



The Turning Point

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November Meeting...

Harrisburg High School, 1:00 p.m. Saturday November 7. Sue Smith and John Weaver will demo wood stabilization. Lathes will be available. Bring your questions. There is always someone willing to help.

From the President...

Good Morning Fellow Turners,

So what's been going on this month, well for me it's been a complete contrast to last month. From fun and games with the family in September to just work, and lots of it. Trying to get some projects finished (that have taken way too long) before the weather turns. So I've done very little turning outside of

Community Ed classes, but I have managed to tidy up the shop (a little) so I can get going. Christmas is coming and no presents done.....Yet!!

There is also Sticks and Steel demo and sale. Yes it is on Black Friday and Saturday, but I am sure we can put on a good show. Decide if you can demonstrate please and let us know. I think we should keep the turning simple and relatively quick so people can see start and finish. Making shavings fly and keep them captivated, they will have a short attention span. If you wish to sell items but can't attend, then one of us will take your items.....for a small fee.....Only joking, just let us know, so we can arrange collection etc.

Next meeting should see a number of new faces from Comm. Ed. Classes, Please give them our usual welcome, and feel free to show them "how to". Help, advice and encouragement is available to all, share away!! There are plenty of lathes and tools. At last meeting several members helped another member (and several others) figure out why, what they were doing was not working, and he went away with a big smile.....and at Comm. Ed classes a member attended a class as a student because he didn't know how to make bowls.....All you have to do is ask!!!

It is also time to sort out Officers for 2016.

Sue and John are demoing wood stabilizing, again there are lathes to use.

If there is enough interest/time we could do the game we were going to do at the October meeting but realized we couldn't because of lack of equipment, which was quite disappointing after the build up!!

It will be the last "show and tell" of 2015 so bring along those, also Sue asked for snowmen turnings for ideas for Comm. Ed. Classes next year. Bring along your designs.

The challenge was set to turn Gavel, let's see what you came up with.

Stay safe and see you Saturday!

Al Hird

Meeting Minutes...

I will do what I can to summarize the minutes from the last meeting. Bonnie Lynch was off enjoying a fall foliage tour.

- Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. October 3 at the Harrisburg High School.

- Frank Denton reported a checking account balance of \$1318.36.
- Moved and seconded that we have a new wooden sign done to replace the one that actually says “Siouxland Woodworkers” that we have been displaying. Rex Pommier will take care of that.
- November meeting will include election of officers. If you have an interest, please step up.
- December 5 meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School and will be an open shop day with, if anything, a very short business meeting and the afternoon spent on whatever you want to do or introduce in the way of projects, new equipment, etc.
- The fall term of Community Ed Classes will be completed during October. Attendance at the September classes has been great. Plans for the spring term classes are in the works.
- We will have another opportunity for a demo and sale at Sticks and Steel on Eighth Street Friday November 27 and Saturday November 28 and another day of just selling if you wish on Sunday November 29. You are welcome to sell with no commission taken these three days. Results last year were great. More information and sign-up at the November meeting.
- A number of members shared information on materials. Doug Noteboom had large containers of CA glue for sale. Doug also shared some information on epoxy and turquoise inlay.
- It was moved and seconded that we make some of the haul of colored plywood and walnut that we have available for sale to other woodturning chapters in the area with some of the proceeds going to our chapter. Jack and Doug are working out the details. I have seen the pile of wood that is available and it is impressive.
- Sue Smith issued a challenge to turn some examples and prototypes of snowmen to give ideas for what can be done as one of the spring term of Comm Ed classes. Turn a snowman between two and eight inches high.
- President’s challenge for the month is to turn a gavel.
- In addition to the usual wood exchange at this meeting Steve Schlueter had some cedar available and Royce Meritt was handing out cucumbers. Never know what you can get at our meetings.

Community Education Classes...

Fall term is complete. Spring term classes in the works.

You know you are a woodturner if...

...you buy a chest deep freeze just to store green wood in.

...you have a nice new red plastic gas can that is labeled **"NOT GAS. ANCHORSEAL. NOT GAS."**

...you look at every tree and stick of firewood and see nothing but boards and bowls

Big Bowl Project...

Lots of progress being made. Doug Noteboom has had help from members who took extra time to work on the bowl. The outside is finish turned, sanded and the first coat of finish applied. Sanding the inside is almost complete. Hope to be completely finished by the time of the demo at Sticks and Steel.





Show and Tell Table at the September Meeting...



