



# The Turning Point

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## January Meeting...

The January meeting will be **1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 8** at Harrisburg High School. John Olson and Doug Noteboom will put on a demonstration on marbling. Bring things to give marbling a try. Don’t forget your show and tell items.

## President’s Message...

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I hope this message finds you and your families doing well and enjoying the holiday season. I hope Santa stopped by (or will stop by) your homes and woodshops. During this special season, I hope you are all able to reflect on the many blessings we all have.

Speaking of blessings, a special “Thank You” to Jeff Albrecht for leading the group the past 2 years. This was not always easy, having to adjust for Covid. Our sincere appreciation to you Jeff, a job well done! Jack Zimmel had served as our Treasurer for 5 years. Thank you Jack for an excellent job! On that same path, congratulations to

the new board members, and many thanks to the “retiring” board members. Thank you all for serving our group.

As we move into 2022, David Grant will serve as Vice President, John Suhreptz will serve as Treasurer, Bonnie Lynch and Ranah Sample will serve as Secretary. There have also been changes in the various Committees. My thanks in advance to the new committee members. Doug Noteboom and Michelle Bierstedt will be taking over the Community Education Classes from John Weaver. Many thanks to John for his dedication and many hours he devoted to the Community Ed Program. This program has given our group the funds to make equipment purchases and do many other things, including introducing the community to woodturning. For his countless hours and dedication to the Community Education Program we all say, THANK YOU JOHN!

Military Pen Day, held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, was again a success, resulting in well over 100 pens for our military heroes. Thank you to all who contributed to this event.

As we look forward, Stan Houston Days are scheduled for February 17-19, 2022. Our 2022 Community Education Classes will start in April. Please consider signing up as an instructor or mentor. The dates and classes have been posted on the website. We need everyone’s involvement to succeed.

Plan on attending our next meeting on January 8, 2022 at the Harrisburg High School. John Olson and Doug Noteboom will put on a demonstration on marbling. So get your eggs and other projects ready for this day, bring them out and these experts will show you how to marble.

Until next time, be safe and keep those shavings flying!

Jim “Woody” Collingwood, President

### **December Meeting Minutes...**

#### **>> Minutes of the Siouxland Woodturners for 12-4-21**

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- >> Meeting was called to order by president Jeff Albrecht who thanked the club members for the support he has received during his term as president.
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- >> 25 members and guests were in attendance
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- >> The meeting was held during the break and delicious lunch provided by

members. This meeting was devoted to making pens for the military. New officers have been installed for the 2022 year (see previous minutes in newsletter).

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>> Bill McGinnis discussed at some length having the club do ornaments for a tree (as in the past with Avera). This will be further investigated and perhaps find a local organization that would like to be involved rather than going to Pierre for the capital tree project.

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>> Doug discussed the new lathe with a base under it. The prospect of purchasing a different, larger trailer was discussed. It was thought that one would cost about \$3500.00. The current trailer was purchased for \$1700 and could probably be sold for that amount.

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>> There are bowl blanks to give away.

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>> Show and Tell

>> John O - pine cone pots

>> Doug - system for drying epoxy

>> Raffle

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>> Motion by John to adjourn meeting and return to the pen project, seconded by Corky. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

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>> A picture of the pens and those making pens was taken.

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>> Respectfully submitted

>> Ranah Sample

### **Community Ed Classes...**

The spring semester of the Comm Ed classes have been set. There will be eight classes in April and May 2022. All classes will be held at McCrossan Boys Ranch.

Tuesday	April 19	Intro to Woodturning	Royce Meritt
Thursday	April 21	intro to Woodturning	Royce Meritt
Tuesday	April 26	Easter Eggs / Marbling	Al Hird / John Olson
Thursday	April 28	Rolling Pins	John Weaver
Tuesday	May 3	Small Wood Bowls	Doug Noteboom
Thursday	May 5	Rings / Bangles / Jewelry	David Grant
Tuesday	May 10	Small Wood Vase/Hollowing	Jeff Albrecht
Thursday	May 12	Wood or Epoxy Pens	Jack Zimmer

**December Pens For the Military...**



Members completed about 180 pens at the meeting on December 4.

## **Pen Presentation...**



On December 14, 2021 Bill McGinnis of the Siouxland Woodturners presented 100 “M-16” writing pens to the Disabled American Veterans, the Society of the Purple Heart, and the Vietnam Veterans of America. These pens will be given as Christmas presents to the veteran patients in the Sioux Falls Veterans Hospital on Christmas Day. These pens were made by members of the Siouxland Woodturners at their meeting on December 4, 2021, at Harrisburg High School. Members of the Siouxland Woodturners appreciate the sacrifice that these veterans have made for our freedom.



Left to right are **Tim Walsh**, Commander of Disabled American Veterans Sioux Falls Chapter #1; **Bill McGinnis**, representing Siouxland Woodturners and member of Vietnam Veterans of America and the DAV; **Gene Murphy**, DAV Treasurer, member Society of the Purple Heart and Vietnam Veterans of America; **Terry “Hawk” Mayer**, Commander of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 959, and member of the DAV.

*December Show-and-Tell...*



























