



The Turning Point

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December Meeting...

The November meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School Saturday December 2 at 1:00 p.m. Doug and John O. will be demonstrating marbled paint techniques. Additional time will be spent in open shop time. Bring your questions, ask for help with a particular problem area, demonstrate something new for the others. Enjoy. Challenges for the month are Christmas items.

President's Message...

What awesome club members we have. I would like thank Jack Zimmel for the great demonstration on how to turn a wooden cowboy hat.

I would like to personally thank all the old and new members for helping me as the club president this year. I would also like to thank Royce for stepping up to be president for the coming year and pledge my support in anything he will need.

Things to remember for the coming months, first the club is seeking suggestions for woodturning books and DVDs to add to our library. Please bring your suggestions to the December meeting. The December meeting is an open turning meeting, members are to bring any questions they have on turning techniques or examples and how things are done. Next remember that February is freedom pen month. Contact Rex for pen kits and give him your request for the number of blanks you would like to prepare before the February meeting.

As you all know I step down from the second term of the presidency because of the illness of my mother. I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers. An update on that is for the last two weeks I have been spending days and evenings with my mother and hospice at her nursing home. All the grandchildren and great-grandchildren are coming into town to say their goodbyes to Grandma. I will miss the club demo at Sticks and Steel this year and the fellowship with our club members.

Thank you again for all the help during the past year,

John Weaver

November Meeting Minutes...

President John Weaver called the Nov. 4, 2017 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners to order at 1:00 PM. Royce moved and John Olson seconded the approval of the minutes of the October meeting. Motion passed.

Those in attendance introduced themselves - 26 were in attendance.

The Treasurer, Jack Zimmel reported a balance of \$1906. The club is switching the account from Wells Fargo Bank to Voyage Federal Credit Union.

There was no library report, but everyone was encouraged to offer suggestions of books that could be purchased.

The equipment report noted that the parting tools that were ordered for the equipment boxes have arrived. Discussion also was had regarding the possibility of purchasing variable speed conversion kits for our lathes that didn't have the feature. Doug will research.

Memberships are still \$25 per year and are due by January 1st. See Corky or Jack to pay your dues.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Ed

The classes have all been completed and we received good feedback from the participants. Thank you to all of the demonstrators and mentors. The club received over \$900 from the classes which will allow for the purchase of an additional lathe. There was much discussion regarding how to enhance the classes and keep people interested in taking them. The Education Committee will review options and make recommendations for future classes.

Sticks and Steel

The club will be conducting demos at Sticks and Steel on November 17th (4-8 pm) & 18th (10-4 pm). Volunteers are needed and a signup sheet will be emailed. Items are also allowed to be displayed and sold and members receive 100 % of the proceeds. You must include a tag on each item with the \$ and your name.

AAW Grant

Discussion regarding applying for an AAW grant in 2018. It was felt the club was fairly well stocked with lathes and basic tools but maybe a hollowing system or larger trailer could be considered.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed if the club should apply for a 501c organization. Benefits included the possibility of receiving donations from companies such as 3m. Frank said that the process that was once simple has now become more complicated and that

the club would have to pay a fee and file taxes if we received that designation. Doug made a motion and Bill seconded to have the executive committee research the plus and minuses of applying.

See Royce if you have paid dues and not received a name tag.

Pen blanks are available and members are encouraged to take some home and get started on the military pens. George is polishing the brass and Rex has the pen kits.

The December meeting will be open turning and will not have much of a business meeting. If you need help with something bring it and others may be able to assist. Doug and John O. will also be demonstrating marbling.

Doug has anchor seal available for \$12 per gal. John is researching prices for CA, Pentacryl, and Methanol and will provide an update at the December meeting. There were several members interested in purchasing Pentacryl.

Stan Houston will have Black Friday Sale with Jet providing 15-20% discount and Powermatic 10%.

Election of Officers was held and John Weaver asked not to be considered as President due to the health of his mother.

Royce was nominated for President, John Olson for Vice President, Jack for Treasurer and Ranah for Secretary. Motion by Corky and second by Bill McGinnis carried.

Items wanted or for Sale

John Weaver has a Craftsman 10" table saw w/Biesemeyer fence for sale. John Olson has two chainsaws for sale. Harlow Hofer has a craftsman lathe for sale.

Turning tips/techniques

Jack Zimmer was demonstrating turning a cowboy hat after the meeting.

Club Challenge

Royce won the inside/outside turning and Jim Havard won the weedpot challenge. Congratulations to both.

Raffle Winners

Roll of sandpaper - Corky

Bag of sandpaper- Dustin

Wipe on Poly - Ron

Corky made a motion and Ron seconded it to adjourn. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Corky Miles (Ranah spent some well-deserved time with the girls shopping)

Spring Community Ed Classes...

Look for the spring lineup soon. These classes are a good way to involve more people in turning and have also been a nice enhancement to the club treasury. Please consider helping next spring.

November Show and Tell Table...





The marbled paint shown above will be demonstrated at the December meeting.



The weed pot and inside out turning entries for the November challenge.

Jack Zimmel Cowboy Hat Demo Pictures...



Two of Jack's finished hats and a hat stand



Starting the roughout from a wet blank



Roughout of the hat crown and brim completed



The blank reversed and mounted in the chuck for hollowing of the crown of the hat and finishing of the brim.



Light mounted to show the thickness of the crown and the brim as they completed



That's right! You are seeing a light socket installed through the headstock. The light will be used to show the thickness of the upper part of the crown as it is finished while mounted on the special chuck jaws in the next picture.



Preparing to mount the hat on the special chuck jaws. The light socket will be positioned inside these jaws when the blank is again reversed and mounted.



The outside of the crown nearing completion.



Top view of the finished hat



Bottom view of the finished hat. Jack also showed the jig used to bend the brim into the traditional cowboy hat shape.