymposium.com)); SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT) Woodturning Symposium – Aug 22-24 in Waco ([swaturners.org](http://swaturners.org)); Segmented Woodturning Symposium – Oct 16-19 in San Antonio ([segmentedwoodturners.org](http://segmentedwoodturners.org)).

7. *Tip One: Lacer Finish...* 1/3 boiled linseed oil, 1/3 tung oil, 1/3 varnish (preferably spar); let set a couple days, recoat.

8. *Tip Two: Quick Seal...* 1/2 shellac, 1/2 alcohol mixed in pop bottle; soak your turned project in this if you are not ready to finish it immediately.

Voting by members for the “Perfect Egg” resulted in a first place finish by Egg #7 (Doug), with an admirable run for second by Egg #4 (Ron), and a respectable showing for third by Egg #3 (Al). Meeting was adjourned at 1:00. Corky invited us to his (very clean and organized) shop where Jack demonstrated a deep hollow core boring tool with camera set-up.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

## Show & Tell items at April meeting...



The "Egg Challenge" Entries...



And The Winners Are...

