



The Turning Point

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Pens for the Deployed

The Siouxland Woodturners will once again be making pens for South Dakota's deployed military personnel.

This pen making session will take place at the February meeting. During last year's Pens for the Deployed session we were able to make almost 150 pens for these deserving service members.

We would like to top that number this year so put pen making on your radar for the February meeting.

Woodturning Basics

This month's Woodturning Basics column will lead you to a web site with over 400 woodturning videos.
Be sure to take a look!

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Saturday, October 4, 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.

**Turning Bracelets,
"Weed Pots" & Small Vases**

Community Education Classes...

The newest round of Community Education woodturning classes have started for the Fall session. Check the minutes in this issue for a schedule of classes and to find out how you can help.

Club Library

Some new titles were recently added to our club library. Items available include books, DVD's and tools. A list of available books and videos can be found by clicking on the "Library" link on our web site.

From the President...

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Wood, wood, wood and more wood!! Isn't it great??? Thanks to Steve Schluter we have a great supply of fresh birch. We hauled it out his neighbor's back yard last week and hopefully will have some cut up for your pleasure. Also Jack Zimmell has available for \$15 a box of dry figured walnut from the Betts road gun stock company, bring some cash and have some fun. A gentleman also gave me some maple for your segmented glue up's. As of now at the saw mill there is ash, birch, walnut, catalpa, maple, elm, mulberry, pine, and even some mystery wood (only God and Gene Wubben knows what kind). Let me know if you are in need of any and the size you might need.

Personally the Christmas brackets (12+ of them) are mostly done and looking pretty good if I must say so myself, a few challenges that we will discuss at the meeting and we will have Royce Meritt turning some bracelets he is making. I have also ordered from "SMOOTH TURNING.COM" some mug inserts for my son's gift, I may not have one done but I did order two extra ones, so if you are interested in one, talk to me. I also ordered a couple of flower pot inserts for our inspection.

I heard on the radio this morning our men and women from the reserve are back in Texas and will be home in two weeks. Normally that would not be as noteworthy event in my mind, but because of our small investment of our pens, there was much more of a sense of gratitude for their safe return. At the same time I wonder who will be the recipient of our next set in February? (We do have some extra 308 cartridges all set up for inserts @ \$2 each.)

Come to the meeting with those wants, ideas, wishes, proposals, and opportunities for agenda and turning ideas for this fall and winter. Bring in those show and tells, mistakes and question so that we can all learn together from each other's goof ups and successes.

See you Sat. the 4th of October at 1:00.

Doug Noteboom



WOODTURNING BASICS

By Royce Meritt, Newsletter Editor

I recently stumbled across an interesting web site that I thought I would share with you called "WOODTURNING VIDEOS". This is a non-commercial, cooperative site by and for woodturners to summarize and index useful, free videos that can be shared and help us all build our turning skills and enjoyment. The site contains 442 videos and counting! Below is a link to the web site.

<http://woodturningvideos.weebly.com/>

On the left side of the main page you will find a list of topics. Click on your topic of choice and you will be taken to a list of available videos. Click on the subject of choice and watch the informative and educational video. I've watched several of the videos and many of them are very well done.

Topics covered in these videos include:

- **Lathes/Accessories**
A few of the many lathes and key accessories
- **Beginning**
Basics for the new turner.
- **Wood Prep**
From the log to the turning blank
- **Sharpening**
Grinding, Honing, Tool Profiles, Jigs
- **Techniques**
Special tools, processes, alternatives
- **Projects**
Other than bowls, boxes and hollow forms
- **Bowls**
End grain, natural edge, and traditional
- **Hollow Forms**
Techniques and special tools
- **Boxes**
Simple, Threaded, Finialed, you name it
- **Segmented**
Staved, ringed, or any other turned assemblage of pieces
- **Decoration**
Inlay, texture, carving, dye, whatever goes!
- **Design**
Presentations of turning as high craft and art
- **Finishing**
That essential last step
- **Miscellany**
Odds and ends, including different turning traditions

At the September Meeting...

Siouxland Woodturners September 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

A few new faces were among the 25 persons attending the September meeting. Introductions were made and everyone answered the question "did you catch a fish this year?" Those that had were rewarded with a box of fish fry mix, courtesy of Doug. The meeting was then called to order at 1:07 by President Doug Noteboom.

A. Minutes of last meeting: Previous meeting's minutes were not available online due to website issues. Royce will help address the problem and we hope to resolve this situation by the next meeting.

B. Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$2099.52.

C. Library report: Three new books purchased from AAW are now available---*Making and Using Turning Tools; Turning Bowls and Platters; Turning Holiday Ornaments*. Also, three titles have been donated to the club---*Woodturning Techniques; Small-Scale Woodturning; Woodturning Visualized*. Lathes and tools will be available for checkout soon (probably after the community education classes end in October).

D. Community Ed report: Fall community education classes will begin on September 16th. Any member willing to help with students would be most appreciated. All classes are at the CTE Academy, 4700 W Career Circle, room D106; hours are 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Classes are as follows:

Woodturning 101...Sept 16 Tues, Club instructors

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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 brought several nametags previously requested by new members. If you have paid your dues and are still in need of a nametag, please sign the list being passed around today (or notify Royce).

F. Old Business:

1. Freedom Pen Project -- The .308 casings we ordered are in (they already have the tubes inserted). The 2015 pens will be worked on during the February meeting. We will probably be ordering more casings due to member interest---they are about \$2 each; let Doug or Ron know how many you would like so they can be included on the next order. Also, anyone having a Penn State 20% off coupon should let Ron know.

2. Anchor seal is available for \$10/gallon, methanol is \$4/gallon. Pay Frank if you want some.

G. New Business:

1. Next meeting will be October 4th at Harrisburg High School.

2. Fall programs/challenges were discussed. A challenge was made to turn bracelets for Christmas. At the October meeting, information on bracelets will be the topic. An Aberdeen turner that does segmented and inlay work was mentioned – we hope to have some follow-up on him next month.

3. Doug has some wood suitable for baseball bats. He asked for a show of hands for those wanting blanks that he will cut for us.

4. Betts, a company from near Mt Vernon that makes gunstocks, has waste walnut that Doug will see if he can obtain. Those interested in buying pieces for \$1-\$2 each indicated their intent by a show of hands.

5. Royce gave us an update on the Industrial Arts teacher from Montrose. Through an online grant, Rachel was able to raise enough money for class packs (pen-making kits, etc.) for her students. She hopes to attend future meetings with us, as her schedule permits, to keep learning herself. Royce will keep in touch with her and suggested our club adopt her class as one of our projects so the students can learn to enjoy woodturning and be successful at it. We would gladly do this with any other school in need of guidance/help/advice, as well.

Due to the graceful "graying" of our membership, all believed encouraging youth was a great idea (and a means of self-preservation). Motion made and passed to allow the Executive Board the latitude to judiciously and monetarily support the Montrose Industrial Arts class in their woodturning venture by supplying materials, if need be, before the next meeting.

6. Anyone heading south this winter is asked to look for sources/deals on turquoise.

7. Vern gave us a presentation on how to incorporate the wave effect in woodturning projects. He discussed types of wood to use for nice contrasts, bending/steaming techniques, single and multiple wave patterns, etc. Goblets with a wave effect were shown. To coat the inside of the goblet so it can be used, a food-grade epoxy (*Pour-On High Gloss Finish Epoxy*) can be applied. One source for this is Menards. Also demonstrated was his segmented technique. Vern suggests layering 9" x 9" pieces of various wood types, with the first and last pieces being cabinet grade plywood. Beautiful and interesting effects result from the bands of colors that are chosen and the orientation of them on the finished work.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45. Show and tell followed. Thereafter, a demonstration on sharpening by Royce and some turning by Doug (on a goblet blank with wave effect) allowed members time to socialize and learn from one another.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

Vern Munson talks about his "Wave Bowls"



Show & Tell items at April meeting...

