



The Turning Point

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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April Meeting...

The April meeting will be Saturday April 3 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. **PLEASE PARK IN THE GRAVEL PARKING AREA** as there are other things going on that need access in the areas where we have been parking. The demo is listed as a "mystery demo" on the agenda you should have received but rumor has it that Jeff A. will be demonstrating finials. As always, bring your questions and problems and someone will be willing to help.

President's Message...

Sitting here watching the snow fall thinking the weather is going to extend the tapping of our maple trees. My wife and I have discovered the art of making maple syrup. I

have better luck turning maple tree sap into syrup versus turning maple wood?? Watch for a serving or two to show up for next month's raffle items.

During last month's meeting the discussion about the location of our Continuing Ed classes it was decided that we would hold these classes at McCrossan Boys Ranch. Thanks to those who made the efforts to establish the shop located at the Ranch. Classes will begin in April and we could use your help to either lead a class or be a class mentor. If you would like to help please let John Weaver know. Thanks to Royce for his demo on Woodturning 101. His demo was to help everyone know how to present this info as a class instructor.

Thanks to the Jim Sample Family for their donation to our video production project. We lost Jim this past winter and his family felt that this was a fitting project as Jim was the founding father of our club and devoted many hours to the club's success.

Congratulations to Derrick Maas the grandson of Ron Christianson who won a regional art contest with one of his turned bowls. He will advance to the state level. Good luck Derrick! It is good to see young folks getting into the art that so many of us enjoy.

I hope to see all of you at our April 3rd meeting at Harrisburg High school. Keep turning and be safe!

And think Spring.

Jeff Albrecht

March Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners March 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

President Jeff Albrecht called the March meeting at Harrisburg High School to order at 1:00. There were 32 turners in attendance, among them a few new faces that we welcomed.

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

Treasurer's report: Corky Miles, reporting for Jack Zimmer, reported a current balance of \$872 in the treasury. Gene Wubben has renewed our website for 1 year and is researching potential uses of the website. Jeff thanked Ranah Sample for the \$300.00 memorial donation to the "camera" fund in Jim's Name.

Education Committee report: John Weaver reported that plans for Community Education classes to be held in the spring of 2021 will happen starting in April. He recommended that, after several sites had been researched that we move the classes to the shop located at McCrossan's Boys Ranch. A big door is available, lots of space, some power tools we can use and a key has been provided so we can come and go. There was a lengthy discussion about this move. Some members felt that this was perhaps a public health issue and going out "on our own" was giving the wrong message as the Sioux Falls School system prohibits any organization from coming into their facilities. It was noted that the Community Ed contact has encouraged us to find an alternate place and would continue to do the registration and collect the fees for attendance. Club liability was discussed and we continue to be covered by our AAW liability.

The first class to be conducted at McCrossan's shop will start in April.

A motion was made by John Weaver and seconded by Bill McGinnis to move the classes to McCrossan's. Motion was passed with a voice vote.

It was announced that there is a benefit pending in April for McCrossan's and that members might want to submit items. See John Weaver for further details.

Membership Committee report: Corky Miles reported that 2021 dues may be paid. They remain at \$25. If you need a name badge please see Royce. Membership photos on the website are now 24. If you want your photo on the website please contact John Suhreptz.

Michelle Bierstedt handed out membership cards to be used when verifying membership when applying for discounts at several distributors. She did not charge the club for this service. Thank you, Michelle!

Library: No report. Rex Pommier volunteered to help with the library.

Equipment Committee report:

Doug reported:

Methanol available at \$5.00 a gal.

Doug has good pails for the methanol with great lids available (5.00)

Hurricane chuck available for \$100.00 (new price is \$200.00) from club

Old Business:

President Jeff Albrecht expressed thanks to the members that came to Stan Houston in any capacity.

Announcement: David Brant (a former wood turner) passed away

New Business

The VFW has requested that the club consider making pens for distribution to persons attending a national meeting in Sioux Falls. Additional information regarding numbers will be forthcoming. Jeff will get this information.

Photos – forward photos, if you want, to Ranah for the Facebook.

Royce Merritt will assist Ranah in setting up a Facebook page that will allow all members to submit photos.

Raffle

Dennis Nibbelink– Sandpaper

Jim Collingwood – Walnut blank

George Bunkers - Masks

Show and Tell:

Robert Todd showed wine stoppers and pens made out of hemp.

Additional information can be located at Hempwood.com

Royce Merritt – aluminum handles (AZ carbide) website

Goose/duck calls make from Osage orange, African Blackwood (uses Tru-Oil gun stock finish)

Doug Noteboom

Bowls made from different woods...Kentucky Coffee, Spalted Pine, Spalted maple, American Linden, Birdseye maple (serving platter)

Rex Pommier

Pens (Desert Ironwood and bubinga)

Gene Wubben – heart plate

Daryl Elcock – Walnut plate

For Sale:

- Corky has items from Ron Seim's shop. Offers accepted.
- John Weaver has Shop Smith items, (drill press, light, etc.) for sale
- Gene has saws for sale as well as wood in his truck
- Doug has bowling ball cutoffs to take
- Rex – a Jet Lathe will be for sale – contact Rex if interested

Adjournment: Rex Pommier moved and Dennis Nibbelink seconded to adjourn. Passed by voice vote and meeting adjourned. Next meeting: April 3rd at 1:00 PM at Harrisburg High School.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ranah Sample
Secretary

Demonstration:

Royce Merritt demonstrated and discussed the outline for the 101 class. Copies of this are available on the website.

Community Ed Classes...

I checked with Melanie at the Community Ed office today (March 29) and she reports that almost all of the classes are full and some have a waiting list. The classes will be at the new location of McCrossan Boys Ranch, 47135 260th Street, Sioux Falls. That is

on the east side of Marion Road (same as 260th St) just north of I-90. You should have received an email earlier with a map of the property. Classes will be in building #8, the vocational training center. Classes run from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. John Weaver 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.

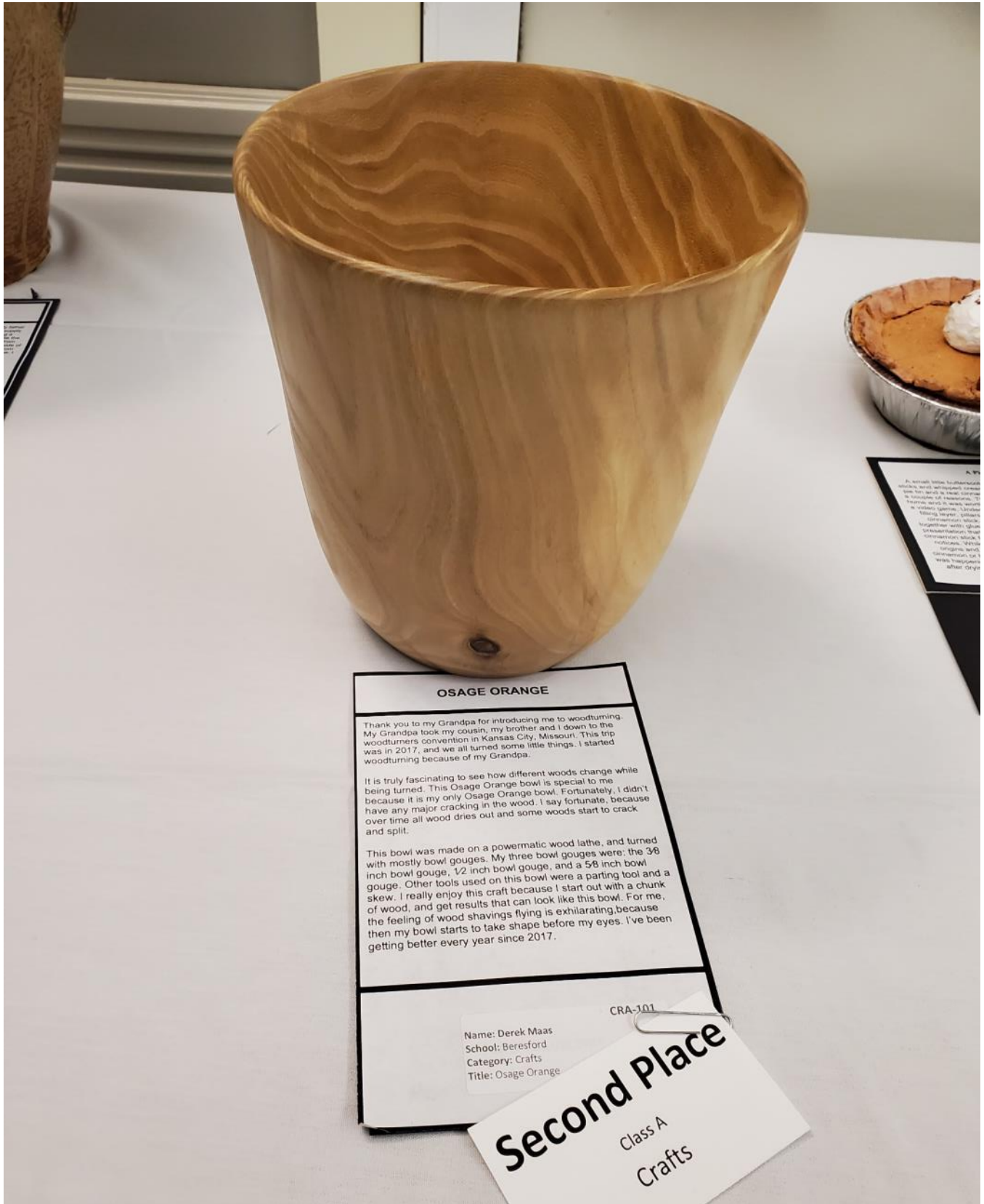
Apr 6 (Tue) ... Woodturning 101
Apr 8 (Thu) ... Woodturning 101
Apr 13 (Tue) ... Woodturning 101
Apr 15 (Thu) ... Woodturning 101
Apr 20 (Tue) ... Writing Pen
Apr 22 (Thu) ... Wood Platter
Apr 27 (Tue) ... Salad/Popcorn Bowl
Apr 29 (Thu) ... Basic Skills for Making Vases

SD High School Arts Competition...

The SD High School Arts competition was held March 19 and 20 at the Premier Center in Sioux Falls, Congratulations to Derek Maas, grandson of member Ron Christianson, who won second place in the Crafts Division with his bowl titled Osage Orange. Several members gathered at the Premier Center on Saturday March 20 to view the entries and show support for our young turners. Be sure to read Derek's description of his piece in the picture below.

Another note: Derek's brother Dustin was 2nd to Derek in the regional art contest! Congratulations to him as well!

Another note about Dustin: He has sold the lathe he won in Kansas City to the Beresford School and will be demonstrating and mentoring fellow students in our craft. I'm sure Grandpa's lathe will be getting a workout from these guys when school is not in session.



OSAGE ORANGE

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It is truly fascinating to see how different woods change while being turned. This Osage Orange bowl is special to me because it is my only Osage Orange bowl. Fortunately, I didn't have any major cracking in the wood. I say fortunate, because over time all wood dries out and some woods start to crack and split.

This bowl was made on a powermatic wood lathe, and turned with mostly bowl gouges. My three bowl gouges were: the 3/8 inch bowl gouge, 1/2 inch bowl gouge, and a 5/8 inch bowl gouge. Other tools used on this bowl were a parting tool and a skew. I really enjoy this craft because I start out with a chunk of wood, and get results that can look like this bowl. For me, the feeling of wood shavings flying is exhilarating, because then my bowl starts to take shape before my eyes. I've been getting better every year since 2017.

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School: Beresford
Category: Crafts
Title: Osage Orange

Second Place
Class A
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March Show and Tell...





March Demo...



Royce went over his procedures for teaching the Woodturning 101 Community Ed classes. Very good presentation.

Editor's note; Thanks to Corky M and Gene W for some of the photos in this month's newsletter.