



The Turning Point

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November Meeting...

Harrisburg High School, 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 5. Frank Denton will be doing a demo. Should be very interesting.

Bring your questions and suggestions.

From the President...

Hello All,

Hope all is turning well and to anyone who hasn't got a heated shop make the most of the gorgeous weather coz it ain't going to last, unfortunately, we all know what's around the corner so if you can get

plenty of wood in the shop then you don't have to dig around in the white stuff. Maybe now is a good time, I'm going to try.....I have even built a shelter just for wood in the hope to alleviate the white stuff problem. I still have a large pile of wood, mainly box elder but some ash and some maple, so feel free to contact me about it. I just haven't time to cut much, but the wood is here if you need some.

So what's been going on? The Comm Ed. Classes have wrapped up with some very happy students with big smiles (and all their fingers) and some finished projects. A huge, huge thank you to all the club members who participated, the classes wouldn't be possible without your help. The students appreciate the near one on one tuition, and I'm sure that members also got to learn something, even if it was only how not to do something. Hope next spring we can do as good and hopefully with full classes. (We will negotiate with Comm Ed about pricing) All members are free to come along and join in.

The extra tools we bought and had donated helped tremendously, but transporting them is a pain theback. A vote has been passed to acquire a suitable trailer for transport and storage. We are looking into getting a grant from AAW so subsidize this cost. It might be an idea to have a fundraiser to generate some extra monies for other sundries. Ideas/thoughts please!

With equipment available it might be an idea to have "paying lessons" for members and or the public, other than Comm Ed. Demos etc, please speak up if you have any ideas.

On the subject of demos, several members did a demo/sale at Sticks and Steel. It was not as successful as last year in terms of sales, but seemed very good in terms of potential club members. Sticks and Steel have asked if we want to do it again on Black Friday and Saturday. Let's see what response we get at next meeting

At the next meeting it will be time to elect officers for 2017. It was put in the by-laws that no one could be in office for more that 2-3 years. I have had the privilege of being Club President for 2 years and whilst I have enjoyed it I feel that, given my work schedule at home, I cannot give the position the attention I would like. Therefore, I am asking someone to put themselves forward to take the lead and keep the club moving onwards and upwards.

Frank also would like someone to be Treasurer as he has done it for quite a few years now. So come along and have a vote, or step up.

Once business is out of the way, the lathes will be spinning, Frank will be demonstrating and Doug and Jack will have some lamp shades. We are there to help those who want it, just ask, no matter how basic or expert the question is. We are all there to learn/teach and enjoy the art of Woodturning!

If you have any wood to give away or sell, please bring it along!

Al

October Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

October 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was called to order at 1:00 by John Weaver (due to the absence of the president and vice-president). There were 18 turners in attendance.

A. Minutes of last meeting: September minutes were approved as presented.

B. Treasurer's report: Frank reported treasury has a balance of \$1495.00.

C. Library report: No report.

D. Community Ed report: Five community education classes have been taught so far and all have gone well. The pizza cutter class was combined with an additional woodturning 101 class to accommodate registrants. Remaining classes are shown below. Note that the bracelet class is now combined with snowman ornaments on October 13th.

- Tool Sharpening.....Tuesday Oct 4
- Bottle Stoppers.....Thursday Oct 6
- Natural Green Wood Bowl....Tuesday Oct 11
- Bracelet/Snowman.....Tuesday Oct 13

Classes run from 6:00-8:30PM with clean-up following (until about 9:00). All classes are at the CTE Academy, 4700 W Career Circle, room D106. There is a concern that the increase in class cost might be discouraging some from taking classes—may need to communicate with Melanie (Comm Ed Coordinator) about this issue.

E. Equipment report: Jim reminded members to sign out for tools. Hollowing tools are in equipment bags at CTE. John W. is still searching for additional equipment (baseball) bags for some of the tools.

F. Membership report: No report. Dues are to be paid in January.

G. Old Business:

1. The Club is demonstrating at *Sticks & Steel* on First Friday (October 7, 5-9PM).

Demonstrations will continue on Saturday (Oct 8, 10AM-5PM). There will be 2-3 lathes available. Set-up is at 3PM on Friday==help will be appreciated. Turners that demo can sell their creations at their own set price (no commission) on those two days. In the past, a good crowd has been present. Al will be contacted to see if Big Bowl should be taken to demo.

2. Ron Day is a Rikon dealer. He has a 1822 variable speed Midi w/G3 dovetail chuck for sale (approx \$550 including tax). Retail for lathe and chuck is \$800. Also, he has a slow speed grinder for \$93. His phone # is 701-319-8607.

3. The subject of buying a cargo trailer for the Club was discussed. It would be used for transport and storage of lathes and equipment for classes and demos. A used 6' or 7' wide by 10' or 12' long size would be desirable (ramp would be nice option, as well). Motion passed to move forward with trying to locate a used trailer for \$1500 or less. Doug, Jack and Dennis will actively search for one. Doug has room to park the trailer. Jack will inquire about possible AAW grant to fund part of purchase price.

H. New Business:

1. November will be time for election of officers. We should also try to set the educational presentations for the 2017 meetings at that time. Frank volunteered to do a turning demo at the November meeting.

2. Doug passed a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting bat blanks. He also brought anchor seal and methanol that members could purchase. If anyone is interested in Norfolk Island Pine or other Florida wood, let Doug know (he has a contact that can put together a pallet of such wood).
3. John W. asked for feedback on the September class with Ron Day. Consensus was that it was very well done and Ron was most helpful.
4. Gene mentioned that there is now a "For Sale" page on our website for any items that members wish to sell. Contact him with info.
5. Doug and Jack are making lampshades for the November meeting. They invite anyone to join them on this project challenge.
6. Doug mentioned that the Johannes Michelsen sharpening system is very good compared to the Wolverine and other systems. Information can be found online.
7. The AAW Symposium is in Kansas City on June 22-26 of 2017. About eight members showed interest in attending.
8. Sharing: Doug had walnut and pieces of gunstock for anyone that could use some. Steve had several pieces of particle board that could be used for shelving.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55. Members shared a variety of projects for Show and Tell: birdhouses were shown by Jim S., Doug and Dennis displayed bowls, Vern brought platters and a ring holder, Frank had made a Hackberry vase and a Russian Olive vase. A guest showed off items her 15 year-old son has made—he has been turning/woodworking for 2 years and has fallen in love with the hobby. After the meeting, Jim S. demonstrated turning birdhouses.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

Community Education Classes...

All of the classes have been completed for the fall term of community education. Watch for notes on the spring term. Thanks to all who participated as instructors or assistants. This program is possible only because of the unselfish time donated by many members. If you have not participated as either an instructor or an assistant please consider helping out during the fall term. Suggestions for class topics are always welcome.

October 7 and 8 Display at Sticks and Steel

