



# The Turning Point

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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## **April Meeting...**

The April meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School, Saturday April 1, 2023, beginning at 1:00 PM.

## **President’s Message...**

This weather is driving me crazy! Every week it seems as if we get a couple of nice days and every week, we get the threat of more snow. A few days ago, I read where someone had said, “I wish the first day of spring would coincide with the last day of winter!” I guess that pretty well sums up my feelings as well. I’m really getting the itch to go fishing!

Speaking of fishing, many of you know that I am an avid fly fisher. A few years back I made a couple of “wood-strip” fly rods. One from ash and one from purpleheart. Both had good things and bad things about them. I learned a lot about the process while making those two rods and think I can do better next time. With that in mind, I am making a vow to get started on another one this spring. While making these wood-strip rods isn’t exactly what you would

describe as woodturning, the use of a wood lathe does figure prominently in the process. Whenever you see me over the next couple of months, please ask me how the fly rod is coming along. That will help keep me motivated.

The next round of woodturning classes for community ed is coming up soon. I know that it might seem like I'm harping on this but, if you haven't already done so, please look at the schedule of classes and see if there are one or two spots where we could use your help, either as an instructor or as a mentor. I guarantee that you will enjoy yourself and you will likely pick up a tip or two. I had to back out of one of the classes I had signed up for so I need to take another look myself.

That's all for now. Until next time...*Keep the inside smaller than the outside!*

Royce

## **March Meeting Minutes...**

Vice-President David Grant called the March 2023 meeting to order at 1:00 PM. There were 28 turners in attendance. Introductions were made and guests welcomed.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes were published in the newsletter and thus not read. Dennis Nibbelink made a motion to accept the February minutes and Bill McGinnis seconded the motion. The motion was passed by voice vote of members present.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's report:** The treasurer was not present but the vice-president reported a balance of \$5806.65. There are some expenditures pending. A breakdown of income and expenditures was given and is available. Motion made by Ron Christensen and seconded by Rex Pommier to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by voice vote of members present.

**Membership:** Corky reported memberships can be paid to him. The current paid memberships are 41. Royce is the contact for anyone still needing a club badge. The magnets are here for the name badges if anyone would like one.

## **Education Committee report**

Please sign up on the computer program if you can mentor for a class. Lots of mentors are needed. Michele Bierstedt reported that the 101 classes are filled @ 8. There was discussion about providing instruction to those on the 'wait' list and several ideas were presented including having a 101 class at the April meeting. Michele will look into several possibilities including if we are in conflict with community ed. Michele will contact Melanie regarding that

question as well as exploring having 101 people as part of another class with individual instruction.

**Library-** Rex reported that several woodturners' magazines have been put in the library and the extra copies are available for members to take if they would like them. Doug said he has several English wood turners magazines. If you would like them, please contact Doug.

**Equipment-** The inventory of our tools will be done today. Tools will also be sharpened.

**Technology** – Nothing new to report.

**Newsletter** – the club thanked Rex for taking on the club newsletter! The first issue looked great. THANKS Rex!!

**Stan Houston** – A thank you was given to those that assisted with the Stan Houston show. It was suggested that next year we try to have projects that don't explode or create a lot of dust. If we are interested in having a professional come at that time in conjunction with Stan Houston we need to start working on it ASAP.

### **By-law revision**

David read the current by-law update (not requiring AAW membership to be an officer).

The treasurer was asked to pay the AAW dues for Ranah as an honorary member of the club.

Note – club sponsored activities are covered by the AAW liability and that policy has been renewed and money sent to AAW.

Membership cards were handed out. Discounts are available at several places.

- Stan Houston – Members 5%, Veterans 10%
- Rockler and Woodcraft – 10%
- Craft Supply (needs a list of members) 10%

**Military Pens-** Bill reported that we have 150 pens in inventory. A unit just came back and will require about 100 pens so more need to be ordered. There are packages of mechanisms available.

Ron suggested we have packages of mechanisms, etc available to take home for those wishing to make pens for the military at home. At the present time we have mechanisms but not casings. Rex said there are 5 mechanisms in the bags that he has purchased.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Demo idea for April - 101 class

### Club demo

Doug reminded the club members to pay attention to turners from other places to come demo for us. Gene reminded us that remote demos could be done. A committee of Doug, Gene, Royce and Woody was formed to look into this. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact someone on the committee.

**Equipment available** Doug reported that he purchased a small lathe from Rodney from Tea (was at March meeting) for \$50.00. and would sell it for \$50 to anyone that might be able to use it. Rodney has a lot of things left to sell and David will visit with him if he wants to donate to the club. (See Doug for Rodney's information).

**Scholarship** -Rex reported that he has received \$40.00 from a person who got magazines that was given to the club for a scholarship. After some discussion Greg Eastman made a motion and was seconded by Corky Miles that students taking the 101 class would each receive an opportunity to win the \$40.00 by a random drawing to be used in a future class. Passed by voice vote.

### Upcoming Events

- AAW Symposium in Kentucky – June 1-4

### Show and Tell:

**Adjournment:** George Bunkers moved that the meeting be adjourned and Rex Pommier seconded it. Passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ranah Sample/Bonnie Lynch, Co Secretaries

### Items for Sale:

Belt Sander  
Walnut cutoffs

**Raffle** 2 jars of pickled asparagus

**Show and tell** – pictures in newsletter and on face book page

## **Program/Demo:**

The program/demo for March was prepping the lathes and equipment for the Continuing Education classes. "Thank You" to all who helped with the prep and sharpening.

The program/demo for April will be a 101 class for new turners who couldn't get into the Community Ed 101 classes. There should be some positions for club members as well.

## **Spring Community Ed Classes**

Listed below are the upcoming Spring 2023 Community Education Classes

- 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

## **March Show and Tell**











