



The Turning Point

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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June Meeting...

The June meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School, Saturday June 10, 2023, beginning at 1:00 PM. *****NOTE the date change*****

President's Message...

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Happy Spring, everyone!

We've wrapped up another successful round of community education classes. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen! In my opinion (which is worth EXACTLY what you're paying for it), the community education classes are one of the most important things we do as a club. Introducing people to the art and craft of woodturning is an awesome thing!

The June meeting will feature the first of our monthly challenges. Our goal is to make these challenges fun and, well, challenging for everyone regardless of skill level. Hopefully each month's challenge will force us to stretch our skills and "think outside the box". Speaking of boxes, the June challenge is to turn something (literally anything) that will fit inside a 4"X4"X4" box. I've changed my mind at least 4 times about what I'm going to turn. I need to make up my mind or June 10 will be here and I'll still be in the deciding stage!

Enjoy the spring weather. Get out and do some fishing, gardening, bird watching, or get in some shop time. Whatever brings you pleasure and relaxation.

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

Royce

May Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

May 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

President Royce Meritt called the May 2023 meeting to order at 1:00 PM. There were 28 turners and guests in attendance. Introductions were made and guests welcomed.

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes were published in the newsletter and thus not read. John Olson moved and Ron Christenson seconded that the April minutes as posted in the newsletter be accepted. The motion was passed by voice vote of members present.

Committee reports

Treasurer's report: The treasurer reported a balance of \$6106.55. Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. There is a check from Community Ed still to come. The motion was passed by voice vote of members present.

Membership: Corky reported memberships can be paid to him. The current paid memberships are 50. 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

There has been a good report from community Ed. We will be moving the classes to Lincoln High School where there is lots of room and room for expansion. Proposed classes are 3 Intro 101's and possible natural edged bowl, platter and gnomes. Classes will start on October 3, 2023. Contact Michelle for additional information.

Library- books and DVD's have been added to the library. Check out any items you wish in the 3-ring notebook.

Equipment- Bill reported that we are short one or two small items, which are on order.

Jack asked members to watch for a larger cargo trailer (14 X 7 would be the best size and should have a tilt door with a ramp) but could be 12', 14', 16' (ours is 10'). Value of our trailer might be \$1500-\$2000. Contact Jack, Doug or Royce if you happen to see one that is available with cost.

Technology -nothing new to report

Pens – Rex has kits bagged if you want to take them home to complete. November 4th the club has designated as pen making day.

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Woodturning Challenge – a significant discussion was held regarding conducting a monthly wood turning challenge. It was decided to have 3 categories.... beginner, intermediate and advanced and be judged by viewers' choice. The first challenge will be judged at the June meeting and will be any article that will fit in a 4 X 4 X 4 space. The July challenge will be the screwdriver kits that we have on hand from our classes. If you have an item and cannot attend please contact Royce. Corky made the motion to accept the guidelines for a wood turning challenge and Rex seconded it. Passed by voice vote of members.

*NoteThe June 10th meeting will be held at the Harrisburg High School (**note change of date**). The demonstration will be laminating

The July meeting will be the potluck and will be hosted by the Noteboom's (directions and further instructions will be sent) – tentatively scheduled for July 8.

By-law revision

The by-law revision passed at the last meeting was eliminated due to the requirements of the AAW that requires officers be members of AAW.

AAW in Louisville...no one has expressed an interest in attending but perhaps might attend the one in Colorado in September.

The motion was made by Corky and seconded by John to adjourn. Passed by voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ranah Sample, Secretary

Following the adjournment of the meeting....

Raffle (the asparagus was a hit!)

Give aways and for-sales---

Mahogany boards available for purchase, contact Bonnie.

Doug is cleaning behind his shed if you might have wood there

Show and Tell Pictures will be posted with newsletter and on facebook

Demonstration – John Olson and Royce Meritt on pressure pots

Program/Demo:

The June demo will be on lamination.

Fall Community Ed Classes

Watch this space for more information! 😊

May Show and Tell











John demo'ing pressure pots.

May Classes at Lincoln HS
Woodturner's 201 – carbide tools



Clockmaking



Fearless instructor Doug N.







Finished products



Proud students, great job all!