



The Turning Point

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November Meeting...

The November meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School, Saturday November 5, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This our Military Pen Day. If you wish, bring a lunch. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. will be a business meeting and election of the club officers for 2023.

President's Message...

Hello fellow Siouxland Woodturners. I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and making wonderful projects. We are in the midst of our Fall Community Education Classes. 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.

I'd like to thank John Olson for his demonstration on paint pours and using metal reactive paint. John's presentation was outstanding as usual. John has always been very giving of his talents, skills and time. I believe John has done or participated in 3 or 4 different demonstrations this year. Thanks so much John for sharing your knowledge. Next time you see John, please thank him.

On November 5, 2022, will be having our Military Pen Day, where we turn and assemble military .308 pens for our dedicated servicemen and women who protect our freedoms, as well of those veterans who are in the V.A. Hospital during the holidays. These pens are an acknowledgment of our sincere appreciation and gratitude for their selfless service to our country and our way of life. Many thanks to ALL our veterans, current, past and those gone but never forgotten.

Keep the shavings flying!

October Meeting Minutes...

The October meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Jim Collingwood. There were 24 turners attending. Introductions were made and guests welcomed. Special “get well wishes” go out to Doug who is recovering from carotid artery surgery.

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

Treasurer’s report: Woody reported a balance of \$4212.70.

Education Committee report: Michelle reported that the first two Fall classes went well, with 6 and 5 students, respectively. Currently, there is no one registered for the duck call class and other classes have varying numbers registered. Mentors are still needed. In general, SF Community Ed is seeing reduced numbers participating in classes this Fall. Our class fees had a slight increase (much less of an increase than most other Comm Ed classes, however). We are finding that projects by McCrossan students are taking up more space in the shop area. Although we have had a very good relationship with McCrossan and appreciate their generosity, a majority of members indicated that we should consider the possibility of returning to CTE or to Jefferson High School for future classes. Michelle will pursue this option.

Library report: Rex said the book on making German Smokers has been placed in the library. John W has two copies of the book if anyone wants to purchase their own copy.

Membership Committee report: Corky said we have 57 paid members and 2 honorary members. Several new name badges were handed out by Woody.

Equipment/Purchasing Committee report: Woody explained that the 8 mini tool sets have been received, marked and placed in the student toolkits.

Technology Committee report: No report given.

Old Business:

- There was a brief discussion about the Sioux Falls Sidewalk Arts Festival, which several members attended. Doug had good sales, Larry and Mike did okay. Some thought that there were more “lookers” and fewer buyers this year.

New Business:

- A new Sears Craftsman lathe was donated by Dale Heither—12” tube style w/4 foot bed (motor for it will be donated by Jack); stand/bench included. Motion made/passed to offer lathe & bench to any member for \$100, first offer takes it.
- The November meeting will have the election of officers for 2023 (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer). In addition to the four elected officers, there are five appointed committee chair positions (Membership, Media/Technology, Education, Purchasing, Prizes).
For information on these positions, refer to our Bylaws section VI. E., Amendment I #4 (2014) and Amendment III (2018).
http://siouxlandwoodturners.org/docs/swt_bylaws.pdf
Dave indicated he would be willing to continue as VP. Rex said he would be willing to continue as Librarian (under the Education committee). Woody asked that members consider serving.
- Woody told of visiting a shop in Hill City where he saw a handsome turned bowl. When he checked the bottom, he found it had been turned in 2013 and the artist was none other than our own Jim Sample!! Woody’s discovery is now proudly displayed in a place of honor in his home.

Raffle: Today’s raffle total was \$57. Thank you to those who donated items and those who participated. Items included multiple pieces of walnut, a pecan blank, 6 jars of raspberry jelly, a cedar blank, a mesquite blank and 3 bottles of homemade wine.

Show and Tell:

- A variety of works were shown: large bowls, small bowls, uniquely-shaped bowls, bowls with natural edges; a yarn bowl, a mushroom-shaped work of art, a lidded potpourri piece (made from poured epoxy), a vase on a colored base, a wooden cup and a captive ring pen.

Items to Share/Sell:

- John O: pecan wood, mesquite wood, iris and lily bulbs, used tools for give away
- Rough Sawn Lumber in Parker: linden wood – they will cut for any turner wishing to purchase some
- Rex: bottle stopper display (contact for price/specifics)
- Rex: 1” x 3” x 3’ pieces of various wood species (Rex is selling for his brother who owns a business in Watertown)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:50. Next meeting is November 5th at Harrisburg High. We will be working on the Military Pens project, beginning at 10 AM. Bring your lunch and we will have the business meeting during the lunch hour.

Demonstration: John O explained the technique of using metal reactive paints, as well as showing how to do paint pours with acrylic paint.

Program/Demo:

John O. put on a demo on using metal reactive paints and doing a paint pour. The presentation was very well organized and members enjoyed (and learned) from John's excellent demonstration. Thanks John!

Fall Community Ed Classes

The Fall Community Education classes are ongoing. All classes are being held at the McCrossan's Boys Ranch, Vocational Training Center, Sioux Falls. Class times are 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The classes remaining are below:

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

October Show and Tell











