



The Turning Point

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February Meeting...

Harrisburg High School, 10:00 a.m. Saturday February 4. Annual Pens for the Military project day and business meeting. We will begin the pen project at 10:00 a.m. with a break for the business meeting at 1:00 p.m. and then finish up the pen project.

Future Meeting Plans...

March; Hollow forms with the Carter hollowing system.

President's Message...

Greetings Woodturners,

I would like thank you for making my first meeting as Siouxland Woodturners President an enjoyable event. I thank all of you for the wonderful input that you gave during the meeting. And I look forward to a fun- filled year and the sharing of all of your creative ideas and projects.

Please make an effort to read the minutes from the last meeting on our website. Also remember that the February meeting will be starting at 10:00 a.m. in order to make and complete the military pens. A special thank you to Doug for a great demonstration at the January meeting, Doug gave a good demo of the McNaughton coring system, but due to technical difficulty we could not demo the Bowl Saver system. We will reschedule the demonstration of the Bowl Saver system at a later date.

One of the items mentioned at our last meeting was the name of a finish that that was used in the Michigan wood turning retreat. This finish is called Total Boat penetrating epoxy. <http://www.totalboat.com/product/penetrating-epoxy/> It can be purchased from Jamestown Distributors and the number is 800 – 497 – 0010.

One of the discussions during the January meeting was the possibility of our woodturners giving hands-on demonstrations for other groups. It appears that the demonstration for the Blend Interactive Company will proceed. We also received a request from the principal at Career Technical Education Academy (CTE) for us to give a demo for their students in the future. More information on this will be presented in the February meeting. We will be looking for instructors to help do the demos. The demonstration for Blend Interactive Company will be held on either March 24 or March 31 (Fridays). The time will be from 1 to 4 pm please let me know if anyone will be able to assist at these times.

For those of you that will be attending the Stan Houston demo please remember to bring sound wood so during turning it will not shatter and endanger the public viewing the demonstration.

Again thank you for your participation in the January meeting I was looking forward to the February meeting until I realized that it is the same day as my grandson's Taekwondo black belt award. I will miss being with you all.
Enjoy the January thaw,

John Weaver

January Meeting Minutes...

President John Weaver called the January 7, 2017 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners to order at 1:03 PM. Corky Miles approved the minutes from the November meeting with a second from John Olson.

The treasurer, Jack Zimmel, reported a balance of \$2616.00 which included \$218.00 in the trailer fund.

DVD report – new DVD's have been purchased and added to the library

Community Ed – 8 classes will be held in the spring

Equipment – there are no new items other than the trailer

Memberships are due and can be paid to Jack.

OLD Business:

AAW Grant –(trailer) – Grant has been submitted and should know by mid-February. The trailer needs to be fitted with stands, shelves, etc. Ideas are welcome. It needs to be easy and safe.

Sticks & Steel – not the best, but OK, of weekends for people coming through. Could have used additional items for sale

Nametags – Royce has the nametags if you have one coming. See him if you need one.

AAW Symposium – June 22-26, 2017

Membership allows you to use “Explorer” on the website and it is a very valuable learning tool. In addition, there are other nice things for membership use.

Those interested in attending the symposium are:

Royce Merritt	351-9435
Sue Smith	339-4742
Corky Miles	359-2660*
Ron Seim	368-2098*
Steve Schlueter	940-6804
Jeff Albrecht	695-2964
John Olson	254-4189

*Will be staying at the LaQuinta

If you want to save on rooms let others know you would be willing to stay with them. Rooms are already filling up.

Request for demonstrations:

A lengthily discussion was held regarding giving demos to outside organizations, schools, etc. It was a voiced by the membership that the club should try to do requested demos if possible The completion of the trailer would make this easier. It might also be possible to use the room at CTI for larger groups. Blend Interactive has requested a demo (15-20 people on a Friday) *

*Referred to Executive committee

Military Pens – the work session to make/assemble the pens will be at the next meeting date (Feb. 4th) at 10:00 AM. If you need 7 mm bits to drill the pen blanks the club has several available.

New Business:

Wood – figured walnut is in back of Doug’s truck – take what you want

The sawmill in Sioux City has basswood logs – contact John Weaver for his email

Wood Challenge – make something from the green stock walnut (bowl, pen, etc.) Bring to March 4th meeting for the challenge)

Doug has offered his shop for use every Tuesday from 4-10 and will be available if you need assistance. He has 3 lathes available.

5 people expressed an interest and Doug has their names

Stan Houston – February 24-25 ---Volunteering to help

Feb. 24 – 8:00-5:30

AM: Frank Denton
Jeff Albrecht
John Olson
Sue Smith

PM: Frank Denton
Royce Meritt (after 3 PM)
Dan Chilson
Jeff Albrecht
John Olson Al Hird

Feb. 25 – 8:00-3:00

AM Jim Sample
Frank Denton
Royce Meritt
Dan Humberg
Jeff Albrecht
Jim Collingwood

PM: Frank Denton
Royce Meritt
Jim Sample
Jeff Albrecht
Al Hird

*Ranah will “float” and hand out brochures, visit w/people, etc.

Ideas for turning: bowls, small things, small platters, birdhouses,
Christmas ornaments

It was suggested by Ranah Sample that we have a club face book page. The membership agreed and Ranah agreed to create one.

A club discussion was held regarding the club purchasing a Rose Engine Turning Kit. Corky will look further into this.

Anybody needing Wood Doctors finish? See Doug

Discussion was held on the club purchasing another grinder and perhaps a diamond wheel sharpener. It was felt that the club should consider purchasing another grinder.

Discussion was held regarding other tools that the club might be interested in purchasing. A Vector Grinder was specifically mentioned.

Sue said she has the following items for sale:

African Blackwood

Bottle stopper blanks \$4.00

Pen Blanks \$3.00

1 X 1 X 12 – exotic woods TBD

Osage Orange, pink laminate and others

John Weaver has pieces for a Shopsmith for sale

Harlow Hofer has a radial arm saw for sale

Events: John Weaver will contact Mike Hunter of Hunter Tools regarding a demo.

Turning tips:

Doug – how to get a platter flat

Doug – pepper grinder tips

Doug – candleholders

Doug – boat sealer as a hardener

Tip: see Ron Campbell on Facebook

Show and Tell (Corky to take pictures)

Introductions of several guests and members

Corky moved to adjourn and was seconded by Royce

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

The membership spent time in the shop when Doug was demonstrating coring.

Club members indicated an interest in the following for demos or fieldtrips for the coming year:

- A panel on finishing – we did this 6 or 7 years ago. Several people brought products they use and wood with the finish on it. It was fun and people seemed to learn a lot.
- Basic methods of mounting stock on the lathe
- Paul Sova – demo segmented turning
- Mike Hunter Demo (Tool Sales) of Hunter Tools (Possible may be “free” – he is from Minneapolis)
- Using dividers/calipers on turning without fatalities
- Using epoxy on cracks for spalted wood
- Bowl from a board
- Super glue and epoxy with bowls

Community Education Classes...

The spring Community Education classes are set. All classes will be held at the Career and Technical Education Center at 4700 W Career Circle in Sioux Falls. That’s near the intersection of Terry Avenue and Madison Street on the west side of I-29. Class times are 6:00 p.m.to 8:30 p.m. As always if you can please help out by just being there as a mentor for the new students.

Woodturning 101 Mar 21 and 23

Sharpening Mar 28

Duck Call Mar 30

Platter April 4

Writer’s Pen April 6

Bowl April 11

Hollows and Vases April 13

January Show and Tell...



AAW's 31st Annual International Symposium in Kansas City, Missouri

June 22-25, 2017

Kansas City Convention Center

301 West 13th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105

<http://www.woodturner.org/default.asp?page=2017KC>