



The Turning Point

The newsletter of the Siouxland Woodturners
A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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2005 – 2020 Celebrating Fifteen Years as a Chapter of the AAW

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March Meeting...

The March meeting will be held at the Harrisburg High School Ag Shop Saturday March 7, starting at 1:00 p.m. There is access to the usual parking area by going through the construction fenced area. The construction gate will be open. John Olson and Doug Noteboom will demonstrate both pressure pots and vacuum chambers and show the differences between the two methods and also the materials required. There was a brief discussion of both during the show-and-tell portion of the February meeting so the expanded version should be great.

President’s Message...

What can I say? Thank you to everyone that attended our Veterans pen turning session! What a wonderful project. When Bill McGinnis presented me with the letter of appreciation from the Veteran groups involved, I could feel the tears forming. Thanks again to Bill for your efforts.

Thank you to the Suhreptz’s for the delicious lunch they provided. Another indication of how giving a group this is.

If you haven’t seen the latest issue of the AAW American Woodturner magazine may I suggest you get your hands on one. Jim Collingwood did an outstanding job of writing and providing details for the article. Thank you, Jim.

The next event we will be participating in will be Stan Houston's Woodturning Show Feb. 28 & 29. Please plan on attending. You are welcome to attend and demo your skills. If you're not comfortable turning in front of folks stop by and see what a fellow turner is doing. A great time for fellowship and another opportunity to learn. It is a great two days of tools, ideas and a chance to crash your budget. Thanks to Stan Houston for allowing us to participate.

Community Ed classes are just around the corner. Please make an effort to participate. Not only is it a great way to share your skills but there is always an opportunity to learn something.

Again, thank you to everyone for making the Siouxland Woodturners the great group that we are. Until the next time Keep Turning!

Jeff Albrecht

February Pen Output Over Two Hundred...





January 7, 2020

Siouxland Woodturners
President Jeff Albrecht
Harrisburg, SD

Greetings:

On behalf of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1, Sioux Falls, SD; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 959, Sioux Falls, SD; and Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 5355, Sioux Falls, SD, we wish to thank you for your generous donation of 90 "M-16" hand crafted writing pens that your organization donated to the 90 veterans in the Sioux Falls VA Veterans Hospital on Christmas morning.

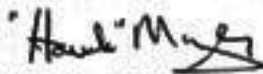
These handcrafted pens were deeply appreciated by all of the hospitalized veterans when Santa Claus came to visit them on Christmas morning.


Once again, THANK YOU for your generous donation to our hospitalized veterans. Through your support we can continue DAV's mission of "FULFILLING OUR PROMISES TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED."

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jim Wolfe, Commander
Disabled American Veterans


Terry "Hawk" Mayor, Commander
Vietnam Veterans of America


Buck Underwood, Commander
Military Order of the Purple Heart

January Meeting Minutes...

At the February Meeting...

Siouxland Woodturners

February 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting, turners arrived at 10:00 AM to work on the Military Pens Project. Due to the many pieces that members turned at home, about 165 pens were completed before breaking for lunch followed by the business meeting. To celebrate the 15th anniversary of Siouxland Woodturners, John and Nancy Suhreptz brought pork sandwiches, chips and cake to share with everyone; Ranah contributed a bean dish; brownies, cookies, deviled eggs, pop and coffee from others rounded out a nice lunch. Thanks to all contributors, especially to the Suhreptz's!!

The **February** meeting was called to order at 12:20 by President Jeff Albrecht. It was moved by John O and seconded by Corky to approve the previous minutes. Passed by voice vote. There were 37 turners in attendance. A brief discussion of the Siouxland Woodturners club history ensued. Jim S told of the first years when he and Bob Nelson (a pharmacist and turner) were instrumental in beginning the club and in finding a meeting site (at first, Lincoln HS wood shop). They credit the help of Alan Lacer and the AAW as the club developed. Charter members included: Jim Sample, Frank Denton, Sue Smith and John Olson. The true beginning of the club is not definite as it took time to get organized and to be recognized by the AAW. We did celebrate a 10-year anniversary of the club in June of 2014. So, we're not sure if 2020 is the 15th or maybe the 15th and ½ anniversary (?). Either way, the cake was delicious!

Minutes of last meeting: January minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: Jack reported a balance of \$1526. Records show that the CTE classes made \$2630 in 2019. There were two questions concerning funds: when are the trailer plates due for renewal (Jack will check on this); what is the 2020 status of the Club's insurance (Jack will contact AAW about this).

Education Committee report: John W reported that there were some errors in the Community Education booklet: Pen class shows Thursday, April 28 (should be Tuesday), Wood Platter class shows Tuesday, April 30 (should be Thursday), Salad Bowl shows Tuesday, May 2 (should be May 5). John has notified them of the errors. The correct information for our Spring term classes is shown below. Although instructors for each of the eight classes are in place, there is still a need for members to volunteer as mentors. Several of the positive comments concerning our classes referred to how grateful the students were to have their own mentor working with them throughout the class (the one-on-one help was great). Contact John to volunteer as a mentor. There are still three barrels of bowl blanks for the classes. **Help requested:** John asked for extra help to set-up prior to the first class on April 14th (it would be *sincerely appreciated* if you could show up early--5:15 to 5:30). The lathes, tool boxes, wood, etc. must be unloaded from the trailer and set up before the class start time of 6:00. Classes run from 6:00-8:30 pm. All classes are at the Career and Technical Education Academy (CTE), 4700 W Career Circle, room D106.

Apr 14 (Tue) ... Woodturning 101
Apr 16 (Thu) ... Woodturning 101
Apr 21 (Tue) ... Woodturning 101
Apr 23 (Thu) ... Woodturning 101
Apr 28 (Tue) ... Writing Pen

Apr 30 (Thu) ... Wood Platter
May 5 (Tue) ... Salad/Popcorn Bowl
May 7 (Thu) ... Basic Skills for Making Vases

Membership Committee report: 2020 dues are being collected by Corky (\$25 for the year). Royce brought a couple new badges that were requested.

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: Doug reported that the new spindle gouges are in the tool sets.

Library report: Steve said the materials are set out for members to look at and sign out. No new items have been added to the library recently; items are being returned in a timely manner.

Technology Committee report: Gene mentioned that the current website is really not designed for usage by cell phones. Along with this issue, perhaps other upgrades should be considered. There was a discussion about placing officer and member photos on the site, about whether there should be a password-protected section “For Members Only”, and when the upgrade should occur. More thought and discussion on these topics will occur in the future. The membership discussed the pros and cons of requiring login information for the club website as well as the pros and cons of having a picture of individual members on the website. Gene is currently working on rewriting the codes.

Old Business:

1. In January, Jeff asked for suggestions from members for demonstrations they would like to see at the monthly meetings. Results include:

- Mounting bowl blanks
- Offset turning
- Beads of Courage bowls
- Ornaments
- Dyes/coloring
- Texturing

For the March meeting, Doug and John O will be demonstrating the use of pressure pots versus vacuum chambers for making epoxy blanks that can be used for pens, bottle stoppers, etc.. In the past, Doug used a US Composite product that took 24 hours to set up. He now likes Alumilite (*slow* takes 12 minutes and can be turned in 2-4 hours; *fast* takes 7 minutes and hardens in 1 hour). He still struggles to get the piece really clear again after turning. John has poured clear Alumilite into a mold with a silk rose for a nice blank.

2. The article about Siouxland Woodturners’ “Military Pens Project” appeared in the February 2020 issue of AAW’s magazine “American Woodturner” (see page 13). Jim C wrote a great article about our Club and about the project. It accompanied the project day photo of members and pens – made us all look good! Thanks, Jim.

3. Jeff passed around a thank you letter received from the Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The three organizations were most appreciative of the 92 pens we contributed for the hospitalized veterans at the VA on Christmas. We are so glad Bill M brought this to our attention so we could make their holiday a bit more special with “the M16 pens”.

4. Royce reported that Alex LeBlanc from the Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is continuing to pursue information about the possibility of hosting a symposium. We hope to know about the number of members in the thirteen area clubs: North Dakota (1), Minnesota (6), Iowa (3), Nebraska (2), and South Dakota (1). He will pass on more when it becomes available.

5. Stan Houston "Demo Days" is Feb 28-29. A sign-up sheet was again passed around for those who would be willing to turn during the event. There will be demonstrators from some of the tool companies, but no professional turner is scheduled that Steve knows of at this time.

New Business:

John W asked if there is a member or guild ID card. He asked for a turner's discount at a store and the salesman asked for a member or guild card. The club's only identification at this time is our name badges. If you are an AAW member, a membership card can be found by signing in on the AAW website, then clicking on your name/photo on the left side of the homepage, which takes you to the "Demographics" page where you can find a "display membership card" option on the left side of the page as you scroll down.

Announcements/Events/Info:

1. Jeff reminded members that our website <http://www.siouxlandwoodturners.org/> has a lot of good information. Newsletters contain historical info, project ideas, show and tell photos, etc. There are links to turning sites, items for sale, a list of library materials, current member and officer contact info.

2. Additional SWAT Symposium info: Doug asked for a show of hands for those planning to attend the Southwest Association of Woodturners (SWAT) Symposium. Twelve members raised their hands; Doug also knows two turners from Aberdeen that plan to attend. Rental of a van is being considered. Sign-up is thought to begin in March. The SWAT website shows that the symposium is scheduled for Waco TX on August 28,29,30. There are several hotels near the symposium location. A block of rooms has been blocked off at the convention center. However, other motel are close to the convention center.

3. Doug is looking for a 5-gallon pressure pot and for some Corian.

4. Mentioned at the meeting were YouTube videos worth viewing:

Zac Higgins: Resin Casting in a Pressure Pot; pen blanks, etc.

Nick Zammeti; Resin Pressure Tank; also, other turning videos

Pohl Barn Productions: turning videos, epoxy resin use

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Corky to adjourn. Passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:08. Next meeting: Saturday, March 7th at 1 PM. Doug and John O demonstration: epoxy resin blanks in pressure pot vs. vacuum tank.

Show and Tell: Several members shared their work: Corky showed a walnut platter finished with lacquer; Gene thanked Steve for the donated chokecherry and John for the red maple that he turned into platters, one finished with diatomaceous earth, the other showing stress cracks and an interesting broken/cracked edge; Ron P displayed a 3-legged stool and George a 4-legged riser; Jack put together chunks of specterply to create unique bowls and used his homemade wax finish on a platter; Doug wrestled a dead red cedar out of the ground in northern Minnesota to make a tall lamp that stood on a round magnolia base (which was "imported" by John W from Louisiana), and also showed off an antler pen and holder; Royce "proved to himself that he could" by turning/building a wooden version of a fly tying vise with rotating parts (but, with non-functioning jaws—that would have been going too far!)—a turned wooden fly might show up at a future show & tell.

Continuation of Military Pen Project: After the meeting, work resumed to finish up the Military Pens Project for the day. The 200 pens (plus a few extra) were completed, photos were taken, the pens packed up and the remaining materials gathered for next time. The shop was cleaned and the cookies and cake disappeared.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ranah Sample & Bonnie Lynch, Secretary

Adult Ed Classes...

The spring Adult Ed Class dates are noted in the above minutes. The first class is April 14. Instructors are set but please consider being a mentor at any or all of the classes. Things go better with a mentor for each student, and the top comment from students is how great it is to have someone for one-on-one help. Please see John Weaver at one of the meetings to sign up or contact him by email j2weaver@live.com

Stan Houston Woodworking Show...

The annual Stan Houston Woodworking Show will be February 28 and 29. This will be the first show held at their new location on West 12th Street in the old Kmart building between Kiwanis Avenue and I-29. We are again invited to turn at the show. Please consider giving some time to be in the booth.

February Meeting Pictures...

