



The Turning Point

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October Meeting... - date and time are back to normal.

The October meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School on Saturday, October 7, 2023, beginning at 1:00 PM. For newbies, go all the way around the west and north sides of the school to the northeast corner of the building. The meeting is in the wood shop. Follow the trail of sawdust.

President’s Message...

Personally, I’m glad that fall is finally here. I’m looking forward to some cooler weather. It looks like we might have the occasional day with temps in the 80’s over the next couple of weeks but, hopefully, the 90’s and 100’s are behind us.

Of course, fall means the next round of community education classes. All of you should have received the link to sign up as either an instructor or as a mentor. So, what do you say? Get signed up! You don’t need to consider yourself an expert at the classes being offered. You

just need to be a guiding hand and an extra set of eyes. Who knows, you might even learn something yourself. In my opinion, the community ed classes are one of the more important things we do as a club. We get to introduce people to an art and craft that we enjoy, we get to meet some interesting people, and we get to have some fun while we do it. It can't get much better than that!

In other news, in the interest of full disclosure, I **DO NOT** have my wood-strip fly rod done! Life (along with a couple of fishing trips) has gotten in the way a bit over the last month or so. I'm close so, if I can get some time in my shop over the next few days, I should get it done.

Maybe I'm thinking about that the wrong way. Perhaps, when life gets a bit hectic, instead of thinking we **DON'T HAVE TIME** for goofing around in the shop. Maybe that's when we should make a point of **MAKING** Time for goofing around in the shop! A wise man once said. "*If you're too busy to go fishing, you're too busy.*" I'm pretty sure the same thing is true about woodturning! Food for thought.

That's all for now. Until next time...

...Keep the inside smaller than the outside!

Royce

September Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

September 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Tool Sharpening & Inventory: 11-12:50

Call Meeting to Order: 1pm Mike Dimick

21 attendees

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: John O motion and John W 2nd to accept the minutes

Treasurer's Report: \$1500 for sale of trailer; \$39 for August Raffle; Taxes on the new trailer are paid; \$63 for Sept Raffle to be added. Current Balance \$1385.

Library: DVDs and 1 book added to the library. One set of DVDs are from the Woodworking Guild and while not woodturning, they have useful information for club members.

Community Education: The catalog of fall classes was released this week. Registration is open online and a link has been posted to the Facebook members page. We need more mentors for fall classes.

Equipment: After inventorying the boxes, the following equipment is missing or needed

1/16" parting tool; Screw; Faceplate; Small caliper; 1 carbide set. The parting tools and carbide tools should be ordered since we never had enough of them for all the boxes. The screw and faceplate may be in another box. Will look in spare tool boxes.

Motion for \$200 in order to purchase new/replacement tools for the boxes. John Olson made the motion, Rex 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

Membership: Corky is starting to take 2024 dues (\$25). There are currently 53 members.

Technology: No Report

Old Business

Jet Rep: checking to see if anyone is available to come during the Stan Houston show. They will keep Royce notified if anything comes up.

SESD Rough Sawn Lumber -request to please be discreet when using the member card discount. He doesn't want people joining the club to get the discount.

Old Trailer sold, new trailer is purchased. Checking on insurance. Need to store and transport equipment in the trailer.

New Business

Member Pictures: 24 pictures to 53 members. Need to get more taken so Gene can post them to the website.

October Challenge: Vase

October meeting: October 7, Corky will demonstrate ornaments

November meeting: Nov 4, military pens. Start at 10am, meeting at 1pm

For the military pens: Check on Brass, Casings, pen kits. Some will take pen blanks home to work on before the meeting.

December meeting: working meeting

Other

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium in Loveland, CO next weekend

Stan Houston Show: Feb

Raffle:

Show and Tell:

Platter Judging – 1st Place John Weaver, 2nd Place Mike Dimick

Adjourn: Rex motion, Michelle 2nd

Submitted by Michelle Bierstedt Note from Rex – Thanks, Michelle for stepping in!

Program/Demo:

The October demo, as mentioned in the minutes will be Christmas ornaments provided by Corky.

Fall Community Ed Classes

If you can help, please do. It's always a struggle for Michelle to get volunteers to help at the classes. The schedule currently looks like this. All 6 classes are FULL – 9 students per class. If you can help, please sign up to do so. They are starting this week, even before the October meeting so time is of the essence.

10/03/2023 6:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday 101 class

10/05/2023 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday 101 class

10/10/2023 6:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday 101 class

10/12/2023 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday Bowls

10/17/2023 6:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday Platters

10/19/2023 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday Gnomes

September Show and Tell





September Challenge – platters.





John's winning entry



Mike's second place entry



In my book, they were all winners.