



# *The Turning Point*

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## ***September Meeting...***

Harrisburg High School, 1:00 p.m. September 12.

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

Hello All,

I am here..... I have not been deported, in fact for the time being I have regained my legal Alien-ness!!

So what's going on? Well, the June meeting was a picnic and wood sawing at my place – thank you all who came, you reduced my excess wood pile by..... not a lot really, feel free to come and get some more!

Then in July we went to F.B.T sawmill, got some slabs cut which Sue, Rocky and I cut into blanks for the Community Ed Classes. F.B.T is not that far from Sioux Falls, and is reasonably priced on cutting and also kiln drying wood.

The August meeting was at Siouxland Woodworkers Guild workshop. Rob showed us around and explained Josh's vision for the "community workshop". Worth looking into if you like to do woodworking other than turning. Rob also has a shop off 41<sup>st</sup> Street behind Staples, and he had a little Art/craft fair next to his shop on August 8 and is thinking of doing another fair. You can contact Rob if you want to sell anything. (605 353 4357)

At that fair there was a turner from Platte, SD called Sugarbeat & Co. Fantastic couple. Had a good talk with them. They own a shop and gallery in Platte and members are invited to visit if you happen to be in the area. They also offered to sell members/club items for a small fee (work must be good quality, who would sell anything that's not?) Feel free to contact.

Sue, John Weaver and I attended the Community Education Meet and Greet held at The Bakery downtown. We soon found out that it's not actually a bakery – good job I had eaten before I went!! We did, however, fascinate several people with the pens, vases and bottle stoppers we displayed, so should see some at classes.

1<sup>st</sup> Class is Woodturning 101 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at CTE. Any help is really welcomed by all the instructors and students. Also any equipment/tools we can borrow is also very welcome.

Big bowl is in need of finishing, talk to Doug about having a spin!

I had one of these sudden ideas..... for ease of carrying and displaying some items at the meet and greet, I had a vase (in box elder) to which I secured a length of ribbon around, from the ribbon I clipped on a few pens with some tags explaining the wood etc. This attracted a lot of attention. (I forgot to take a photo, and have since sold the vase, so you'll just have to imagine!) This then led to another idea..... What if you make a vase or bowl and cut slots in the sides and secure smaller items, i.e. pen, bottle stopper or Christmas ornament. These could then be displayed at various places, people's desks, work places, etc. Could be good advertising!

Next up, it's back to Harrisburg High School at 1:00 on Saturday 12 September, and get the lathes spinning. This clashes with my family visiting from England, so I will be unable to make this meeting, but that won't stop you having fun. Club lathes are there to be used, so feel free if you need advice or tuition, to bring along your project and ask for help from a member.

Something to think about, Do we want a demo? Last year we did Sticks n steel, do we want a repeat, or something different, any ideas welcome?!

We welcome ideas for upcoming club meet demos – Oct & Nov ideas

December, do we want a play day like last 2 years?

Thanks and see you all soon

Al

## ***Meeting Minutes...***

We have not had a business meeting since last May. Please review the meeting minutes in the May newsletter here on the site. These will be up for approval at the September meeting.

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

The fall Community Education Classes have been scheduled.

**September 15;** Woodturning 101

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**September 24;** Select and Sharpen Tools

**October 6;** Pen making

**October 15;** Creating Bottle Stoppers

**October 20;** Turning Green Bowls

All classes are at the Career and Technical Education Academy, 4700 W Career Circle, room D106. Hours are 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. The Academy is just west of I-29 and just north of Madison Street.

All members are welcome to come and assist the instructors. We can use all who can attend.



**June Meeting;** Part of Al's mountain of wood being cut to take home. More is available. Contact Al.



**June Meeting;** Doug and Corky cut some beautiful end grain slabs for members to take home.





**July Meeting;** Erwin Bonestroo, owner of FBT Sawmill, Steen, MN cutting slabs from wood from Al's woodpile.



**August Meeting;** Siouxland Woodworkers Guild shop tour in Sioux Falls.