



# The Turning Point

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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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### October Meeting...

Halleluia! We will be back at the Harrisburg High School on Saturday, October 3 at 1:00. Program is to bring your solutions for alternative work holding for explanation and discussion. Vacuum, jam, Longworth, drum, offset, or whatever chuck solution you have. There is a rumor that there may even be a suggestion on how to use a toilet plunger head for work holding. Hope this demonstrator purchased a new one for dedicated lathe use.

### President’s Message...

Thank you to Ron and Lin Christensen for hosting our September meeting. Also thank you for the produce and home baked goods for the raffle. Great food and fellowship. 25 members in attendance. It was good to see everyone in person.

The talent of the group still amazes me. Not sure Woodturners is a very fitting name as there were items turned from rocks to bowling balls and all kinds of wood in between. For those turners please send photos to Ranah Sample so she can post them on our Facebook page. Also forward pics to John Suhreptz so he can include them on our web page.

There was a lot of discussion about our military pen project. There were assembled blanks ready to be turned as well as drilled casings ready for assembly. If you weren't able to attend the meeting and would like to help with the project please contact Royce Merritt for supplies. This has been an ongoing project that we need to keep going. If everyone does a little it keeps a few individuals from getting burned out doing all the work. If we can get back in Harrisburg High School, we can do a pen day to finish up the pens. We could use somewhere between 200-300 pens in the near future.

There was mention of getting back in HHS soon. I have a call in to the school and am waiting for a reply to see just when and the protocol for us to be able to use the facility again. I will forward a message once I receive word.

An item for demonstration for the next meeting was toilet plunger jam chucks. Not sure you could use up an hour demonstrating TP chuck so other types of jam chucks and perhaps vacuum chucks would be some techniques to share. We are always looking for different tips and techniques for demonstrations. If there is something you would like to share or suggestions for demonstrating please let me know.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 3. Time and location to be announced once it is determined.

Again, thanks to everyone for their participation. Be safe and keep turning.

Jeff Albrecht

## *September Meeting Minutes...*

### Siouxland Woodturners Meeting ---September 5, 2020

The Siouxland Woodturners Club met at the shop of Ron Christensen north of Beresford, South Dakota after a delicious meal provided by Ron and Linda Christensen and club members. There were 19 turners and 2 guests in attendance. All enjoyed social time during and after the meal.

The meeting was called to order by president, Jeff Albrecht. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

John Weaver reported that all community ed classes have been cancelled for the fall term due to Covid and hopefully would resume in the spring.

A reminder that club dues are due in January but can be paid at any point.

There were some questions about photos being put on face book (Ranah Sample administrator of face book). Members can either ask to be put on the administrators list so they can post their own or submitted to Ranah who will post them for you.

Library Report – the library is all at the Harrisburg school, which is not accessible at this time due to Covid.

Reminder that elections are in November. If any member is willing to serve in any position please contact President Jeff Albrecht.

There was discussion of the possibility of returning to the Harrisburg School shop and when that might happen. There has been a request from Tara Fastert, the shop teacher at Harrisburg to give her the dates that our meetings will potentially be held so that she can add them to her school calendar. Royce suggested we might need to call Jim Altenburg via Roxanne Bicknase to OK our returning to the school in light of Covid.

Discussion on progress of making military pens. We have the 90-100 needed for the Christmas gifts at the VA and several members are working on pens in their own shops for the military returning groups. Several members share their techniques for making the pens. Items discussed:

- All drilled at 7mm.
- Woody getting brass from Rapid
- Buying pen components in bulk?
- Costs of purchase

## **SHOW AND TELL**

A wonderful show and tell by club members showed that our members have been busy in the shop during Covid.

\*Pictures will be posted to our face book page.

Doug Noteboom

- Bowling ball bowl
- Antler/bowl
- Shell Bowl
- Green Bowl

John Olson—Epoxy – Spalted burl bowls

Ron Christensen—Platters & Christmas bells

Gene, Jeff, Woody

Discussion on next meeting. Ron Christensen offered to host the next meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> but club members decided to try for October 3<sup>rd</sup> and hopefully return to the Harrisburg shop.

There was a motion to adjourn, which was passed, and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Ranah Sample, Co-secretary

A very nice raffle was held with everything donated by Linda and Ron Christensen's kitchen or garden. Proceeds were \$43.00

September Show and Tell...











