



The Turning Point

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March Meeting...

The March meeting will be Saturday March 6 at 1:00 PM at Harrisburg High School. We are allowed to use the school’s facilities as long as we wear masks and properly distance. Royce Meritt will go over the hows and whys of how he teaches the Comm Ed class Woodturning 101. Watch your email for a copy of Royce’s handouts for the class. Royce is a retired educator and does a great job on this subject.

President’s Message...

Here we are another day closer to spring. Hopefully everyone is looking forward to it as much as I am. Unfortunately, we will be welcoming spring without two of our members. Jim Sample recently passed as well as Ron Seim. The club sends our condolences to the families.

The virus has thrown us another curve. The Sioux Falls school district is not allowing outside groups into the Sioux Falls schools. Consequently we need to find another location to hold our Continuing Ed classes. Some of the suggested locations are

Goeman Auction Building, Granite Implement Building, Granite Sawmill, and McCrossan Boys Ranch. Folks are checking into these places to hopefully find a location. The Continuing Ed folks are willing to promote the classes wherever they are held. Hopefully we can come up with a location as these classes are a huge part of our financial being. Watch for updates.

At our February meeting Bill McGinnis presented the club with a letter of appreciation for our pen donations for the veterans at the VA Hospital who were not able to spend the holidays at home. Thank you to Bill for taking care of this. Also a big thank you to all of the Siouland Woodturners for their efforts. Thank you to Black Hills Ammo for their casing donations especially with the diminishing supplies in the shooting world. We still need to figure out a meeting day to assemble an inventory of pens for returning military personnel. Somehow we didn't get there at the last meeting as scheduled so we will need to pursue this in the future.

We are always looking for demonstrators at our meetings. If you have suggestions or would like to share your talents please let me know. Royce Merritt has offered up his talents for next month's meeting. Please plan on attending. If you have attended a CE class that Royce has taught, you will understand why Turning 101 and the Duck Call class are such a great success. Thanks Royce!!!!

The Stan Houston Woodworking show is scheduled for Feb. 19 and 20. It's a good time to share your turning skills with the general public. Please take a moment to stop in and say hello. Bring your tools and spend some time turning. Checkbook not required but it seems like a good idea for a belated Happy Valentine's Day. I hope to see you there.

Remember to be safe, keep turning and think Spring.

Jeff Albrecht

[Stan Houston Woodworking Show...](#)

Annual show Friday and Saturday February 19 and 20. Friday 8:00 – 5:00 and Saturday 8:00 – 3:30. Link to the site <https://www.stanhouston.com/> then click on "Learn More" to see the full brochure. Stop by and socialize or show off your turning skills.



January 6, 2021

Siouxland Woodturners
President Jeff Albrecht
Harrisburg, SD

Greetings:

On behalf of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1, Sioux Falls, SD; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 959, Sioux Falls, SD; and Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 5355, Sioux Falls, SD, we wish to thank you for your generous donation of 90 "M-16" hand crafted writing pens that your organization donated to the 90 veterans in the Sioux Falls VA Veterans Hospital on Christmas morning.

These handcrafted pens were deeply appreciated by all of the hospitalized veterans when Santa Claus came to visit them on Christmas morning.

Once again, THANK YOU for your generous donation to our hospitalized veterans. Through your support we can continue DAV's mission of "FULFILLING OUR PROMISES TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Wosje, Commander
Disabled American Veterans

Terry "Hawk" Mayor, Commander
Vietnam Veterans of America

Buck Underwood, Commander
Military Order of the Purple Heart

February Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

February 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The February meeting at Harrisburg High School was called to order at 1:12 by President Jeff Albrecht. There were 27 turners attending in person and 4 turners attending via Zoom that was hosted by Gene. Introductions were made. We spent time remembering two avid turners that have recently passed – Jim Sample and Ron Seim.

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

Treasurer's report: Jack reported \$805 in the treasury. Methanol and 200 pen kits were purchased by the Club.

Education Committee report: John W passed around sign-up sheets for anyone wishing to volunteer as an instructor or mentor for the Community Education Spring classes listed below. Classes run from 6:00-8:30 pm at the Career and Technical Education Academy (CTE), 4700 W Career Circle, room D106. *(Editor's note; See the President's message in this newsletter regarding the need for alternative locations for the classes)* John would greatly appreciate additional help for setup before the first class (April 6th) and for teardown after the last class (April 29th). You may email John at j2weaver@live.com to volunteer.

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 Vases

Bill asked how we can learn to correctly teach Woodturning 101—to help with proper safety and techniques, to be confident that we're giving proper instruction. He asked if Royce might be willing to go over how to teach and what handouts can be used—maybe before the April 6th class. This will be considered.

Membership Committee report: Member dues are \$25 for 2021 and can be paid ASAP. You may mail your dues to: Jack Zimmer---1009 E Dove Tr---Sioux Falls SD 57108. John S will continue taking member photos after today's meeting. Photos will be used when a member's works are posted on our Club website. A question was asked if club members can view the photos to associate names to faces. It was suggested we consider creating a Facebook Group that would allow "members only" access. Ranah, (with help/suggestions from Gene and others) will pursue this possibility. We will continue with our Facebook Page that allows public viewing.

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: The two excessed Hurricane chucks will be available at a silent auction to be held during the March meeting. If someone needs one and wishes to purchase it before then, contact Doug. We will obtain the serial numbers for the Club's lathes when they are set up for the Community Education Spring classes.

Library report: Several books and videos were donated to the Club per Ron Seim's wishes.

Technology Committee report: Gene reported that the payment for our website is due—it is \$260 for 3 years. The domain name is \$15/year and therefore \$45 would cover the same 3-year period. Renewing the Zoom subscription for one year is \$150 and will help members unable to attend in person. Motion made and passed to pay \$260 for our website for 3 years, \$45 for our domain name for 3 years and to renew Zoom for one year at a cost of \$150. Gene mentioned that the website receives about 300 hits per month. Gene then discussed and displayed the possibilities and costs of upgrading the Club's technology. He showed diagrams of setup options, equipment choices (cameras, laptops, old smartphones, etc.), and discussed the pros and cons. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to spend up to \$700 in order to upgrade our technology; Gene will purchase what is required and he will be reimbursed as funds become available.

Old Business:

1. Bill read a thank you letter from the DAV, the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Military Order of the Purple Heart for the 90 pens donated to the veterans at the VA Hospital for Christmas. Bill also expressed his sincere thanks and pride in the Club for doing this.
2. Stan Houston "Demo Days" is scheduled for February 19-20. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those wishing to turn at the event (Friday AM, Friday PM, Saturday AM, Saturday PM timeslots). Club will have a table for displays/handouts/items for sale. If you plan to turn, bring your own tools.
3. Methanol has been purchased and is available for purchase by members for \$5/gallon. Airtight pails with sealed lids are also available (free for anyone needing one)—contact Doug.
4. Doug reported that he has been approved to go into the Penitentiary (Heartland Industries) for the purpose of teaching inmates basic woodturning. A representative will be meeting him at his shop to become familiar with what he will be teaching. With these skills, inmates will have the opportunity to make money for themselves. He asked that this be a Club endorsed program. Motion made and passed that Siouxland Woodturners sponsor instruction in basic woodturning for inmates at the Penitentiary. Doug asked anyone interested in assisting with this to let him know.

New Business:

1. Corky is helping Ron Seim's wife sell his tools and woodturning supplies. Smaller items were set out prior to the meeting, most marked with suggested prices. He brought in several bags of pen blanks (some with, some without inserts) that will be donated to the Club's Pens for the Military project on behalf of Ron. Corky also had an assortment of screwdriver kits and duck call kits that could be used for future classes, along with a lockable cabinet that he suggested the Club consider purchasing. Motion made and passed to purchase the cabinet, duck call kits and screwdriver kits for a total of \$200. Corky can also provide information on the

following items that are for sale: Jet 1642 lathe (110v), bandsaw, table saw, rolling carts, rough edged walnut, variety of wood.

2. A question about membership ID cards was brought up—some stores give a discount but want proof of membership. Michelle has offered to pursue this.
3. Jeff asked for suggestions for demonstrations at future meetings. A sheet was passed.
4. Doug has maple gun stocks, if anyone needs any.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:25. Next meeting: March 6th 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.

Show and Tell:

- John O: Vases with featured rings
- Doug: large sphere made from 5/8" plywood, suspended from display hanger; tall vase made from Kentucky coffee tree wood and seated on a bowling ball ring stand
- Dennis: bowling ball vase; fruit bowl made from pine; vase made from ash; several pens
- Corky: bowl made from spectraply and Brazilian cherry
- Woody: spalted hackberry bowls; cherry bowl with resin lip & resin-filled cracks; bowl made from walnut limb; label pens
- Gene: small vase from American beech
- Todd: cigar tubes

Helpful Websites:

- AAW demonstration -- John Beaver – wave bowls
- Oddballgallery.com – Keith Williams creates and sells spherical sculpture
- Onlinelabels.com – for use in penmaking

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch
Secretary

February Show and Tell...



