



The Turning Point

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May Meeting...

The May meeting will be Saturday May 1 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. John S will demo how to make the sled to build the Celtic knot rolling pins along with some of his failures you will want to avoid.

President’s Message...

Spring has once again arrived, well sort of. One day 80 degrees the next day snow, spring in South Dakota has some challenges. For those of you who do not have a heated shop hopefully you have been able to return to your wood turning hobby.

With the return of spring so comes the return of the Continuing Ed classes. Every Tuesday and Thursday in the month of April we are hosting a wood turning class at the McCrossan Boys Ranch. If you are able to help it is a good time to share your skills. The proceeds we receive from the classes allow us to do the things we do as a club.

Please contact John Weaver if you are willing and able to help. Our membership growth is due in part to hosting these classes as well. New members will keep our club growing and it's always good to see new faces at our meetings.

We are always looking for ideas for demos at our meeting so if you have a suggestion for a demonstration please let me know. If there is something you would like to learn more about or would be willing to share something you are comfortable doing let me know. Your participation is important to the well-being of our club.

Thanks to those of you who not only attended the April meeting as well as those who brought a sampling of their talents to show and tell. It still amazes me the talent this group has.

Keep turning folks!

Jeff Albrecht, President

April Meeting Minutes...

April 3rd, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The April meeting at Harrisburg High School was called to order at 1:04 by President Jeff Albrecht. There were 26 turners attending. Introductions were made.

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

Treasurer's report: Corky reported that there is approximately \$1000 in the treasury.

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 McCrossan Boys Ranch (building 8). McCrossan Boys Ranch is located at 47135 260th St (Marion Road). The Ranch is on the east side of the road, just north of I90. 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

Membership Committee report: Member dues are \$25 for 2021 and there are currently 42 paid members. Michelle made membership cards and these have been passed out to those attending meetings over the past two months. These can be used when requesting discounts at woodturning stores/websites (such as Hartville Tool).

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: With the 2 new lathes added to our inventory, we now have 11 lathes. One older lathe has been sold and we will soon select another of the variable speed lathes to sell. We only need 10 lathes for our use/classes. We will be sharpening tools today in preparation for the Community Ed classes. This will be a learning opportunity for anyone wishing to participate.

Library report: Materials are available for checkout.

Technology Committee report: Royce explained about what he and Ranah will work on concerning a new Facebook Group for our Club. The current FB page will remain the same, with the public able to access anything posted on it. You may invite others to “like” our Facebook page. Creating a Facebook **Group** will make it a private “members only” situation where only members can “join” and thereafter communicate with one another (with no public access). You would NOT invite someone to join our **Group** (doing so would then allow them access which we would not really want to do).

Old Business: AAW 2021 Symposium scheduled for Omaha has been cancelled. Rocky Mountain Symposium (Colorado) has also been cancelled. At this time, the SWAT Symposium in Waco TX remains indefinite.

New Business: Doug will be sawing a great deal of wood at his sawmill—anyone wishing to help haul and help mill (or learn how to) is welcome. Will share some wood for your help—contact Doug.

Raffle: The raffle collected \$72 for chances for a large bowl blank, a small bowl blank and 2 bottles of wine (donated by Corky). The happiest winners were Jeff and Bill (they won the wine).

Show and Tell:

- John O: spectrally segmented bowls; snakeskin pens (FYI—a 5' skin costs \$100 online)
- John W: bowl with aluminite filled cracks; shallow pine bowl
- Michelle: lamp base
- Jeff: 2 maple bowls
- Bill: salt & pepper set made from Rockler kit

- Larry: rolling pin; small lidded box; small, shallow spalted maple bowl; mini “billy club” box; 2 ¼” chess pieces: dark pieces made from walnut, light pieces made from poplar (Larry explained that the more detailed a knight piece is, the more valuable the chess set; to weigh down the pieces he drills a hole in the bottom and fills with pennies)
- Corky: rattle made from maple/purple heart and filled w/black beans (this made for Jim Samples’ grandson—on behalf of Jim); segmented vase made from padauk, maple, wenge (649 pieces)
- Gene: small natural edge Chinese elm vase

Items to Share: Grant has some walnut for give-away (cut about 3 weeks ago).

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:03. Next meeting: May 1st at 1:00PM at Harrisburg High School.

Demonstration: Jeff will demonstrate finial turning today. Next meeting, John S will do demo on Celtic knot rolling pins.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lynch
Secretary

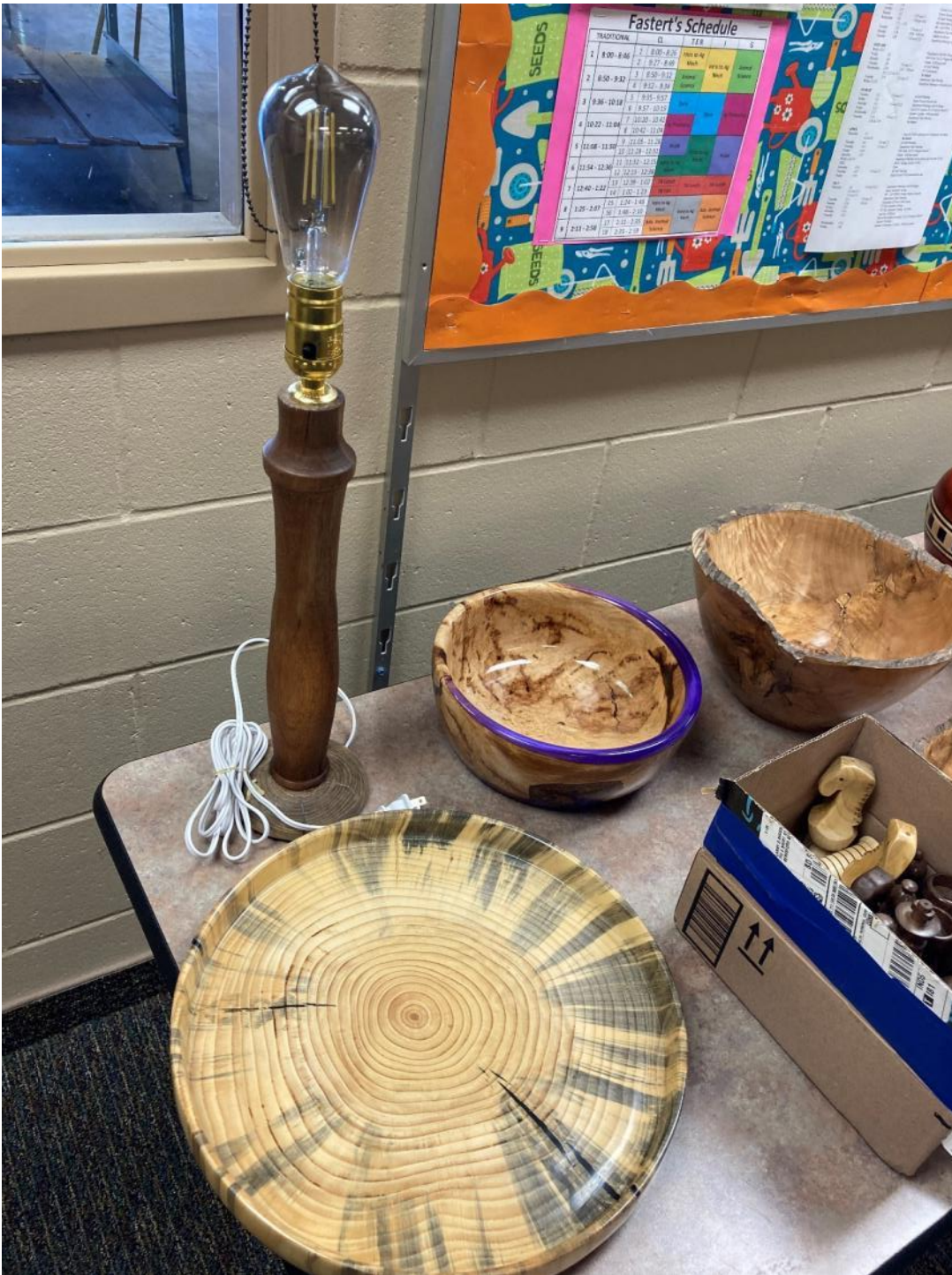
Community Ed Classes...

As of this writing (April 21) there are three Community Ed classes left to complete.

- Apr 22 (Thu) ... Wood Platter
- Apr 27 (Tue) ... Salad/Popcorn Bowl
- Apr 29 (Thu) ... Basic Skills for Making Vases

The classes are at our 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. Classes are in building #8, the vocational training center. Classes run from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. John Weaver is still in need of mentors for the classes as well as teardown after the last class (April 29th). You may email John at j2weaver@live.com to volunteer. The classes already completed have been at full student capacity and have been very well received by the students.

April Show and Tell...















Editor's note: Thanks to Gene W for the photos in this month's newsletter.