



The Turning Point

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October Meeting...

The November meeting will be Saturday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Harrisburg High School. David Grant will demonstrate making rings.

President’s Message...

Another summer is over yet the weather hasn’t been very fall-like yet. It will probably snow next week! (I hope not.) Summer was filled with fish tales and travel stories.

Thank you to Corky Miles for filling in for Bonnie and Ranah, our usual minutes keepers. Although he wasn’t quite as detailed and efficient as the ladies it goes to show that the boys can do it.

We are still in need of a Vice President, Treasurer and Continuing Ed Coordinator. If you would be willing to help out please let me know. With the support of other members these tasks are easy to do. Club election will take place at the November meeting. Thanks in advance for your help.

The Christmas ornament challenge for October was won by Mike Dimick. I will need to come up with a prize. Hopefully Mike likes salmon. Again the grand prize for the challenge will be a virtual presentation by Alan Stratton. Please bring your ornaments to November's meeting.

Thanks to Woody for his texturing demonstration. A job well done. It is amazing how these tools work and how some dye and liming wax catches the eye.

Next meeting will be November 6 at 1:00 pm at Harrisburg High School. David Grant will be demonstrating turning rings. Might be something to try with Christmas just around the corner.

December's meeting will be dedicated to Military pens. Please get your tubes picked up and assembled for the December meeting.

Until next month be safe and keep turning.

Jeff Albrecht, President

October Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners October 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was held at Harrisburg High School and was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Jeff Albrecht. There were 15 turners attending. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Ranah as she struggles with a pinched nerve and wish her a speedy recovery.

Approval of Minutes: September minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: Jack reported that there is approximately \$2400 in the treasury.

Community Ed Classes: John Weaver advised there is one more week of classes. We have four signed up for duck calls and there are enough mentors signed up. Doug Noteboom is teaching the natural edge bowl class which is full. There are only five mentors signed up and we could use additional help. John Weaver will be stepping

down next year and we are looking for a volunteer to head up the community education committee. John would also like to see the executive committee discuss equipment and classes for the coming year.

Membership: 2022 dues are now being collected and are still \$25 for the year. Dues collected today: Corky Miles, John Weaver, Steve Klein, Jeff Albrecht, Steve Schlueter, Ron Prusa, Vern Monson, Doug Noteboom, Jim Havard, and Ron Christensen.

Equipment Purchasing Committee: Doug reported that the Robust stand and casters were slightly higher than expected. The stand is for our Robust lathe and can be used for those that are handicapped as well. Corky made a motion and Jim Havard seconded to increase the amount approved from \$900 to \$945 plus shipping. Motion passed.

Library Report: Doug Noteboom donated a book by Alex Snodgrass on Bandsaw tuning.

New Business:

Nominating committee is looking for volunteers to fill the vice president, treasurer and community education positions.

Ron Christensen has Jim Samples past copies of the AAW magazine and will provide them to the club at a future date.

The Stan Houston woodworking and power tool show is scheduled for February 17-19, 2022. They also have a used Powermatic 3520 lathe for sale with various chucks and extras. Contact Bryce at Stan Houston if interested.

Old Business:

As Wood Turns ornament challenge is a fun opportunity and club members are encouraged to participate.

Military Pens December Mtg. Doug has a tote with everything needed including kits, brass tubes, pen blanks etc. There are approximately 150 pens completed with 100 of those going to the VA. We would like to complete another 200 at the December meeting and members are encouraged to get what they need in advance from Doug.

Technology - Gene advised that he would like additional help in setting up for meetings in the future. We also discussed future needs and costs to enhance the current setup. Gene currently has a challenge with our video splitter and may have to have it replaced

under warranty. It does cause a challenge with Zoom meetings and we hope to correct it and continue to use zoom as needed.

Next Meeting: Nov. 6, 2021 at Harrisburg High School.

Show and Tell: Doug Noteboom showed his footed bowl and honey jar. Gene Wubben showed his bowl. Mike Dimick and Jeff Albrecht both showcased ornaments. David Grant showed his burl.

Raffle: \$47 was received for the raffles. Jim Collingwood won both bottles of wine, Jeff Albrecht won the spectraply pen blanks, Mike Dimick won the sandpaper, and Doug Noteboom won the canned salmon.

Demo- Bowl texturing: Jim (Woody) Collingwood did an excellent job in demonstrating bowl texturing. He showcased several of his bowls that he completed and talked about the various challenges that may be encountered in the process. He discussed all aspects of woods and the characteristics for texturing, various tools including items laying around the shop that can be used, tool placement, tool angle, stains, wax etc. Members left feeling well informed and were impressed with the demonstration.

Submitted by Corky Miles, acting secretary for this meeting.

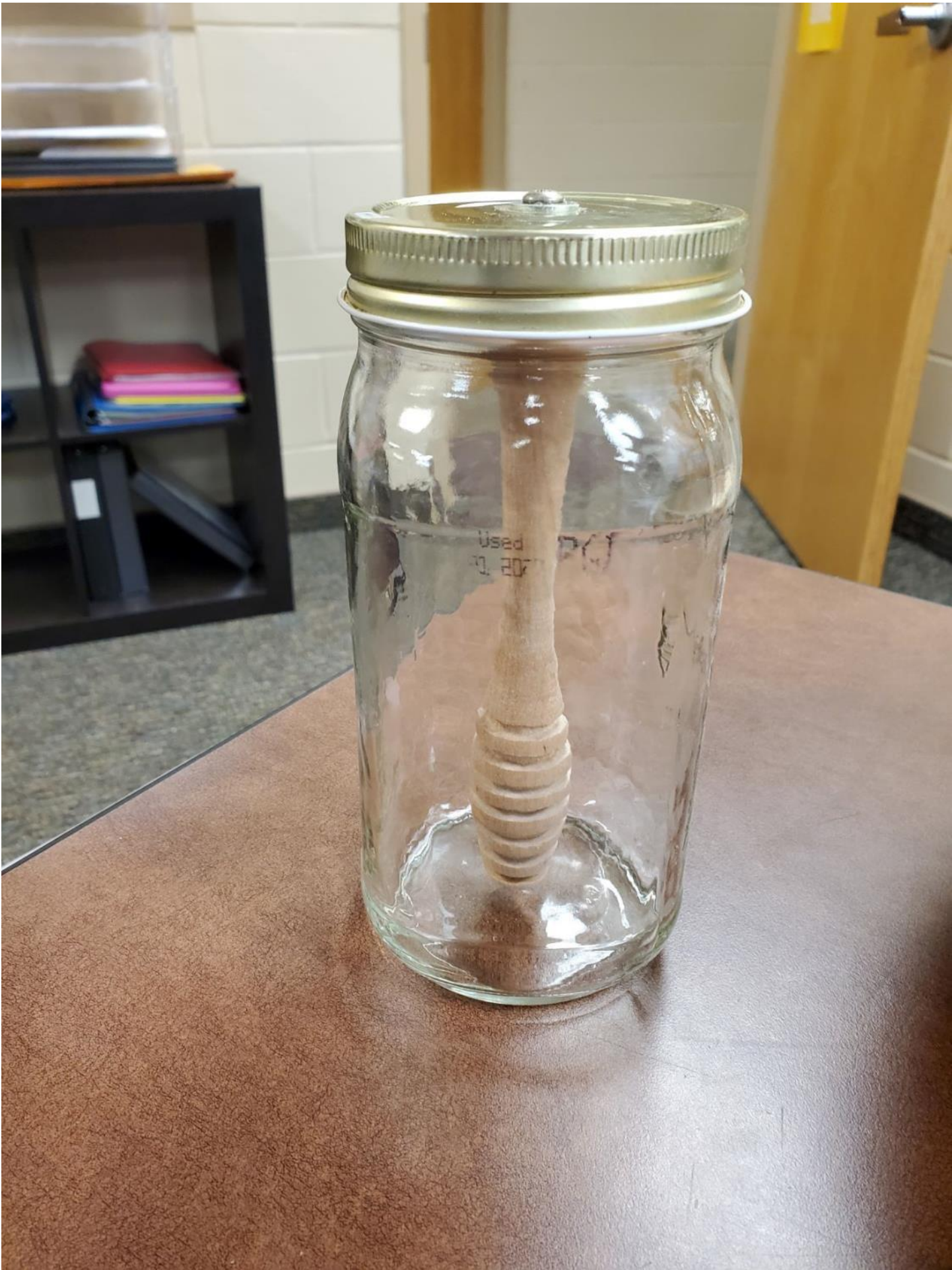
Community Ed Classes...

The fall sessions of the Comm Ed classes have been successfully completed. John Weaver is stepping down as the coordinator for these classes. If you are interested in serving in this job please let president Jeff Albrecht know. 605-695-2964

October Show and Tell...

Thanks to Corky for all the pictures in this newsletter issue.



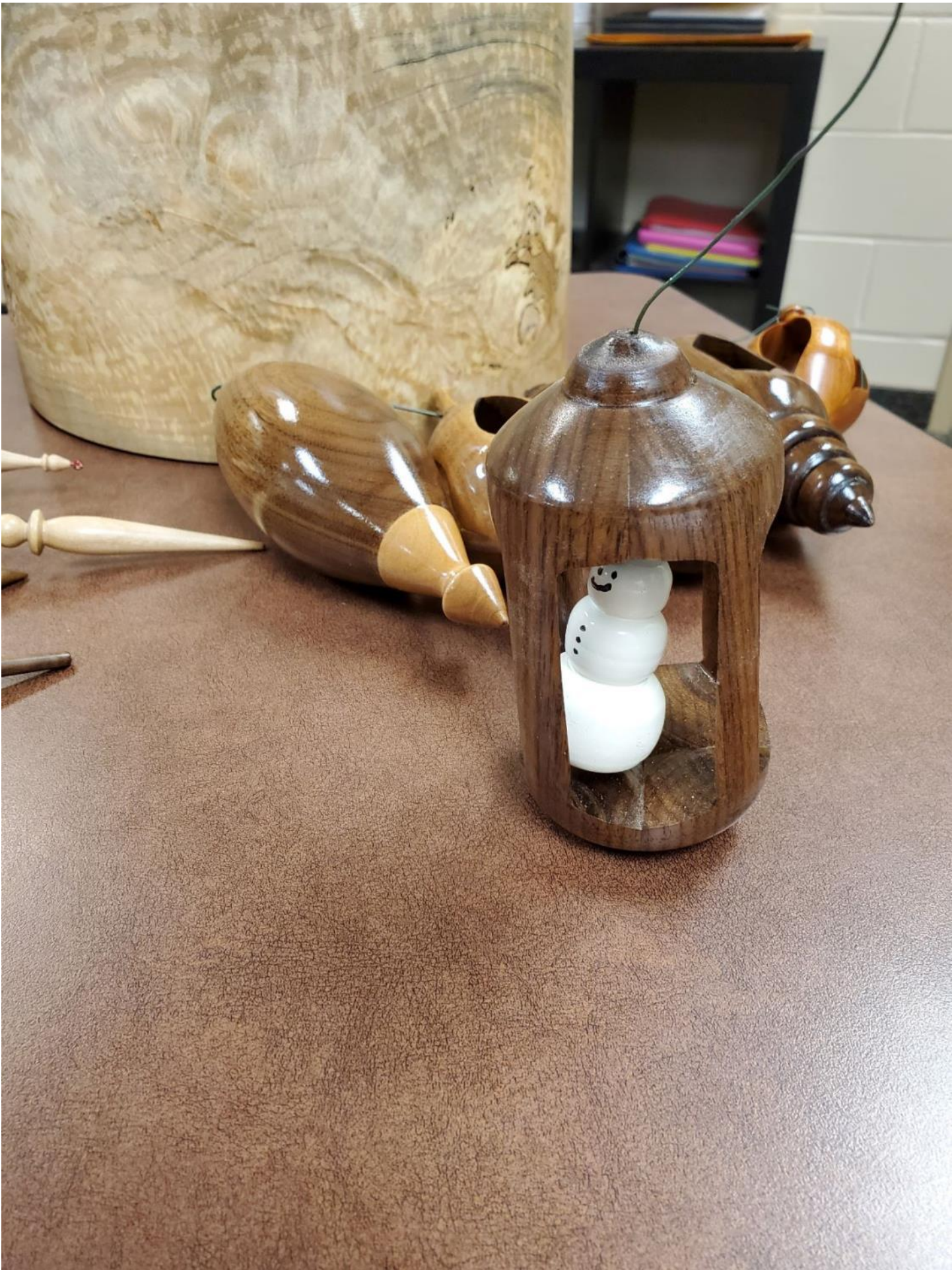
























October Embellishment Demo by Woody...











side of the bevel cutter. The screw head will be in the way or will loosen the screw.

Keep the tool rest parallel with the area to be spiraled or textured, and the tool handle perpendicular to the wood's surface. When using the micro spiraling cutter, start at about 700-800 rpm. The smaller cutter should be held perpendicular to the surface of the piece at center line. Hold the cutter at approximately a 15-45 degree angle. These cutter heads work best with working a small diameter, in: center of bowl or platter.

When using the larger spiral cutters, start on the outside (bottom) of a bowl or platter, outside of the base, hold the large cutter (with the bevel to the left), so the top angle of the bevel cuts the wood. Make several entries at approx. 700 rpm. On a long spiraling cut, start with the bevel slightly lower than center (same position as in turning spindle stock). Do not move the tool too fast or press too hard or the cutter will tend to "jump the track". If you lose control, withdraw from the wood, do not try to repair by pushing into the wood harder. This will result in wood tearing out. To make longer and wider texturing cuts, squeeze your hand to slightly move the cutter head, keeping your arms, elbows and wrists locked. This is difficult to do and takes practice and patience!

End grain will always be a problem because of wood density differences. Using the platform to stabilize the cutter head can help in maintaining to cut. Jeff Hornung suggests the easiest way to get around this problem is to use the texturing wheel, which has teeth that come to a point. The points leave small indentations in the wood. The wheel should be held straight up & down, perpendicular to the work. You can move sideways, making rings of dots and a random pattern.

As texturing patterns move to the outside of the work piece, you will notice the texturing gets finer because the cutter turns faster. Redwood works best at 500 rpm.

To make a cross hatch effect (criss-cross pattern) create a right hand spiral.

The Spiraling Tool can be used up to 45 degrees either side of the center and press cutter into the wood a little hard.

