



# The Turning Point

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## October Meeting...

The October meeting will be Saturday, October 2 at 1:00 p.m. at Harrisburg High School. Woody Collingwood will demonstrate bowl embellishment.

## President’s Message...

The Siouxland Woodturners met on September 9<sup>th</sup> at McCrossan’s Boys Ranch. We were a bit light in attendance but not in heart. I don’t know if attendance was down due to the time or differentiating from our normal meeting time and place.

This past weekend several of us participated in the Sioux Falls Sidewalk Arts Festival. I always find this a humbling experience. There is always somebody there that makes you feel like a beginner. Guys like Olson, Weaver and Noteboom to name a few. There was a young man from Creighton, NB. that had some huge segmented pots/vases that carried a huge price tag. I don’t know if he sold any of these gems but they were sure beautiful pieces. The festival is always a place to inspire.

We held our first Community Ed classes of the fall session last evening. We had a great turn out by both students and mentors. Thanks to everyone for their participation. Also a big thanks to John Weaver for heading up this project. Please continue to participate where you can. Also sign up

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA8AD23AAFFFC07-swtttest>. Please sign up in advance it helps John know that he has enough mentors to help with the class. Remember these classes are the life blood of our financial stability.

At the meeting we also discussed Alan Stratton's Christmas Ornament Challenge. The club that produces the most ornaments according to his rules will receive a virtual presentation. Details can be found at <https://www.aswoodturns.com/challenges/>. Let's see if we can win this challenge. John Olson had some miniature birdhouses at the Sidewalk Arts Festival that would qualify, especially the ones with the beards. If you are making some ornaments for the upcoming holiday season please snap a photo and forward it to me. Thanks.

One last thing--- It's time to start finding folks to lead and operate our club. If you would be willing to help out please let either John O., John W. or myself know. If you are wondering if you can do this you can. You will have a great support group that makes this easy. Please consider volunteering. Thank you.

Keep turning and be safe in the shop.

Jeff Albrecht, President

## **September Meeting Minutes...**

### **Siouxland Woodturners**

September 9th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The September meeting was held at McCrossan Boys Ranch Shop and was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jeff Albrecht. There were 20 turners attending. We extend our sincere sympathy to Al Hird and his family for the passing of his mother.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Jack reported that there is approximately \$2400 in the treasury.

**Education Committee report:** Lathes were unloaded prior to the meeting and placed in the shop. Tool boxes will be stored in the trailer and brought in when classes are in session. John W and Al will be at the shop one hour before classes start to be certain tools are sharpened. Sign-up sheets were available for mentor/instructor sign-up. Many had used Sign-Up Genius to fill some of the slots. John does not know how

many students have registered at this time—online booklet has only recently been made available to the public.

**Membership Committee report:** Dues for 2022 may be paid starting in October.

**Equipment/Purchasing Committee report:** Doug described an adjustable lathe stand that would allow a seated person to turn (for someone in a wheelchair). Cost would be \$800-900. Motion made and passed to purchase an adjustable lathe stand.

**Library report:** We will be adding a DVD from the SWAT Symposium (has all the classes from that event). Besides turning, there were classes on liming, coloring and even carving.

**Technology Committee report:** No new information at this time.

**Old Business:**

- The SWAT Symposium in Waco TX was a great time for those who attended. Classes, food, fellowship was wonderful.
- Jeff, John O, John W and Doug plan on being at the Downtown Sioux Falls Art Festival on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Email will be sent out describing *As Wood Turns* challenge – Clubs submit photos of turned ornaments and the Club with the most submissions wins an online demonstration by Alan Stratton.

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**New Business:**

- Bill has a request for 100 military pens for vets at the VA – this would be done for 2021 Christmas gifts. We believe that we currently have enough finished pens to fill this request. Doug suggested that we plan for a December pen assembly day so we can replenish inventory (perhaps send supplies home with members in October and November so they can turn barrels before assembly day).
- The nominating Committee for 2022 officers will be Jeff A, John O and John W.

**Raffle:** The raffle collected \$45 and we thank Jeff A for the donated goodies:

- Canned Salmon: Jack
- Pickles: Doug
- Maple Syrup: Dennis
- Sand Cherry Preserves: Bill
- Bush Cherry Preserves: Jim
- Smoked Salmon: Al
- Cashews: Jeff
- Pepper Butter: David

### **Show and Tell:**

- John S: aluminum tool handles—he will have these for sale and donate money to club (7” handle - \$12, 12” handle - \$14, 16” handle - \$16)
- David: several turned rings
- Doug: burl art suitable for hanging; small burl bowl; coffee mug from Kentucky coffee tree with handle made of antler
- Corky: vase with segmented accent (purple heart/maple/yellow heart)
- Bill: 14” Celtic rolling pin
- Jeff A: 7 turned ornaments (some from spectraply); he uses fish hook eyes for the ornament’s hanging loop
- Al: numerous pen barrels for military pens project

**Items to Share:** Doug has anchor seal (\$12).

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Next meeting is at Harrisburg High School on October 2nd, 1:00pm.

Next month’s demo will have Woody doing embellishing.

Suggested websites:

<https://www.aswoodturns.com/challenges/> Club ornament challenge: most entries from one club will get free demo

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Lynch  
Secretary

## Community Ed Classes...



Royce teaching a Woodturning 101 class

All classes are held at McCrossan Boys Ranch, 47135 260 St, Sioux Falls. That is just north of I-90 on Marion Road, east side of the road. All classes run from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Four Woodturning 101 classes have been completed as of this writing (September 26). Remaining classes are the following;

Tuesday	September 28	Kitchen Gadgets
Thursday	September 30	Office Gadgets
Tuesday	October 5	Duck Calls
Thursday	October 7	Natural Edge Green Wood Bowl

Please consider serving as a mentor at one or more of the classes. Each class has an instructor and we need one mentor for each of the eight students in the class. You just need to offer support to the students as they work on their projects. Please let John Weaver know of the dates you would like to help. John's cell number is 605-228-1622

and his email is [j2weaver@live.com](mailto:j2weaver@live.com). PLEASE COORDINATE WITH JOHN as last year we had classes that did not have enough mentors and others that had more than were needed. We want to avoid that situation for the fall classes.

**Additional help appreciated at the end of the October 7 class** to help load the lathes and equipment into the trailer.

**September Show and Tell...**















***Burl Slicing Day at Doug's...***







