



The Turning Point

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May Meeting...

Harrisburg High School, 1:00 p.m. Saturday May 6. Mike Hunter, owner of Hunter Tool Systems, will do a demo using his carbide tools. Tools will be available for purchase at the meeting. These tools are different than most of the carbide tools on the market today. Come see them perform.

<http://huntertoolsystems.com/>

This is a link to the Wood Central forum where John Lucas did a piece comparing a standard skew, a Hunter tool and an Easy Wood tool. Very interesting.

<http://www.woodcentral.com/woodworking/forum/turning.pl/page/2/md/read/id/498781/sbj/skew-vs-hunter-osprey-vs-ez-tools/>

Just as a side note, you may want to look at this. This is a link to a *More Woodturning* on-line magazine article about John Lucas. He does some fantastic work with hand mirrors.

https://www.morewoodturningmagazine.com/writer_profile.php?writerid=27

Future Meeting Plans...

Summer meetings to be discussed at the May meeting. Watch for Summer Mini Newsletters with more information.

President's Message...

The April meeting was another astonishing one! The Show and Tell was outstanding. Yet again, the talent and creativity of our club members was inspiring. If you have any suggestions on ideas to keep our meetings interesting and exciting, we value your input. Please take a moment to send your suggestions to:

John Weaver	Corky Miles	Royce Meritt
Ranah Sample	Jack Zimmer	Bob Boese
John Suhreptz	Gene Wubben	

Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are on the club website under the "contact us" section.

Thank you to Jack Zimmer for his demo on chuck maintenance at the April meeting, and hope that you found the information on liming wax useful.

The Spring session of Community Ed classes are now in the record book with nothing but positive feedback. The success of these classes was definitely because so many of our members took time to volunteer and were so quick to help. I feel so good about these classes (though rather glad we're done), but find myself anticipating our Fall classes.

A reminder: The May 6th meeting will feature Mike Hunter of Hunter Tools. There will be a lathe set up for all members to try out the tools he will be demonstrating. Mr. Hunter will have tools available at a discount price as well. This will be a great opportunity to try tools before you buy. Jim Sample highly endorses Hunter Tools, as he uses them himself.

I look forward to seeing all of you in May and discussing our summer meetings.

John Weaver

April Meeting Minutes...

President John Weaver called the April 1, 2017 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners to order at 1:00 PM. John moved and Corky seconded to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Motion passed.

The treasurer, Jack Zimmel, reported a balance of \$2124.64 and \$110.00 in the trailer fund. The only item that might be added to the trailer would be a dolly.

DVD report – no report

OLD Business:

Community Ed – 4 more classes will be held in the spring.

Community Ed classes are going very well and are overwhelmingly successful. There were 50 people the first week. The club will receive ½ of the fee and all the material monies collected with a potential of about \$1700.00 this session. We have 5 lathes and would like to buy 2 more and would be great if we could get them into the trailer. The goal would be to have 8 lathes. A discussion was held as to what brand of lathes we would consider buying. Jack moved and Corky seconded to buy 2 additional lathes, motion passed. Sue also discussed the need to buy 8 face shields at a cost of \$30-\$40 . Sue moved and Jack seconded to buy face shields. Motion passed.

Equipment – there are no new items other than the trailer

Memberships are due and can be paid to Jack. 39 members are paid.

New Business

- After further visit with the goals of the Girl Scouts it was decided that we could not give them what they are looking for. However, a Boy Scout troop is interested and we can accommodate their wishes. Doug volunteered to use his shop if that would work best. Gene Schluster will arrange this for about 10 boys. Corky and John volunteered to assist.
- May demo – Mike Hunter (Mike Hunter Tools)
- AAW New Member Discount - \$30.00 includes the directory on the web and the “Woodturners Fundamentals”
- In April John Weaver discussed the possibility of reducing the number of business meetings by having the officers and an elective board meet to conduct business, perhaps every other month. Members were asked to “think about it.” It was discussed at this meeting that this would be something the club would like to try and see how it works. The Board consists of the following and would be in charge of every other meeting;
- President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter, Librarian, Webmaster and Membership (8)

Ron Seim moved and Doug N. made a second that we would change the meeting procedure. Motion passed.

John made a motion and Mike seconded it to adjourn. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ranah Sample, Secretary

Other

Raffle - \$2.00 tickets (Jack)

John Olson Birthday

Ideas for demos – send to Gene Wubben

Looking ahead:

June – Doug

July – Al

August – Gene Wootman (engraving) 5400 N. 7th Ave., (north of I-90)

Summer equipment storage?

Shirts for Kansas City and other

Blend Interactive Demo...

A demo and hands on class was held for Blend Interactive employees on Friday March 24. It was another smashing success for the Siouxland Woodturners and for the participants. Blend Interactive is a local company that does something special for their employees one Friday afternoon per quarter. This is a link to the photos they took themselves of the afternoon fun.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/blend-interactive/albums/72157679668966522>

Community Education Classes...

The spring Community Education classes are completed. All indicators show that it was a very good spring session. Watch for details on the upcoming fall session.

April Show and Tell...





