



The Turning Point

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September Meeting...

The September meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School, Saturday September 3rd at 1:00 p.m. After the business meeting, there will a demonstration on the embellishment of wood using texturing and coloring.

President's Message...

Hello fellow Siouxland Woodturners. I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and making wonderful projects. Soon, we will begin our instruction of woodturning classes through the Community Education Program. Please sign up to be a course instructor or a mentor. Your participation ensures a successful class and helps everyone build their skills and abilities.

On July 18th we had Professional Turners Nick Agar and Colwin Way stop during their nationwide tour and do 4 demos for those in attendance. Nick did demos on his signature Viking Bowl and using airbrush and stencils. Colwin did demos on building a German Smoker and use of the skew chisel. All of these demos were professionally done, enthusiastically received and many members left with ideas for future projects. The club decided to make both Nick and Colwin honorary members. I welcome them to our group!

I am happy to report that our membership is at an all time high, with 54 paid members and 4 Honorary members. This was achieved due to the fine work we all do promoting our group through out the community and area and the beautiful work that is done. I'm sure the founders of this group would be pleased, as it was their goal to gather a group of woodturners, for woodturners, to promote woodturning and the beautiful work that comes from woodturning. Many thanks to all of you and let's keep growing!

On a final and sad note, we say goodbye to member John Suhreptz, who is moving from the area. John has always been an integral part of the club, from demos on his award winning Celtic rolling pins, to being the club Treasurer, to providing food at different club functions and so much more. Thank you John for all you've done. We hope to see you when you're in the area.

Keep the shavings flying!

August Meeting Minutes...

The August meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by President Jim Collingwood. There were 25 turners attending. Introductions were made and guests welcomed.

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

Treasurer's report: John S. reported a balance of \$4228.96. All funds from Community Ed classes have been deposited. Gene refunded \$350 that was not used for equipment upgrades (this amount can be added to previous reported balance).

Education Committee report: Doug reported that the Fall classes will need instructor and mentor help. Sign-up Genius will be available for volunteers to use in the near future. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of returning to the CTE location. More info will follow when Michelle next attends.

Membership Committee report: We now have 58 paid members and 4 honorary members. This marks the largest membership the Club has ever had. Several new name badges were handed out.

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: Bill said that today we will go through all the tool kits to note any missing/broken tools and order what is needed, clean up the lathe beds, and work on repairing two of the lathes (replace a switch on one and troubleshoot the readout for another). We have 5 small Jet lathes, 2 Delta, 1 Robust (normally used by class instructor), and 1 large Jet (from an AAW grant, so we will always keep it—this will be left at the high school for Club demos/use). Research on possible purchase of a new Jet 1221 found that cost would be about \$1000. Bill asked if anyone might have a used Jet 1221 that they wish to sell the Club.

Library report: No report from Rex. Woody mentioned that he purchased the book on making German Smokers and also one on making Wooden Fruit. FYI--he purchased several of the incense holders that are used inside the German Smokers. If anyone wants to buy the German Smokers book (\$25), let John W know so an order can be combined and shipping costs minimized.

Technology Committee report: There was a discussion about whether the Club needs to invest in a microphone to improve our sound system. During the recent demonstration given by Nick and Colwin, it was quite difficult from many attending to hear all that was said. Gene will check into possibilities.

Old Business:

- Nick Agar and Mike Colwin, professional turners, did a demonstration for Club members on July 18th. Everyone agreed that it was a great day and there was a lot learned and enjoyed. Facebook and Instagram have videos of these two as they travel through the Midwest, meeting and demonstrating for interested turners.
- SWAT Symposium is August 26-28 in Waco TX. Six Club members are registered: Gene, Woody, John O., Jeff A., Doug, John W.
- Thanks again to Doug and Carol for the wonderful picnic and delicious fish! Woody extended a thank you to David for taking care of the meeting.

- Ranah reminded us about the 25th Annual *Dakota Masters Works* (60 years and older), for which entries are due October 3-7 and exhibit dates are November 3-4. Woody will send out scanned entry forms and information.

New Business:

- Two beautiful, wooden *Siouxland Woodturners* signs were made by John S. for use at our events. They are sturdy and the stands fold up. Many thanks to John for this addition to the Club. Woody asked that material costs, etc. be provided so we can reimburse John.
- John S. explained that he and Nancy are moving to Cannon Falls MN in the near future. Their daughter's husband passed away and they wish to move closer to her and their granddaughter. Thanks and well wishes were expressed by all for the years of devotion John has given the Club. We will certainly miss our friends and hope the future brings them all the best.
- As a result of John's move, the Club will need to find a new Newsletter editor. Let Woody know if you can help with this. Woody can take care of the Treasurer's tasks until the end of the year (since he has signing authority as President).
- John has offered to donate his standing lathe project to the Club, if they wish to complete it. *Motion made and passed to accept John's project and finish it (and we hope John will return in February to demonstrate it at Stan Houston).* Doug currently has the lathe and asked for help to complete it—several members volunteered to do so.
- Ranah mentioned that she has an older lathe in storage that should be checked out to see if it can be used. John W. and John O. will help her assess the value and possible uses for it.

Program/Demo:

We held our bi-annual cleanup of the trailer, servicing the lathes, sharpening the tools and gathering necessary items needed for the Community Education Classes.

Fall Community Ed Classes

The Fall Community Education classes are set. All classes will be held at the McCrossan's Boys Ranch, Vocational Training Center, Sioux Falls. Class times are

6:00 p.m.to 8:30 p.m.

Woodturning 101 - Tuesday September 27

Woodturning 101 - Thursday September 29

Woodturning 101 – Tuesday October 4

Hunting Calls – Thursday October 6

Natural Edge Bowl – Tuesday October 11

Platters – Thursday October 13

Chuck Turning (spin tops, etc) - Tuesday October 18

Center Turning - Thursday October 20

August Show and Tell

















