



# *The Turning Point*

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## **In Memory of Jim Sample January 23, 1923 – January 17, 2021**

Jim Sample was a friend to all and a mentor to many as the patriarch of the Siouxland Woodturners. The following is reprinted from the February 2020 newsletter; *“A brief discussion of the Siouxland Woodturners club history ensued. Jim S told of the first*

years when he and Bob Nelson (a pharmacist and turner) were instrumental in beginning the club and in finding a meeting site (at first, Lincoln High School wood shop). They credit the help of Alan Lacer and the AAW as the club developed. Charter members included: Jim Sample, Frank Denton, Sue Smith and John Olson.”

2020 marked the fifteenth anniversary year of the club charter with the AAW but the club existed for several years before the charter was finalized.

Jim and his wife Ranah were always regulars at the club meetings. I remember them hosting the first meeting I attended at their home and shop near Vermillion. My son was showing some interest in woodturning and somehow we found out about the Siouxland Woodturners and made the trip to Vermillion. Jim and Ranah were very hospitable and Jim (and the rest of the members present at the meeting) were very patient with questions from a couple of rank amateurs. My son’s interest soon waned after he discovered guns and soon after that he dropped guns for girls. I didn’t attend another meeting for another few years but when I did there was Jim Sample doing another demo. He was also usually present at the annual Stan Houston Woodworking Show demonstrations. I have come a long way since that first meeting at Jim’s place but that was the start of my foundation in this fun and interesting craft.

Thanks, Jim.

John Suhreptz and the rest of the Siouxland Woodturners

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### **February Meeting...**

The February meeting will be held at Harrisburg High School on Saturday February 6, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Watch your email for information on the demo to be presented.

### **President’s Message...**

Attendance at our January meeting was pretty sparse to say the least. Hopefully the lack of participation was due to folks respecting each other during these trying times.

Thank you to Woody Collingswood for volunteering to become the VP of the club. When I talked to him about this position I told him it is a fairly easy position as there is a lot of excellent support from club members. Thank you to everyone for making this club what it is.

With the Continuing Ed classes just around the corner please consider signing up for either an instructor or mentor. The dates and classes have been posted on the website. It is important that we support these classes as they provide some financial support as well introducing others to the world of woodturning.

Another sign of spring is Stan Houston's' Woodworking Show scheduled for February 19-20. We have again been invited to participate. Those of you willing to demonstrate your woodturning skills are welcome to participate. Houston's provide a couple of lathes to turn on and usually they are busy demonstrating. Please plan to attend. Also bring your checkbook as there is always something you may need for your shop.

The club has purchased another 55 gallons of methanol. Contact Doug Noteboom if you would like to purchase some at a cost of \$5 a gallon. For those into turning green wood the methanol is a great way of shortening the time it takes to dry a turning.

At the meeting show and tell Doug Noteboom showed used his recent creations of hemisphere, stratosphere, or some kind of sphere that he constructed out of numerous triangles. (Again somebody comes up with something new and unique). This intrigued me enough to go to Rick Williams website to see how it is done. I don't think I have enough clamps let alone hands enough to pursue this. Although it is a very interesting concept if you are into geometry. I did notice this Williams guy had more wood in his shop than all of the local folks put together have on their shelves. Two compound sliding miter saws for cutting the triangles...I can't get one to cut square let alone two. I was amazed also at how he had saved enough knot cutoff scraps to build a knotty sphere.

My kitchen project is rapidly winding down so hopefully I will be back in the shop turning soon. I keep thinking what my next project will be. Cored bowls? Hollow vessels? Drop spindles? So many avenues and so little time. Until the next time take care and be safe.

Jeff Albrecht  
President

## January Meeting Minutes...

### Siouxland Woodturners

January 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The January meeting at Harrisburg High School was called to order at 1:03 by President Jeff Albrecht. There were 13 turners in attendance.

**Minutes of last meeting:** December minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's report:** Jack reported that there is \$924 in the treasury.

**Education Committee report:** Classes are planned for Spring. Sign up of mentors to assist with these classes will be done at the next meeting. Classes run from 6:00-8:30 pm. All classes are at the Career and Technical Education Academy (CTE), 4700 W Career Circle, room D106. An update after the meeting provided the information shown below:

- Apr 6 (Tue) ... Woodturning 101
- Apr 8 (Thu) ... Woodturning 101
- Apr 13 (Tue) ... Woodturning 101
- Apr 15 (Thu) ... Woodturning 101
- Apr 20 (Tue) ... Writing Pen
- Apr 22 (Thu) ... Wood Platter
- Apr 27 (Tue) ... Salad/Popcorn Bowl
- Apr 29 (Thu) ... Basic Skills for Making Vase

**Membership Committee report:** Member dues are \$25 for 2021 and can be paid ASAP. John S will continue taking member photos.

**Equipment/Purchasing Committee report:** The two Hurricane chucks have been replaced and are now excess. Plans will be made to announce and sell them at the next meeting. Doug will get a list of the serial numbers for the Club's lathes after today's meeting.

**Library report:** No report.

**Technology Committee report:** No report.

### **Old Business:**

1. Bill reported that 90 Christmas packages (which included pens made by the Club) were delivered to veterans at the VA hospital. Unfortunately, this year they could not spend time with the veterans due to Covid. Also, a few packages were

left in the ER in case someone was admitted over the holidays. This annual event is a joint effort of the DAV, the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

2. Bill has about 30-40 pens remaining after providing those to the VA; Doug has about 60-70 pens left after providing the 225 needed for returning troops. So, we begin 2021 with a bank of about 100 Pens for the Military. After the meeting, we will inventory the pen parts we currently have in stock. We can then decide how many additional pens we wish to complete this year and order needed parts to achieve that goal.
3. Jeff spoke with Woody concerning the Club VP vacancy and he agreed to have his name placed in nomination. Motion was made and passed to elect Jim Collingwood as Vice-President of Siouxland Woodturners for 2021.
4. Reminder: The 2021 AAW Symposium is scheduled for July 15-18 at the Hilton in Omaha NE. If you have not reserved a room yet, call 402-998-4200 and be certain to tell them you are with the Symposium. Also, the 2021 Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium is scheduled for September 17-19; the Southwest Area Woodturners (SWAT) 2021 Symposium is scheduled for August 27-29; Campbell's Hands On Retreat (Michigan) has a tentative date of June 10-12 shown on Facebook.

### **New Business:**

1. A question was asked about the status of Stan Houston "Demo Days". No information has been made available as yet. \*\*\* Corky informed us after the meeting that Demo Days is scheduled for February 19-20, with food provided on the evening of Feb 18.
2. There was a discussion about the purchase of another 55-gallon drum of methanol for Club members. Some research has been done on local places that carry this product. Motion made and passed to purchase a 55-gallon drum at lowest available price that can be found.

### **Show and Tell:**

- Bill: Showed off his Christmas gift – a personalized stamp that he will use to mark his turned works.
- Doug: displayed his two labor-intensive turned balls made from glued together triangles. The smaller of the two was made from spectraply. The idea came from Keith Williams, who cuts 180 triangles, assembles them into 12 pentagons and 20 hexagons, and then glues them together to form a "ball" that can be turned/sanded into a work of art (see website below).

### **Helpful Websites:**

- Oddballgallery.com – Keith Williams creates and sells spherical sculptures

<https://www.oddballgallery.com/>

- You Tube – Jack mentioned there are new Rose Engine videos posted

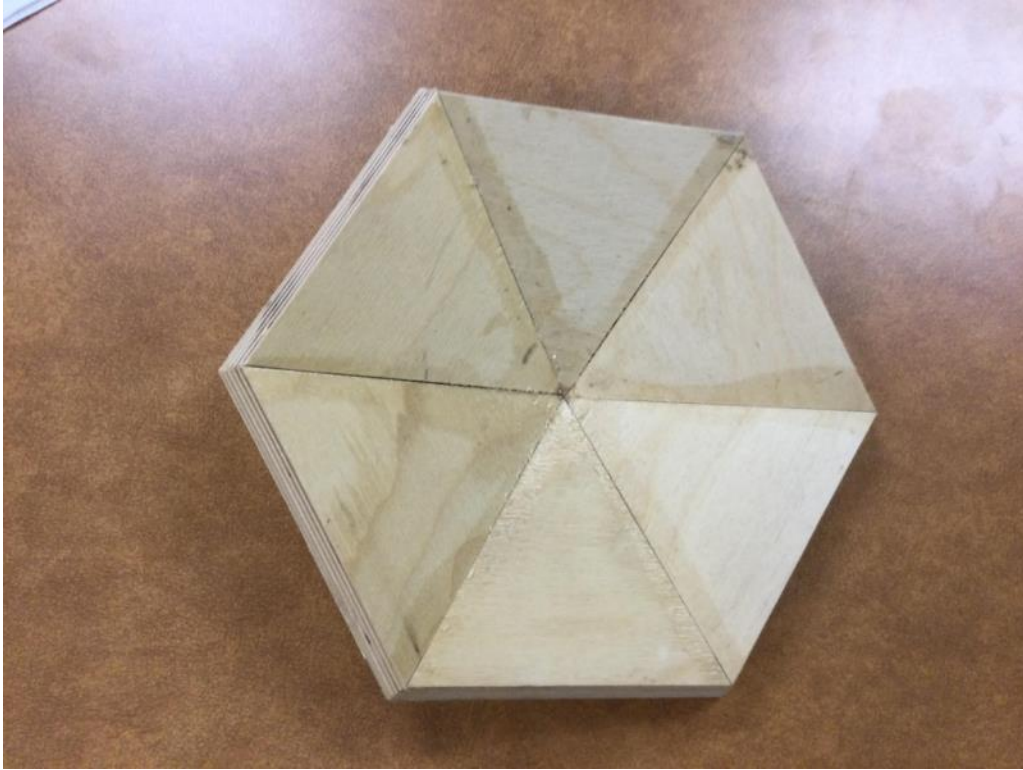
**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:43. Next meeting: February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM at Harrisburg High School. We are allowed to use the school's facilities as long as we wear masks and properly distance. Stay well and be safe, everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Lynch  
Secretary

### **January Show and Tell...**



Doug has been working on making spheres lately. The picture on the this page shows a couple of completed small diameter spheres.



It takes 180 precisely cut triangles to build a sphere. These are then assembled into 20 six-sided pieces shown above and also 12 five-sided pieces. The six-sided pieces are then assembled into a ball and then the five-sided pieces are used to fill in the remaining openings.

The pictures on the next two pages show the glue up process. (These two pictures should also prove to my wife that you can never have too many clamps. I've been telling her that for years.)

The picture on the last page shows the finished twenty-inch diameter sphere after turning. Being an ex-teacher Doug gives himself a B- grade on this one but it looks pretty good to me given the complexity.







