



# *The Turning Point*

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

The December meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School, Saturday December 3, 2022, beginning at 1:00 p.m. We will have a demo on finishing by John Weaver and then time for members to turn on lathes.

## ***President's Message...***

Hello fellow Siouxland Woodturners. I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and making wonderful projects for the upcoming holidays. My many thanks to those of you who were able to attend Military Pen Day. It is always appreciated and a worthy program for our veterans.

I'd like to congratulate our new leadership moving into 2023. Royce Meritt is our President, Dave Grant is the Vice President, Mike Dimick is the Treasurer and Ranah Sample is the Secretary. Ranah has asked that someone assist her with the Secretary duties. Please give this consideration and assist Ranah. The club is also in need of someone to do the monthly newsletter. If you have some computer experience, this is the job for you! Please share your

talents with the club and take our newsletter to the next level. I would also like to thank those who had various duties within the committees of the club. The results of their efforts resulted in a new high for club membership. Thanks to all of you!

I'd like to say "Congratulations" to John Olson for his **Lightower** which received the Blue-Ribbon Award at the South Dakota Health Association Art Contest.

Our December gathering will not have a business meeting, but Show and Tell, a demo by John Weaver on finishing and then time for members to turn on lathes.

I wish you and your families a safe, fulfilling and Happy Thanksgiving! Keep the shavings flying!



### **November Meeting Minutes...**

Just prior to 10 AM, members gathered to work on the Pens for the Military project. A break was taken at noon for lunch and treats (thanks John Weaver and Ranah Sample) and for the business meeting. The November meeting was called to order at 12:18 PM by Vice-President David Grant. There were 18 turners attending.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Dave reported a balance of \$4655.15.

**Education Committee report:** Michelle Bierstedt reported that the fall classes made \$660 for the club. Spring class schedule was turned in on October 31 (Fall class schedule must be turned in by end of May, each year). Spring class schedule is shown below. She has made arrangements for future classes to return to CTE, where we will have more room. If anyone wishes to see what classes have been taught, she has printed records back to 2014 as to topic, instructor, number of students, and costs. Michelle will need additional kits for the various classes—*motion made and passed to have her purchase any kits needed.* Should there be any kits remaining after classes end, they will be offered to members at cost.

- Woodturning 101 Apr 11 Tue \$35
- Woodturning 101 Apr 13 Thu \$35
- Woodturning w/Carbide Tools 201 Apr 18 Tue \$35
- Shallow Bowls-Intermediate Apr 20 Thu \$40
- Pens-Intermediate Apr 25 Tue \$40

- Clocks-Intermediate Apr 27 Thu \$45
- Tea Light Candle-Intermediate May 2 Tue \$40
- Kitchen Tools May 4 Thu \$45

**Library report:** No report

**Membership Committee report:** Corky Miles is accepting dues for 2023—they remain at \$25.

**Equipment/Purchasing Committee report:** Bill McGinnis reported on a purchase request for four 1/16<sup>th</sup> inch parting tools, two large chuck wrenches, three allen-type chuck wrenches, two large 4 inch chuck jaws (one Nova, one Supernova). *Motion made and passed to fund tool purchase for \$400.*

**Technology Committee report:** No report.

**Old Business:**

- John Olson was congratulated for his first place ribbon for his entry in the South Dakota Health Association Art Contest.

**New Business:**

- The election of officers for 2023 was held with the results being:
  - President: Royce Meritt
  - Vice-President: David Grant
  - Secretary: Ranah Sample
  - Treasurer: Mike Dimick
- Alan Stratton (<https://www.aswoodturns.com/challenges/>) has info on 2022 Ornament Challenge on his website.
- Royce will check with Stan Houston to see if they are having a professional turner for their February event. If so, Royce will see if we could possibly have the turner do a club demonstration/training session.

**Raffle:** Today's raffle total was \$27. Several blanks were raffled, including Kentucky Coffeetree, Ironwood, and Birdseye Maple.

**Show and Tell:**

- Numerous works were shown at the meeting: Beetle-Kill Pine vase, Brazilian Cherry vase and bowl with inlaid star (these made from scraps), clocks, clocks on stands, duck call, ornaments, scroll saw ornaments, tall pointed walnut pieces. The most unusual were Doug's *denim bowl* (made from layered pieces of denim from 7 pairs of jeans, glued and pressed), Doug's wood layered bowl with freehand routing effects, and Ron's little Viking.

**Items to Share/Sell:**

- John Olson: coring cut-offs
- Ranah Sample: VCR tapes
- John Weaver: old Shopsmith lathe \$20

**Adjournment:** After adjournment, members returned to working on the Military Pens project and completed 106 for the day (plus there were 54 previously made by members). The next (informal) meeting is December 3rd at Harrisburg High and will be a turning day. John Weaver will be doing a demo on how to use various finishes. Other demonstrations and learning opportunities will be available.

**Program/Demo:**

There was no demo presented and efforts were on making the Military Pens.

**Spring Community Ed Classes**

Listed below are the upcoming Spring 2023 Community Education Classes

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**November Military Pen Day and Show and Tell**



