



The Turning Point

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July Meeting...

NOTE DATE AND TIME; Thursday July 9 at 7:00 p.m. there will be another Zoom meeting coming from Jeff’s shop in Brookings. He will demonstrate his drunken bowl from a board technique. These pictures of the bowl are posted on the Siouxland Woodturners website under the gallery tab.



This should be an interesting demo as well as a peek into Jeff's shop. Additional details will be sent by email along with the link to the Zoom meeting.

President's Message...

As another month cruises on the new age of interactions is upon us. As we often question ourselves as to how the younger generations use the electronic gadgets as a means of life, I guess it is becoming understandable by the elders. We continue to social distance and use the Zoom tool to communicate. It is better than not meeting or seeing others but in my eyes there is still nothing like face to face interactions.

So, the world of wood turners has become a "virtual" means of either communicating or selling one's products. I guess it depends on how you want to look at it. It seems as though those who are lucky enough to build a business around wood turning have now figured out another means of promoting their services. Back we go to the younger generations on their screens.

With the cancellation of the AAW's Annual Symposium, AAW will explore the virtual world. You can now sign up for demos that were scheduled for the symposium on AAW's website. Go to the AAW website for more information.

On July 9 at 7:00 pm we will be holding our monthly meeting as a virtual shop tour and demonstration. I will be trying to demo the drunken bowl from a board that I have been working on lately. We will be broadcasting live from my shop. Watch for upcoming details.

Also check out our website for John Suhreptz's mini June newsletter for some virtual demonstrations by the aspiring worldwide turners. Thanks, John, for doing this.

So, the world continues to turn and life goes on. Take advantage of the new age electronics and perhaps improve your skills or develop a new one. Be safe and keep turning!!!

Jeff Albrecht

June Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

June 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The June meeting was called to order at 1:08 by President Jeff Albrecht. There were 25 turners in attendance via a Zoom meeting set up by Gene. Jeff mentioned he had talked with Harrisburg High School and that no outside groups would be allowed in their facility until September, at the earliest. A discussion ensued with many options, suggestions, alternatives and concerns voiced. Flexibility in planning will be needed until things become more normal, it was agreed.

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

Treasurer's report: Jack reported a current balance of approximately \$1200 in the treasury.

Education Committee report: No report.

Membership Committee report: Photos of current members may be sent to Gene for use on the Club's website.

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: Nothing to report.

Library report: No report.

Technology Committee report: Gene has not received any additional member photos or new project pictures lately. He showed us how to access members' projects by going to Siouxlandwoodturners.org Home page, finding the Events section and clicking on Photo Gallery. This takes you to a list of members and their projects. Here, you can match a name to a face and also see the artist's comments on the creation (click on the photo of the work).

Old Business:

1. No old business.

New Business:

1. As a part of the discussion about future meetings, the cost of using Zoom was brought up. A motion was made and passed to purchase a yearly subscription to Zoom. Many clubs use

Zoom to share demos, etc. Even if a normal meeting is held, we could use Zoom to include members that are not able to attend in person.

Announcements/Events/Info/For Sale:

1. SWAT (Southwest Association of Woodturners) Symposium has been cancelled for 2020. Several SLWT members have received notice via emails of the cancellation already; some also had their refunds processed, as well.
2. AAW is offering a three-day online *Virtual Symposium* on July 10-12 at a cost of \$20.20 (non-refundable). Their website notes that the registration will allow access to a replay of recorded symposium content for up to two weeks following the event. Demonstrators for the event will include Trent Bosch, Cindy Drozda, Rudy Lopez, Glenn Lucas, Mike Mahoney, and Craig Timmerman. Schedule, topics and other details will be announced. Registration closes July 3rd.
3. The Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium has been cancelled for 2020. In 2021, it will be held on September 17-19.
4. Status of the Yellowstone Woodturners Symposium scheduled in Billings for September 19-20 is questionable at this time.
5. Doug has 1 gallon of Anchorseal left. General consensus was that he should order another barrel since the cost (with shipping) comes to about \$5/gallon—far less than individuals ordering in small quantities. He also has about 30 gallons of methanol.

Show and Tell: Recent projects were shown by several members. John O used laminated beam material (from a neighbor's discard pile) to turn bowls—though the material had voids, he filled and created very nice results. He also discussed his use of a “floating bottom” in the bowls (a thin layer of wood used for the bottom, the use of which can prevent normal cracking problems). This month's “drunken (wood)” creation by Jeff A. was an urn with brass threads, about 17” tall by 7” in diameter. Capacity is roughly 275 cubic inches (which is an adequate size for normal needs, in most cases—not good to be too small!!) He also turned a handsome specterply tool handle. Larry turned a unique ash vase, with airbrushed effects (using Golden brand, water-based paint). A few hints about a future airbrush demo by Larry were tossed around. In addition, Larry showed off a 15” platter made from Canadian red cherry. Larry also talked about pouring bottle stopper blanks using 1¼” PVC sections stoppered with a rubber plug that has a centered dimple. It takes about 1 oz. of epoxy per blank; plugs are from Turnerswarehouse.com and cost about \$1.25 each; Turners Warehouse is a major epoxy supplier. Gene used some of Frank's honey locust wood to make an ebony topped work that showed off the beauty of the spalted wood. Woody got the prize for most unusual wood with his sassafras bowl and another made from a cherry tree root ball. Andrew came in with two distinct works: a bell (made from a kit) and a bowl reminiscent of an old spittoon.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:16. Next meeting: Thursday evening, July 9th at 7 PM-- specifics TBD. Jeff hopes to work with Al, John O, Woody and Gene to do a Zoom meeting

from his workshop. They may do a demo for members with a short/informal business meeting, as well. The August meeting will likely be another Zoom meeting on August 1st. Stay well, stay safe, everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch
Secretary