



# The Turning Point

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### August Meeting...

As of this writing (July 24) we have not finalized plans for the August meeting. Watch your email for details.

### President’s Message...

Informal meeting in my shop for July’s monthly meeting. Thanks to all who attended either via Zoom or those brave enough to travel. Thanks again to Gene Wubben for his efforts in getting an internet connection for the meeting. I don’t know how the Zoom portion of the meeting worked out but hopefully those Zooming were able to participate as normal.

I am always amazed at what this group is capable of. Andrew’s humungous super hero tops. I have turned tops before but nothing of this caliber. Larry Jurgen’s river bowl was also an attention getter. So many talented individuals. Please keep sharing folks, it’s a great part of our club. Please send a photo to Gene Wubben or John Suhreptz so it can be posted on our

website. You may also want to post on the Siouxland Woodturners Facebook page. The more you share the greater the chances to challenge somebody to figure out how you did that.

The so-called meeting was centered around my demonstrating a drunken bowl process. I hope I covered all the bases. If not contact me and I will try to help you. I haven't been in the shop since the meeting so I don't have a finished product yet. I will share once I get to that point.

After the meeting I asked a few of the folks still on site about my problems with a circle cutting jig on my bandsaw. I have been struggling with this jig for quite some time. In fact, I had given up on it. I no more than had the jig set up on the saw and the guys saw right away the problem being that the pivot point didn't line up with the leading edge of the blade. I guess I should have asked sooner.

The decision has been made to cancel our Continuing Ed classes until spring. Just too many unknowns at this time. It takes a lot of effort to provide these classes and hopefully the rewards are worth the effort. The classes introduce newbies to the art of woodturning as well as recruits new members to our club. It is also one of our only means to raise funds for our organization.

In going forward the plan for August's meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> is still in the works. If you have a suggestion please contact me. I would be happy to entertain any suggestions. Be safe folks and keep turning!

Jeff Albrecht

**[June Meeting Minutes...](#)**

**Siouxland Woodturners**  
July 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The informal July meeting began at 7:10 with President Jeff Albrecht and others entertaining us from Jeff's shop in Brookings. There were 21 turners in attendance, most via Zoom that was again set up by Gene.

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

**Education Committee report:** John W was contacted by SF Community Ed to see if our Club would be willing to present classes during the Oct-Dec fall session. Brief discussion was held. John and Corky will send out further information to see if instructors are available and willing to teach this fall.

**Old Business:**

1. none

**New Business:**

1. Jeff received a request from the DAV for 90-100 pens for veterans. General consensus was to fill this request when we can get together for a work day. Jack has ordered 500 pen kits for future use. Woody has 300-400 brass casings. When the situation allows, we will make arrangements to make more pens. Jeff has a box with pen kits that he believes were "owed" to someone from the last time we made pens for the military (if they are for you, let Jeff know—we want to replace the supplies you provided).
2. There was a short discussion about alternate meeting locations, if Harrisburg High School is not available to us. One suggestion was to ask CTE if we could meet at their facility (if we do have fall classes there).

**Demonstration by Jeff:** Drunken Bowl. Jeff's special tip to hold the various strips of wood together prior to cutting with bandsaw—carpet splicing tape.

**Show and Tell:** Several members showed what they had worked on recently. Jack showed off an aluminum platter and explained that the process was called engine turning or "delaja". He also turned several lidded works that were made from spectraply, red heart and burl walnut. Larry turned a beautiful "river" platter, that had a striking flow of blue epoxy. Andrew entertained with his large and durable spinning tops made from cedar and walnut.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Next meeting: August 1<sup>st</sup>--specifics TBD. Stay well and be safe, everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Lynch  
Secretary

**Fall Adult Ed Classes...**

You should have received an email message that the fall adult ed classes have been cancelled due to all of the unknowns we are dealing with at this time.