



The Turning Point

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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January Meeting...

Next meeting: January 2nd at 1:00PM at Harrisburg High School. We are allowed to use the school’s facilities as long as we wear masks and properly distance. This will be a pen assembly workshop in addition to the normal meeting. **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 this meeting, please let Jeff A (605-695-2964) or Rex (605-838-7589) know what supplies you have.

President’s Message...

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope you are all warm and healthy. It’s hard to believe it’s that time of the year especially with no snow cover. My wife’s Christmas cactus have been blooming the last couple of weeks so it must be that time. It’s the time of year for hope and giving.

I find this group never short on giving or in that matter sharing. Whether it’s sharing techniques, wood or info there are many of you that fill the bill. Hopefully you are able to find time to get to the shop and create something special.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to participate in our Zoom meeting on the 5th of December. Once again, I am amazed at some of the creations of people in our club. Larry Jurgens’ cast Christmas ornament was definitely one of those special items. I need to put some pressure on his agent, Jack Zimmel, to get Larry to do a club demonstration.

Thanks to Doug Noteboom and his video assistant for the coring demonstration. I did give the coring process a try on the coffee tree blank that Doug gave me. It did remind me of locust wood that I turned several years ago. Hopefully the bottom is thick enough so I don't have to figure out where to use an oversized funnel. Did I mention challenges?

After reading the latest American Woodturner publication I am expecting one of you creative turners to try turning chocolate. The challenge would be keeping somebody from taking a bite. Perhaps if someone would do a chocolate turning and take a bite we could call it carving? Anyway I am anxious to get to the shop and try turning an Umbrella ornament. I am hoping doing so will get me into the shop again. The first guy I thought of when I saw this article was Gene Wubben.

Thanks to everyone for their participation in our club. You are the ones that make this group so special. Be safe keep turning and have a Merry Holiday Season.

Jeff Albrecht

December Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners December 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The December meeting was called to order at 1:08 by President Jeff Albrecht. There were 14 turners in attendance on a Zoom meeting that was hosted by Gene.

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

Treasurer's report: Jack reported that there is approximately \$1200 in the treasury. Payment for the two new chucks (about \$280-\$300) and for the Zoom subscription (about \$100) has to be made yet. Any other bills should be given to Jack ASAP so he can close out 2020.

Education Committee report: No new information.

Membership Committee report: Member dues are \$25 and can be paid now or at the next regular meeting. Fourteen have already paid for 2021. Jeff has a check from Ron C for Corky. John & Nancy S have taken over 15 member photos so far and will do so again at the next meeting.

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: The two chucks have been received (each cost \$119 plus \$20-30 for insert). Now all student tool sets are complete and identical. The large lathe is currently in the trailer. Doug will work on getting a list of the serial numbers for the Club's lathes.

Library report: No report.

Technology Committee report: Gene showed the location of member projects on the Club's website. Photos cycle through several projects. He highlighted a Christmas ornament by Larry (1/2" snowmen) and showed how to zoom in for better viewing.

Old Business:

1. Doug reported that the number of personnel returning from deployment is 225 and he has enough pens to take care of those troops.
2. Jeff noted we are still looking for a Club VP (Ron C has chosen not to renew his AAW membership and cannot, therefore, continue as an officer).
3. John O has done well with his exhibition at Eastbank Art Gallery, 8th & RR (open Tue-Sat, 10-4) and will be featured through December. The gallery does take 25% of sales, but John was happy with the exposure for his works.
4. The demonstration planned for Harrisburg HS students (in Tara's class) will be scheduled for some time in the future due to COVID. Although 40 minutes (the length of the school's class time) is rather short to do a proper demo with hands-on learning, it's hoped that multiple sessions can be arranged so students can get better training.
5. Reminder: 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 and be certain to tell them you are with the Symposium).

New Business:

1. none

For Sale/Free:

- Doug still has Anchorseal and methanol that can be purchased by members. He will wait for a while before placing another order. In answer to a question, the alcohol content is approx. 90%. To soak items, a 30-gallon barrel is very handy (see Doug for info where to get one) or using a double layer of heavy-duty Menards contractor garbage bags (see Jim) also works well.
- Grant has 5-gallon pails w/gasket lid for anyone needing one. They seal very well and the inside diameter measures 11 1/4". There are 3 at Doug's house and Grant has 5 more. They'll be brought to the next meeting if any are left.

Virtual Auction: Jack bid \$25 for one of the cored Kentucky coffee tree bowl blanks that was contributed by Doug. Thanks to you both!

Show and Tell:

- John O: Bowl made from coffeeberry tree, bowl made from crotch of ash tree (natural edge, but without the bark)
- Gene: Christmas ornament w/tree inside, ornament made from plum wood, ornament made from red cedar (the red in the cedar turns to dark brown over time)
- Doug: large bowl made from red cedar w/3 legs, 24" snowman

Demonstration:

Doug did a coring demonstration using two systems on wet wood. Both systems work well and will core both wet and dry wood. Doug and John O expressed the importance of sharpening your coring tools prior to beginning your project. Another good practice is that your bowl wall thickness should be 10% of your overall bowl diameter.

- the Oneway system--which he described as more expensive and more versatile
- the McNaughton system--which he says has a longer learning curve, but can be used for making deeper cuts; he uses this to core bowling balls

Helpful Website:

- Alex Snodgrass Bandsaw Tune-up:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFZOINsAgBU&t=10s>

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:15. Next meeting: January 2nd at 1:00PM at Harrisburg High School. We are allowed to use the school's facilities as long as we wear masks and properly distance. This will be a pen assembly workshop in addition to the normal meeting. **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 this meeting, please let Jeff or Rex know what supplies you have.

Stay well and be safe, everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch
Secretary

December Show and Tell...

Since the December meeting was on Zoom the following pictures are gleaned from texts sent by Larry, Doug, John W, Jeff A and others.



From Larry Jurgens



From John Weaver. "11inch walnut cored with McNaughton. Watched the video last night. It was stated that dry wood cored better!"



From Doug; A large offset turned snowman. Doug will be doing a club demo on this piece in the near future.



From John Weaver. Another rough turned 15 inch shallow bowl.



From Doug; "Rachel & Cayden Aarsheim came by today and ended up making a bowl each."



Also from Doug; "Finished up my first geodesic ball. 7" "B" at best. Next one 12-18". Really struggled with angles. Really should have studied harder in school."



Jeff Albrecht found a very valuable rock in some of his wood stock.



Doug again. "The last bowls of order for 4 cedar bowls this week. Next week should be great, plus Christmas."