



# The Turning Point

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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## September Meeting...

The September meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School on September 15, 2018 beginning at 1:00 a.m.

## President's Message...

Thanks to Gail and George Widman for hosting us at their shop for our August meeting. It's fun to poke around their shop and see all of the cool stuff they have going on. Also, thanks to George for demonstrating his technique for casting turning blanks. Good, informative stuff. I have had that same pressure pot sitting in my shop waiting to be converted for use in casting. George's demo might just motivate me to get that done.

The September 15 meeting (note change of date) will find us back at the Harrisburg High School shop. We will be demonstrating turning inside-out ornaments in preparation for an upcoming "member challenge". You won't want to miss it! If you have any experience with inside-out turning, please consider helping out with that demo. We plan to sort of tag team this demo so you won't necessarily have to demonstrate the project from beginning to end, just offer your insight and suggestions.

Our next round of community ed. Classes are coming up quickly. I hope you can spare some time in your busy schedules to help with those classes. It's nice to have a mentor there for each of the eight students. If you can help out, please contact John Weaver. While we're on the subject, a big thanks to John for his work coordinating these classes!

Until next time, remember...

**DON'T LET THE INSIDE DIAMETER EXCEED THE OUTSIDE DIAMETER!**

*Royce Merritt*

## August Meeting Minutes...

The August 4, 2018 meeting was called to order by president Royce Merritt at the location of Gene Widman (engraving) 5400 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., (north of I-90). 28 members and guests were in attendance.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$505.00. John Weaver reported that if all of the community Ed classes were filled we would add \$1200 to the treasury.

**Community Ed report:** John Weaver reported that the list of community Ed classes has been published. He encouraged members to designate that they would assist as instructors or mentors in each of the classes. He asked that instructors/mentors arrive early for the first class to help set up. At the present time Vern will be instructor for platters and Al for bracelets.

**Equipment report.** Doug reported that he and John Weaver went to Wisconsin to pick up the new lathe which was on display at the meeting. Doug reported about its operation. The distributor will allow a 50% off for tool rests ordered by club members.

**Construction of a tool rest:** If interested in making your own tool rest see Doug.

**Other topics:**

- See Royce if you need a name badge
- Omaha Woodturners Symposium is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- AAW grant – unknown at this time

**September Program:** Inside/outside turning with club members to demonstrate. The challenge for inside/outside will be in November.

Wood – Doug has walnut in the truck – take what you want

**Request for assistance-** The Brandon shop teacher as asked for assistance from club members. It was suggested she attend the Community Ed classes.

It was moved and passed to buy more safety drives for our club lathes. Several distributors can be compared for cost.

**Announcements:**

- Roll top material available for free take what you want
- Craft Fair @ Renner Days is \$15.00/table
- September meeting will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Harrisburg shop\*
- October meeting will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Harrisburg shop
- November meeting (change of date) will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Harrisburg shop\*

\*Note change of regular meeting dates

Moved and passed to adjourn meeting

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Ranah Sample, Secretary

**For sale:**

- Walnut – Doug

- Stihl Chain Saw – Jack Zimmer
- Walnut – Bill McGinnis
- Dimensional lumber and turning lumber – Jim Sample

**Show and Tell –**

- Royce sold his goose call for \$450.00 benefit
- Fly Rod – Royce
- Walnut bowls with silver leaf – John
- Doug – thumb cast, specter ply green bowl, bowl with pewter ring on top, Lamp/shade
- John Weaver – 4 bowls
- Vern Monson – Mulberry bowl and platter
- George Widman – burl bowl

The program consisted of George’s instruction on his technique for casting turning blanks.

**Demonstration – George Widman, resin casting. Doug Noteboom, using a spoon and drill!**  
**Thank You George and Doug.**



**Show and tell (see photos)**















