



The Turning Point

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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November Meeting... - early start for penmaking.

The November meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School on Saturday, November 4, 2023, beginning at 10:00 AM. 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. The full schedule is in the October meeting minutes.

President's Message...

I'm not a big fan of pumpkin anything, except pie! However, it appears that "pumpkin spice season" is upon us! I even heard an advertisement on the radio for a liquor store, talking about all of the various types of pumpkin spice "adult beverages" they had in stock. Maybe it's just me, but that seems like a waste of both perfectly good pumpkin and perfectly good booze to me!

On a more important subject, I want to give a big thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to help out with our latest round of Community Education classes. We had an awesome array of instructors and mentors this time around. Also, a big shout-out to Michelle for all of her work in making the classes happen and to Doug for wrangling the trailer almost every week (with a bit of help here and there). You've heard me say it before, but it's worth repeating...the Community Ed classes are one of the more important things we do as a club. Please consider signing up to help next time around.

Speaking of important things we do; our November meeting will find us back in the shop fulfilling our "Pens for the Military" promise. We've heard over and over how much our military personnel appreciate the pens we make and present to them. It's a small token of our appreciation and we owe these selfless individuals so much more than a simple pen but, it's our way of thanking them for their service. We will start the pen turning at 10:00 AM on November 4th. Please join us if you are able and bring any pen making tools and supplies you think might be helpful.

And, speaking of our November meeting; it's election time! We have a few officer and committee positions to fill. Please consider stepping into one of those roles. Most are not difficult jobs and don't take a great deal of time. On the other hand, the members in those leadership roles really do make our club successful. New leadership and new ideas are always a good thing!

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

Royce

October Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners October 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by President Meritt with 30 members and guests present

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report: \$1586.06

Committee Reports:

- Library: No Report
- Community Ed: Many of the classes are full, some with a waiting list of 1 or 2. Desperately in need of more instructors and mentors. Please sign-up using Sign Up Genius or contact Michelle or Royce.
 - Spring Class list was approved
 - April 4, 11 & 16, 2024: Woodturning 101
 - April 18, 2024: Pens

- April 23, 2024: Salad Bowl
- April 25, 2024: Weed Pots
- Equipment: Spreadsheet developed showing current inventory of tools and tool boxes. Presently missing approximately 13 total items missing. None of these items are urgent at this time. Tool Committee will continue working on replacement of missing items as needed. Previously authorized to spend \$200 on replacement/additional items.
- Membership: Currently 54 members. Accepting dues payments for 2024.
- Technology: No updates

Old Business

1. Royce is staying in contact with Jet/Powermatic rep about professional turner for the Stan Houston Show.
2. New trailer is working fine. Presently no need to schedule time to set it up differently.
3. Member website pictures: No action taken.

New Business

1. Ornament Challenge: Members are encouraged to turn an ornament for Allan Stratton's (www.aswoodturns.com) "Ornament Challenge". Turn an ornament and submit a picture to www.ornamentchallenge.com. Judging is by public and panel. Multiple prizes awarded. Club that submits the most entries will receive a Zoom demonstration by Allan Stratton.
 2. The November challenge will be Christmas Ornaments
 3. Next Meeting: Harrisburg HS; November 4, 2023
 - a. Turning Military Pens
 - i. Start at 10:00 AM
 - ii. Lunch break around 11:30-Noon
 - iii. Business Meeting at 1:00
 - iv. Finish turning after meeting with a goal of 150-200 pens
 - b. Officer elections
 - i. President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer
 - ii. Appoint Committee chairs
 4. December 2, 2023 Meeting: Working meeting; No formal meeting. Bring projects you're working on. Get help and/or advice on problems, issues, etc. In general, working in the shop.
 5. Doug reported that the Minneapolis chapter has 3-4 demonstrations per year. Discussed the possibility of them simulcasting with us, carpooling to their meetings and/or bringing their demonstrator to our club if logistics would work. Doug will investigate some possibilities.
- Events: Bismark, ND Symposium in April
 - Many items announced for Sale/Trade/Give away

Following adjournment of business meeting

- Raffle drawing was held
- October Challenge (vases) votes tabulated and winners announced
 - 1st Place: Doug Noteboom; 2nd Place: Robert Tebben; 3rd Place: Mark Poppe
- Show & Tell

Corky Miles then presented an informative demonstration of his techniques used to turn various types of ornaments including Bird House Ornaments, Gnomes, Angels and Snowmen, Sea Urchins, and others. Corky concentrated his information on ways he mounts the workpiece on the lathe, often minimizing wood waste.

Respectfully submitted “By Committee” and compiled by President, Royce Meritt

Program/Demo:

The November activity, as mentioned a couple times above, will be pen making for the military.

Fall and Spring Community Ed Classes

Fall classes are complete, and a great big “Thank You” to everybody who helped this fall. Spring classes have already been scheduled. Unless things change, they will be held at Lincoln High as they have been.

04/04/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday 101 class

04/11/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday 101 class

04/16/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday 101 class

04/18/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday Pens

04/23/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday Salad bowls

04/25/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday Weed pots

October Show and Tell and pics from demo







October Challenge – vases.



And the winners are:

3rd place: Mark Poppe, 2nd Place: Robert Tebben, 1st Place: Doug Noteboom





And my apologies if I got some of these pictures in the wrong spot or if your item isn't showcased. As Royce noted above, the minutes were put together by committee. So were the pictures. As I wasn't there, I put the call out for pictures and got responses from several people. So you got the pictures I did. 😊