



# *The Turning Point*

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## ***January Meeting...***

Harrisburg High School, 1:00 p.m. Saturday January 9, 2016. Two demonstrations, one on buffing finished pieces and one on dying wood. First business meeting of the New Year.

## ***Apologies...***

Apologies, apologies. That's all the membership ever gets from me! I have to depend on my at-work computer to do the newsletters and I was out sick from the Sunday after Christmas until just today January 4. My first day back at work in over a week hence the delay in publishing.

Sorry. John

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

Hello All,

Hope you all had a Good Christmas.

It's hard to believe that 2015 is almost over. It was not my intention to do this letter so late, but with a very busy work load, both outside (priority!) and inside, this is the first time in over a month I have not

fallen asleep the moment I sit still. I managed to get all the Christmas gifts done, even the international clients, (that's if my Mother counts as an international client, ha ha.) which just leaves me with a handful of projects to carry over into 2016... The clock is ticking, and the wife is getting nowty (English slang for being rather annoyed!) and a grandson due in April, no pressure then!

So Sticks and Steel was a success on all levels and pretty sure Siouxland Woodturners will be welcome back again, maybe in the spring or summer too!

Next Demo is Stan Houston's, which is coming up very quickly. Get your blanks ready and tools sharp, and as usual put on a good display. There will be a professional Turner there too!

Being distributed now is the 2016 Community Ed Catalogue. Feel free to advertise and tell people. There is a meet and greet for instructors coming up, January 21<sup>st</sup>, again feel free to represent the club. Fall classes were filled very quickly and let's hope spring ones will be equally as popular. Club members are encouraged to come along and help.....it's free!

The Big Bowl is complete and is available for display – just speak up. I'll organize for it to go to the Community College for a while and we want it at Stan Houston's too.

Talking about publicity, I was informed of a magazine article about the club, but I have been unable to locate it, does anyone know about this?? Not sure on age of publication, I was just told it was a Sioux Falls magazine.

December meeting was well attended and there were some "old faces" there, very nice to see you and also some "new faces" very nice to see you too, as it is with any member at any meeting.

Thank You to all who passed on "The Knowledge" of whatever variety, lots of recipients benefitted. And a big thank you to those who made a young boy and his mother very happy turners!

I have yet to select a club project for 2016, (a task and a half after the Big Bowl!) but watch this space!!! I am open to suggestions, so put your thinking caps on!

It's now time for bed so here's to a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Successful New Year to all involved in the Siouxland Woodturners. It's Your Club!!

Here's to 2016!

Cheers everyone!

PS. I am not really one for "New Year's Resolutions" but a sort of one for 2016 is to keep shop tidier and get dust extractor working. That way I might get projects finished sooner, or more started, more likely!

Al.

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

None this month as there was not a business meeting at the December open shop.

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

Spring term is set. More information at the January meeting.

## ***Sticks and Steel Demo and Sale...***

A rousing success on Black Friday and Saturday in November. Pictures of some of the items displayed.





**Show and Tell Table at the December Meeting...**







