



The Turning Point

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November Meeting...

The November meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School on Saturday, November 7 at 1:00. Program will be on Christmas ornaments. Bring all your examples of ornaments. If you would like to demo your techniques please do. Don’t be shy. If you don’t want to demo bring your ornaments anyway. Let’s see a real variety of what the members are making. In addition, if you have been making pens for the military please bring all the completed pens as well as any parts furnished by the club you have on hand so we can inventory just what we have and what we need to complete.

President’s Message...

Finally, a small token of normalcy as 26 turners met at Harrisburg High School. It was good to get back together. As we continue to move forward, we have a few items to consider.

Military pens continue to be a priority for our club. We are currently turning and assembling pens in the comfort of our own shops. A hundred plus pens were provided to Bill McGinnis for

the VA patients that are not able to spend the Holiday elsewhere. A small token of our appreciation for those that have put their lives on the line for our freedom. If you have pens that you are working on please continue to do so and bring the completed pens to the next meeting. We need to continue to build inventory for those Veterans who will be returning home in the near future.

November meeting will be club election of officers. If you are willing to serve please let either myself or a member of the board know. Your willingness to volunteer is essential to the success of our club besides it is a small price to pay for all of the benefits of belonging. The sharing of knowledge, techniques and wood as well as fellowship and of course Ranah's brownies being just a few of said benefits.

The plan for November's meeting was to demonstrate turning Christmas ornaments. Plan A was to have Ron E. demo ornaments but he is not able to make it so we need to move on to Plan B. Please bring your favorite ornaments and plan to demonstrate turning them. A couple of suggestions were John W. - Angels, Snowmen by Doug. Someone in the group has had some sea urchin ornaments at different events, if you are that person please plan on demoing as well. Thanks. Again, if you have a favorite ornament and technique please bring them for demonstration.

Also please continue to submit photos of your work to Ranah for FB. Also forward photos to John and or Gene for addition to our website. It is up to you to take some pride in your work, yes, it is okay to blow your own horn. There is an amazing amount of talent in this group and it is important to our success to let people realize this.

We also had some new faces at our meeting. Welcome to those individuals. It is always good to see new faces. Hopefully they will return and become regulars. Be safe and keep turning.

Jeff Albrecht

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

Siouxland Woodturners October 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The October meeting at Harrisburg High School was called to order at 1:08 by President Jeff Albrecht. There were 26 turners in attendance, among them a few new faces that we welcomed.

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

Treasurer's report: Jack reported a current balance of \$858 in the treasury. He said we are about \$300 over budget, but there are adequate funds in the treasury. Trailer plates will need to be paid in the near future. Website fee will be due in March. Gene has a bill for \$100 for our Zoom account also.

Education Committee report: John W reported that we hope our plans for Community Education classes to be held in the Spring of 2021 will happen.

Membership Committee report: Corky reported that 2021 dues may be paid. They remain at \$25.

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: Doug reported that he has been waiting for NOVA chucks to go on sale so he can purchase two (previously funded)—all of our student tool kits will then be identical. Once the new chucks are received, the Club will offer the old chucks for sale to members. Also, he intends to buy a carbide bandsaw blade to use in the saw at CTE during classes. Cost approximately \$165. It will be only be used when our classes are in session. The school's blade will be replaced on the saw at the end of each class.

Library: No report. Jeff has a book on inlays that he is contributing.

Technology Committee report: Gene discussed a few options for upgrading the Club's technology. With the increased use of Zoom meetings, new devices and technology has blossomed (he mentioned Lucid Woodturners as an example of a group that uses technology to enhance learning). He has also put rotating photos of recent member projects on our website's main page. If you wish photos of your work placed on our Club's website, contact Gene. John S will be taking member photos after today's meeting. If you have a selfie, you can send that to John to include with the member photos. If you have photos that you would like to see on our Facebook page, forward them to Ranah.

Old Business:

1. Gene had no further information from the SF Convention and Visitors Bureau about assistance with a local symposium (due to Covid, all planning has ceased). The 2021 AAW Symposium is planned for Omaha NE on July 15-18.
2. Several members have been turning and assembling pens at home. Bill has enough military pens for the VA Christmas gifts (100+). Rex looked into the purchase of better quality pen mechanisms, since we have accumulated about 50 spoiled pens from past penmaking sessions. The better mechanisms cost 70 cents each, with a minimum order of 50. Rex also

explained that when better prep of the barrel is done, he has had no problem using the mechanisms supplied with the pen kits we normally buy. He reams barrel with cone-shaped rotary file (Performax Rotary File -- 1/2" to 7/8", found at Menards) to take the burr off and give a slight V-shape to the end of the tube. In order to salvage the spoiled pens, a motion was made and passed to purchase 50 better quality pen mechanisms (Rex will do this).

New Business:

1. **President's Request:** As a part of the discussion about Military Pens, it was decided that members should bring any pens and pen parts to the November meeting. We need to inventory what we have and what we will need prior to planning a project day for assembling/making the number of pens needed for our returning deployed units.
2. John W said that Hartville Tool has our membership list and will provide a 15% discount plus free shipping if you let them know you are a SLWT member. This credit can be obtained when ordering by phone or by noting you are a member in the comments box on bottom of online checkout section.
3. Reminder: November meeting will have election of 2021 officers. Please let Jeff know if you are willing to serve. Jack has volunteered to run for Treasurer.

Raffle: A small blank was won by Bill; sandpaper was won by Thomas; Corky won the last two drawings, each a medium size blank. He passed the blanks on to our meeting guests--a father and son with a developing interest in turning. Proceeds from the raffle totaled \$34.

Adjournment: Corky moved and Rex seconded to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote and meeting adjourned at 2:05. Next meeting: November 7th at 1:00PM at Harrisburg High School. Plans for a demonstration of Christmas ornaments and/or angels is in progress. Stay well and be safe, everyone.

Show and Tell:

- Gene: apple wood winged bowl w/natural edge
- Corky: large Brazilian cherry vase (see You Tube videos on Club website for his demo on this), basket weave bowl, segmented vase (w/16 segments per ring made of yellowheart, purpleheart, plus many other woods)
- Jack: small birch vase dyed purple, small lidded box with Rose engine effects, set of Delrin jam chucks
- Andrew: unique clocks (parts from Klockit.com in Lake Geneva WI)
- Doug: bowling ball bowls with spray lacquer finish, alabaster bowl
- Daryl: "homemade" spectraply boards, made using Accu-Slice system
- Pictures of *Show & Tell* items will be placed on website and posted on Facebook

Demonstration:

John O demonstrated and discussed the use of vacuum chucks with numerous tips and tricks included. Computer mouse pads and bathroom plungers are amazing tools.

Useful & Interesting Websites:

- Klockit.com – clock parts
- rubberchucky.com – rubber jam chucks and other woodturning aids
- [youtube.com/channel/UCaiEQv5CgXjk1qN7qevQUQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaiEQv5CgXjk1qN7qevQUQ) - Zack Higgins videos about vacuum pumps/chucks/etc.
- hartvilletool.com – tool company offering SLWT members a discount of 15% plus free shipping
- lucidwoodturners.com – a technology savvy woodturning group

For Sale/For Free:

- Jack - set of 5 Delrin jam chucks for \$110
- Doug – Arizona Carbide square blades
- Rex – his friend, Dave Tyler, has a 12 yr old Grizzly bandsaw (G0636X)—17”, 5 hp, 650 lbs. (<https://www.grizzly.com/products/Grizzly-17-5-HP-Ultimate-Bandsaw/G0636X>); call 605-497-4937 for price and info
- Jack – spectraply (\$2.50 each or 5 for \$10)
- Gene – free pine pieces are in his pickup

November 7th Meeting—possible demos:

- Christmas Ornaments by Ron E (Possibly. Stay tuned.)
- Angels by John W
- Snowmen by Doug

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch & Ranah Sample
Secretaries

October Show and Tell...













