



The Turning Point

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STAY TUNED TO YOUR EMAIL FOR POTENTIAL CANCELLATION NOTICES. As of now the newsletter is being presented as normal but please stay tuned.

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April Meeting...

The April meeting will be held at the Harrisburg High School Ag Shop Saturday April 4, 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. Hollowing systems will be the demonstration. Bring your favorite hollowing tools or systems to display.

President’s Message...

Another full house at the March Siouxland Woodturners meeting. It’s great to have so many members in attendance. Thank you to everyone for raffle donations. Seems like there is always something unique and or interesting for the drawings.

There were a group of us who participated in the Stan Houston Woodworking Show. Seems like there also were quite a few members who stopped by to see what was being turned. I think that folks show up under the guise that they want

to see the turnings only to spend a few dollars on new tools. Definitely the voice of experience (I am still waiting for my new saw). A great place for the public to see what our club does. We did have a display of our military pens as well as a sampling of what some of our turners are capable of.

Gene W and Royce M continue to gather information on putting together a symposium. A group of turners donated a variety of items to the McCrossan Boys Ranch fund raising event. In the process we learned that they may have the facilities to host an event such as the symposium. Thanks Gene and Royce. Keep us posted.

Community Ed classes will be starting April 14 with Woodturning 101. If you would like to help out with this let John Weaver know. He can always use help either leading the class or as a mentor. It is important that we have good participation as this is a main fund raiser for our club. Thanks to John Weaver for his efforts.

Thank you to John Olson and Doug Noteboom for their demonstration. Simply amazing what can be done with the modern-day resins and the use of pressure pots/vacuum chambers.

Thanks to everyone for bringing samples of their creations. I am in awe every month when show and tell items are presented. It is a statement of the talents of our members.

Next month's meeting will be on April 4th at 1:00 at the Harrisburg High School. The shop demo will be hollowing so bring your favorite hollowing tools. Big bars or captured systems?? Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Keep Turning!

Jeff Albrecht

February Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners March 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The March meeting was called to order at 1:10 by President Jeff Albrecht. There were 36 turners in attendance. Introductions were made.

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

Treasurer's report: Corky provided the treasurer's report in Jack's absence. There is a balance of \$694.14. The Club's liability insurance has been paid for 2020 in the amount of \$200 (which increased from \$95 for last year). Jack prepared a projected budget for 2020 that Corky summarized as follows:

<u>Income (approx \$4000):</u>		<u>Expenses, Em Fund (approx \$2000):</u>	
membership dues	\$ 1000	insurance, trailer plates, other	\$1200
raffles	500	club emergency fund	750
Comm Ed classes	2500		

Education Committee report: John W passed around sign-up sheets for mentor volunteers for the Community Ed classes. Instructors for each of the eight classes are in place. John repeated the request for extra members to assist with set-up prior to the first class on April 14th (please show up early--5:15 to 5:30—to unload the lathes, tool boxes, wood, etc.). He will also need help on May 7th to load equipment back onto the trailer when all classes have been completed. As a reminder, the classes are shown below; they run from 6:00-8:30 pm; and all are held 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: Corky reported 44 paid members. Photos of current members may begin being taken at the April meeting.

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: Doug reported that the committee is a very efficient group and that all is great with the equipment situation.

Library report: Steve requested that if anyone would like to see a specific new DVD, book, etc. added to the library to let him know. Money is in the budget for this purpose (\$200/year). It was also mentioned that if anyone has woodturning DVDs, books, or magazines that they no longer want, they could be donated to the library.

Technology Committee report: Gene has updated the website and it is now more user-friendly for cellphones. Testing is lengthy and difficult—let him know if you are having issues using the new site. Also, you can put your photo on the AAW site. Questions posed to Gene were: 1) Are Club demonstrations being recorded? Yes. 2) Can they be put on our website? *Not without editing (due to background noise, some less desirable safety practices, etc.), requiring several hours of time.* 3) Do we need an additional camera and monitor? *Gene wants to see what is done at the SWAT Symposium before suggesting additional equipment.*

Old Business:

1. The article about Siouxland Woodturners' "Military Pens Project" that appeared in the February 2020 issue of AAW's magazine "American Woodturner" was passed around by Corky. Jim C was applauded for his efforts, having written a wonderful article about our Club and about the project.

2. Royce reported that Alex LeBlanc from the Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) contacted the Tennessee Woodturners concerning their symposium. They plan three years out from their event, largely to get the demonstrators they want. The demonstrators' fees, travel and accommodations are the major expenses in their budget. Their Symposium is run totally by volunteers (which helps keep costs down but also makes it hard to have enough people to help). The technology (audio/visual considerations) is the most stressful part of their event. Woodworking vendors are provided space for free, but donations are sought and greatly needed. Fees were: early registration - \$165 for the whole event, one day pass = \$125 (both included banquet); cost at the door not known.

Royce, Jeff and John W viewed the facilities at McCrosson Boys Ranch. There is one large, open space that can be rented for \$500/8 hours. It can accommodate 100 people at round tables or in theatre-type seating. This would limit us to one demonstration area.

3. Stan Houston "Demo Days" on Feb 28-29 went well. Jeff thanked all who turned and also those that attended. Interested persons learned about the Club from brochures and talking with members. Six displayed pens garnered \$120 in donations for the Pens for the Military project. Several additional pens were handed out to military personnel that came to the event. Bryce from Stan Houston was very happy with the Club's turning demos and hoped that in 2021 he could make improvements to give the Club more exposure (better signage; possibly a camera/monitor that would show the turning being done as people entered the store). There is a possibility that Nick Cook (from Georgia) might be at the 2021 Stan Houston event. John O and Doug discussed how we could piggyback on his appearance there and schedule 1-2 days with Nick for education of Club members.

Note: Jeff is trying to locate the plastic stand with the Club's informational brochures. Let him know if you have it or know where it is.

4. If you used some of your own pen parts for the Military Pens Project, Jeff will bring spare parts to the next meeting so you may be reimbursed.

New Business:

1. Jeff asked about what a new banner for the Club might cost. George W has left-over material at this shop and is willing to make one for us.

2. Rex asked if there was any interest in placing an order for Club polo shirts. Eight people raised their hands. He will pursue this and report back with costs, minimum order, etc.

Announcements/Events/Info/For Sale:

1. Additional SWAT (Southwest Association of Woodturners) Symposium info: List of presenters is now on their website. Sign-up is thought to begin in mid-March. The SWAT symposium is scheduled for Waco TX on August 28,29,30. I viewed their website and was very impressed with their 2019 handbook. It goes way beyond a mere schedule of events and presenter biographies. It is a 146 page handbook of presenters' instructions, tips, diagrams, tools, photos, etc. The long list of vendors is equally amazing. Link to it is below:

<http://www.swaturners.org/support-files/swat-handbook-2019.pdf>

2. For Sale: John W has an older Rockwell 14" bandsaw for \$600 (1 hp, 6" risers, 12" clean cut, new tires, includes \$160 worth of Carter guides and also extra blades). Jack knows someone that has a metal lathe for sale (no info available).

3. Bill M asked if we could do “members only” classes at CTE during the Community Ed weeks since we have all the equipment set up and available. It would be very helpful to newer turners—maybe could be done on Wednesdays. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. Also, Doug is willing to open his shop on Tuesday evenings during March if anyone wishes to turn and learn.

4. Mentioned at the meeting were the following products and websites:

Odie’s Finishing Oil & Butter: <https://www.odiesoil.com/>

JT Turning: <https://jtturningtools.com/>

Doug’s Bandsaws USA: phone calls only: 800-342-9625 or 352-732-8202

Northeastern Oklahoma Wood Turners Association: <http://www.neowta.com/press/>

Facebook: Woodturning Connection

Facebook: Bill Koch Studio

Finishing mixture: 1/3 tung oil, 1/3 spar varnish, 1/3 denatured alcohol

5. Raffle items included: small round blank, large round blank, \$10 Craft Supply certificate, and a bottle of homemade maple syrup.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:58. Next meeting: Saturday, April 4th at 1 PM.

Show and Tell: Many and varied works of art were displayed: bottle stoppers, large and small bowls, dizzy bowls, a funnel which became a bowl, ornaments, lidded boxes, a cutting board with epoxy inlay and many others. Perhaps the most unique were: the burl-bottom bowl, the gutless guitar (no strings attached), the scary-face vase (a piece of spalted pecan that was double dyed with green and orange, heavy with epoxy, and had an angry expression reminiscent of Halloween), and the big bathroom bowl (not what you’re thinking—it’s a basin for a vanity). Also, Doug shared information on how to cut glass bottles using a lathe.

Demonstrations: After the meeting, Doug and John O demonstrated the use of a pressure pot and a vacuum chamber. Equipment set-up was explained and sources shared. The pros and cons of each were talked about. There was discussion about the types and use of epoxy with tips and cautions. Epoxy blanks were poured for pens and bottle stoppers; pinecones, corn cobs and alabaster were stabilized.

Respectfully Submitted,
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

February Meeting Pictures...

The show-and-tell items were probably the best, largest number, and most diverse group I have ever seen. Also the member’s explanations of their creations were very interesting. Keep them coming at future meetings.

My apologies to Doug N as I forgot to take pictures of his vacuum demonstration. Both Doug’s and John O’s demonstrations were great.









