



The Turning Point

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December Meeting...

As of this writing (6:30 p.m. Saturday November 28, 2020) plans for the next meeting are under review. Please watch for an email later in the week for what might be a Zoom meeting as we have done in the past. Again, WATCH YOUR EMAIL.

President’s Message...

Well here we go another year’s closing is rapidly approaching yet looks like you are all under the same leadership. At the November meeting we held our club leadership election. It was decided that all of the previous officers were willing to lead another year. I am not sure that I am worthy of leading this group for another year. Thank you to everyone for their support this last year as well as thanks to those who volunteered their services for the next year.

You have previously heard me make the comment that there is an incredible amount of talent in this club. I truly believe this. Just about the time you think you have seen it all one of you comes up with something amazing. Please keep sharing those skills. The club needs your involvement to continue to be successful. I would like to ask that you share your talents by volunteering to do a club demonstration. Don't be bashful I have seen many a demonstration and the demonstrators always survive. Again, if you are willing to share one of your skills please let me know.

Club members continue to work on the Military Pen project. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The efforts of this group for these pens are astonishing. A special thanks goes to Black Hills Ammo for providing the bullet cartridges for this project. I have been working on a kitchen project which probably came at a good time as I have been struggling in the turning department of my shop. I needed something to get my creative juices flowing. One morning I get a notification that SD Art Museum Guild was sponsoring a Zoom Meeting with John Lopez, a farmyard junk artist who has an amazing talent of creating life like objects. If you ever get close to Lemmon, SD I would strongly suggest taking a walk about at Lemmon Square next to his gallery Kokomo Inn. If you Google John Lopez Artist you will get to his website. Just enough creativity for me to make me want to get back to the shop and turning again.

Again, thank you to everyone for their involvement in the club. In going forward I would again ask that you share your talents and volunteer to do a demonstration. We will also be needing help with the Community Ed classes coming up this spring. (Spring seems like a long way away but will be here soon). If you are willing to lead or mentor a class please let John Weaver know.

Keep turning! Be safe! Thank you for your support.

November Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

November 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

President Jeff Albrecht called the November meeting at Harrisburg High School to order at 1:05. There were 16 turners in attendance. Introductions were made.

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

Treasurer's report: No report.

Education Committee report: Jeff relayed info from John W (who could not attend today) that we remain hopeful that our plans for Spring 2021 Community Education classes will materialize. We still need instructors and mentors—John hopes to complete the schedule in January.

Membership Committee report: Corky was not present, but John O said that dues for 2021 are due in January and are \$25. Money can be given to Jeff or John O if someone wants to pay today.

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: Doug is still waiting for NOVA chucks to go on sale so he can purchase two (previously funded)—then, all of our student tool kits will be identical.

Library: No report. The DVD “Shop-made Tools and Jigs” has found its way back to the library, if anyone is interested.

Technology Committee report: No report. If you wish your photos placed on our Club's website, contact Gene. If you have photos that you would like to see on our Facebook page, contact Ranah. John S and Nancy are again taking member photos at today's meeting.

Old Business:

1. Members have been turning and assembling pens at home. Bill has enough military pens for the VA Christmas gifts (90 to 100 needed)—he has 137. Rex has 202 additional completed pens. Rex has inventoried the miscellaneous parts he has and will need to know what parts other members have that are for this project. If you have used pen parts from your own supplies to make pens at home, you should let Rex know so the Club can replace those parts. A motion was made and passed to make the January meeting a pen assembly day. **Important request******Please be certain to bring any pen parts that belong to the Club to the January meeting so a complete “inventory roundup” can be done. If you cannot attend that meeting, please let Jeff or Rex know what you have.

New Business:

1. Election of 2021 officers: After a brief discussion, a motion was made and passed to retain the current officers as follows: President--Jeff Albrecht, Treasurer--Jack Zimmel, Secretary (shared)—Ranah Sample & Bonnie Lynch. The office of Vice-President is temporarily left open.
2. The 2021 AAW Symposium is scheduled for July 15-18 at the Hilton in Omaha NE. Rooms are available for \$149/night (call 402-998-4200 to reserve).
3. Get Well cards were sent around for Jim Sample, Ron Seim and Michelle Bierstadt.

For Sale/Free:

- Doug has 5 gallons of methanol and 2 gallons of anchor seal available for sale to members.
- Jim H has 3 ring binders and gun cleaning supplies/etc. for giveaway today.

Raffle: Jeff W raffled off three items. John S won a bowl blank, Dennis won a tool rest, and John S won a second bowl blank. Proceeds from the raffle totaled \$14.

Of Interest:

- John O: has items on display at Eastbank Art Gallery, 8th & RR (open Tue-Sat, 10-4).
- Doug: discussed use of boiling water bath for turned pieces (turn down to 10%) to prevent cracking; the boiling process fractures the cell walls and prevents cracking, although normal amount of warping will still occur; do not let piece dry out before boiling.
- Dennis: used negative rake carbide cutter to turn bowling ball and had great result.

Show and Tell:

- John O: gnomes
- Doug: natural edged Black Hills alabaster bowl
- Dennis: mulberry vase, bowling ball bowl
- Jeff A: green air-brushed birch/specterply ornament
- Pete: maple and walnut bell with carved accents
- Bill: cedar bell with removeable top, birds' nests ornaments

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:16. Next meeting: December 5th at 1:00PM at Harrisburg High School. A demonstration of turning snowmen by Doug is planned.

Demonstration:

John O demonstrated turning birdhouses.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch
Secretary

November Show and Tell...





John Olson's demo on birdhouse ornaments