



# The Turning Point

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## **March Meeting...**

The next meeting is planned for March 7 at Doug’s Shop. Business meeting at 1:00 as usual. For the early birds, we will start gluing up the segmented bowl for the Big Bowl Project about 11:00. The Big Bowl Project has been turned into turning a six foot diameter bowl on a lathe instead of turning a thirteen foot bowl using a farm tractor as the bowl late. A much better size to try our hand at LARGE turning. This is a club project open to any member to help. After the business meeting there will be other turning projects going on.

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

Firstly huge apology to John Suhreptz for not judging his pallet piece, I was rushing to get back to the pen making. (Editor’s note; absolutely no apology due.)

Secondly I apologize also for the lack of organization at the meeting, I will try harder to be more prepared. It’s amazing how Bonnie makes the minutes look very organized.

A huge thank you to all the participants who helped out over the demo days at Stan Houston’s. I think we can all agree they were two very enjoyable days! Special thanks to Frank, who not only had the eye catching tall vase but, for all the teaching he did – yes, we can all learn something, and for the use of his sharp tools. (Fancy turning up to a demo with

blunt tools!!) Also thanks to Doug for supplying and preparing blanks. This just emphasizes the Club spirit at Siouxland Woodturners. We all help each other, not only to improve and extend our knowledge, but to stay safe! I am already looking forward to next year's demo! Big disappointment, though, was the "black beast". It had several issues which did not help to sell it. Maybe it will still be there for us to use next year too! (ha-ha)

John Weaver tells everyone he is no good at turning, but he is actually very good – he also has the "gift of the gab" in explaining things and keeping the crowd interested in the demo and becoming a club member, and as a result, hopefully, at the March meeting there maybe a few new faces. Let's welcome them, and if they want a hands on, then let's do it! If there are people who are having a one on one/hands on, then let's give them space, and respect any shyness they may have.

Community Ed classes start later on in March, so please decide if you can help out, teach, or teach the teacher something... for free!

At the March meeting we are going to attempt to glue up the "big bowl" – Now that should be a steep learning curve for us all.

So, see you all there, and bring along you turning ideas and wishes, and let's see if they can become reality. Better weather should be on its way, and a chance to get back in the shop, (for those who don't have heated ones!). Please turn safe so we can see you at the next meeting. 7<sup>th</sup> March – gluing up at 10:30 – 11:00 or so. With business at 1pm and lathes turning ASAP after that.

As always, anyone with surplus wood, please bring along!

Thank You!

*Al Hird*

## **February 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes...**

The February meeting was called to order at 1:10 by President Al Hird. Many of the 28 attendees arrived early to participate in the Pens for the Military project.

A. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the January meeting are on the website.

B. **Treasurer's report:** Frank presented a balance of \$2779.40.

C. **Library report:** No report.

D. **Community Ed report:** Sue would appreciate anyone who could provide extra pen mandrels, duck call bushings, tools and/or other accessories for the various classes (see January minutes for class dates). Money collected for class materials will be used for Club mandrels, etc. Al plans to check at Stan Houston for possible deals.

E. **Membership report:** Al had several badges available.

### **F. Old Business:**

1. Plans for Stan Houston turning demonstrations are for one small (spindle?) and one large (bowl?) piece to be turned during each of four sessions (Friday AM, Friday PM, Saturday AM, Saturday PM). Sign-up sheets were passed around to schedule those willing to turn. We hope to have four large finished works that can be displayed at Stan Houston and perhaps sold to raise some funds for the Club. No Club lathes

are needed—the store will provide their large lathe and others for our use. Set up will be in the rental area and begin at 8:00am on Friday. Brochures and business cards will be available for handout to the public—anyone not planning on turning can assist with public outreach. Stan Houston also invited members to a free food & beer gathering on Thursday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

2. There was discussion about the “Big Bowl” project that Al brought up at the January meeting. Al showed pictures of a 13’ 5” record-setting bowl on the internet (as well as other items of interest). A show of hands of those interested in proceeding with planning this project was asked for (8-9 persons responding); a strategy meeting will be held at 11:00am prior to the March meeting. Thoughts are for a 5-6’ bowl to be turned initially; Doug will bring wood, Al will locate glue. Sue mentioned Dan H. from Brookings as a planning resource.

3. Club still has 3-4 gallons of Anchor Seal to sell, as well as methanol.

#### **G. New Business:**

1. Motion made and passed to renew chapter insurance (\$95).

2. Members discussed Club’s need for additional chucks, adapters, lathe tools, etc. Motion made and passed to purchase up to 3 Hurricane chucks/jaws/adapters (\$159 per chuck). Doug will research this.

3. Doug plans to order some Dr. Woods finish for pens. He will order one for Club also. Anyone else wanting some can check with him.

4. Dakota Woodturners (Bismarck ND) has their hands-on symposium on April 17-19. Space is limited (maybe up to 50 people). Website is *Dakotawoodturners.com*. Rex had attended in the past and spoke very highly of the event. There will be 3 demonstrators/instructors (Nick Cook, Alan Lacer, Ron Day) who teach for a while and then oversee participants as they practice. Anyone wishing to check out a club lathe to attend may do so.

5. Utah Symposium is May 14-16 in Orem UT (*Utahwoodturning.com*), cost of \$285. Doug may go—anyone interested in sharing a ride let him know.

6. Powermatic 3620 (3 years old) for sale by Doug.

7. Several members created pallet-wood masterpieces in response to Al’s January challenge (Steve, John S, Gene, Jack, Sue, Frank, John W and others), which they displayed. They were generously rewarded with great cuts of meat from Al’s personal stash.

8. Al then challenged members to next try to turn something out of paper, using a book or sheets of paper glued together (modge-podge or Elmer’s).

9. Frank brought some spalted maple to share.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06. Thereafter, work continued on the military pens. We ran out of some pen parts which stalled the production at 100 pens being completed and packaged. Doug plans to order at least 200 more kits at \$2 each. There was some difficulty with the .308 shell cartridges that were purchased (with the tubes pre-glued). General consensus was to find/buy our own cartridges and glue them ourselves (Gary’s Gun Shop had 100 for \$40).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

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

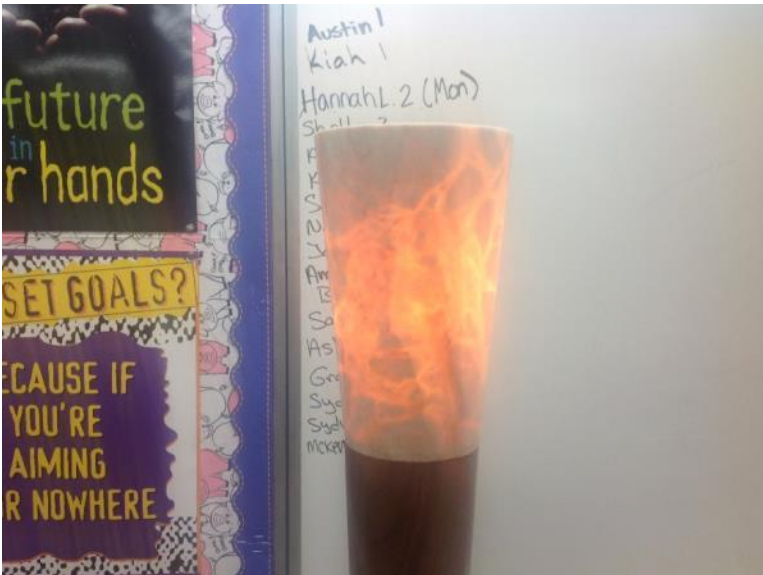
The Spring Community Education classes have been scheduled and are shown in the SF Community Education brochure as follows:

- Woodturning 101.....Thur Mar 19
- Woodturning 101.....Tues Mar 24
- Pen making.....Tues Mar 31
- Duck Calls.....Thur Apr 9
- Green Bowls.....Tues Apr 14

All classes are at the CTE Academy, 4700 W Career Circle, room D106; hours are 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

If you are able to help please contact Sue Smith. You don't necessarily need to take the lead as an instructor but additional people to help the students will be greatly appreciated.

## **February Meeting Show and Tell Table...**





***Pens for the Military Project...***



# *Stan Houston Woodworking Show Pictures...*

