



# The Turning Point

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## **March Meeting – note difference from normal time!!!**

The March meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School on Saturday, March 2, 2024, beginning at 9:00 AM. The business meeting will be at the normal 1:00 PM time. The 9:00 AM “shop opening time” will be for 2 purposes, first to sharpen tools for the upcoming community Ed classes, and second to take a look at a demo of making wig stands for cancer patients. 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. This will be a normal meeting, try to keep it under an hour, then the normal demo time, Doug Noteboom turning bowls.

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

Dear Friends and Woodturning Enthusiasts,

The SWT made a proud showing at the annual Stan Houston Woodworking Demonstration.

Our woodturners fearlessly turned next to nationally renowned woodturner Nick Cook. There was often no room to stand around the lathes. Our demonstrations ranged from Andrew Dewitt helping a younger woodturner learn to turn a pen to Frank Denton teaching finesse with a hollow form. The greeters spoke with numerous prospective members. Almost no one walked by our display without looking at it or speaking to one of us. The Jet/Powermatic representative sent his potential customers to us for questions about lathes. The experience couldn't have been more rewarding.

If two days at Stan Houston wasn't enough, the next day and we hosted Nick Cook's demonstration at our shop. There were more donuts than a bakery (happy emoji). Beyond being friendly and approachable, Nick was efficient and knowledgeable. He demonstrated about 16 different projects for us. What do you say about a guy that has turned over 250,000 bottle stoppers?

I want to remind everyone that March 2<sup>nd</sup> is our next meeting. We will open at 9:00 a.m. for two purposes. We need to sharpen the tools before our community education classes.

There will also be a demonstration about turning wig stands. I've been speaking with local hospitals and other Clubs about donating them to cancer patients. A generous member has already agreed to donate wood for the cause. I have emailed our Club different sets of instructions.

Our business meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by Doug Noteboom's Bowl Turning Demonstration at 2:00 p.m. Doug's demonstration is intended to help those that are just learning to turn a bowl or who have never turned one in the past.

Until then, stay safe,

Aaron Salberg

## **February Meeting Minutes...**

Apologies for the status of the minutes. There were technical difficulties getting them into the newsletter, so they came in as pictures.

*Siouxland Woodturners*  
February 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by President Aaron Salberg

38 Members and guests were present and introduced themselves. A quorum was determined

It was moved by Bill McGinnis, seconded by Ron Prussa and passed by voice vote to accept the minutes from the January meeting. A review of the Treasurers report was presented with an ending balance of \$3599.72. Doug has a pending bill of \$114.00. Gene thanked Brad for filling in for him in February. He reported that we would have a bill of \$350.00 for the web, which will be coming.

Our treasurer reported that the AAW insurance of \$200.00 is due. Royce moved that we pay the insurance. Motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

Brochures can be printed off the Internet. Gene volunteered to take care of getting brochures. We have enough for Stan Houston.

Scholarship winner was present at the meeting and the award was made to Gavin Hanners.

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was passed by voice vote.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership**

We have about 55 members. 11 members have not paid the 2024 dues.

**Community Ed**

Doug reported for Michelle who was unable to attend the meeting.

The school district has a contract for us to sign. We will get a 1099 from the school for 2023.

The Boy Scout activity is still in the planning stage. This activity will be held on the morning of our March meeting at 9:00 AM in the shop area. We will need lathes set up prior to this time

**Library (Rex)**

Rex reported that there is a request to purchase a sharpening book. John Olson moved that we purchase this book. Motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Equipment\_ (Bill) nothing to report**

No other committee reports were presented

**Discussion of insurance issues.**

AAW covers members

Students are not covers

Waivers?

Continuing research of insurance issues. Some clubs have moved away from the AAW insurance. Aaron is looking into more information about insurance.

Sign up sheet for Stan Houston...greeters and 3 turners/session

**Nick Cook presentation – Royce Meritt**

Can spend a day with us. Feb. 18.the day after Stan Houston

\$650.00 + travel

Discussion of how to handle the costs. It was decided that the club would pay for the fee. Ron Prussa moved that we suggest a free will offering and put out a free will offering bowl with a sign saying "Suggested donation of \$20.00". Motion seconded and passed by voice vote

We will provide lunch

We will transport Nick to Harrisburg on Sunday morning and to the airport on Monday AM.

Several options we discussed of what we would like Nick to do and it was suggested that members would like to see learning to use a skew and garden dibble and the textured ring platter of the offerings he suggested. (Also basic tools). Sessions will be 9:00-noon and 1:00-4:00.

Motion by John Olson and seconded for adjournment, passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranah Sample, Secretary

Challenge for February (3 divisions) – “Your Proudest Turning”

1<sup>st</sup> place John Olson

3 way tie for second’ Gene Wubben, Frank Denton & Aaron Salberg

(Show and tell – pictures in newsletter, face book and on the website

Raffle - \$105.00

**Looking ahead...**

Stan Houston – February 16 & 17

Nick Cook demonstration – February 18, 9-12 and 1-4

March Meeting – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Shop at Harrisburg

Demo – Doug Noteboom – Bowl Turning (Mentor Training)

Challenge – Twig pots – to be displayed at Community Ed Classes

## **Program/Demo:**

Morning demo/discussion – wig stands and sharpening

Normal demo – Doug Noteboom, turning bowls

Challenge – twig pots

## **Spring 2024 Community Ed Classes**

Here is the link to the spring catalog for community ed.

**Hello Instructors – the Spring Summer Classes are live!**

You can share with potential students via the following link:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/sfsdcomed/classes-spring-2024.html>

Schedule of spring classes:

04/09/2024	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

**February challenge – your most proud work.**



John Olson, 1<sup>st</sup> place 3 way tie for second Frank Denton



Aaron Salberg



Gene Wubben









**February Show and Tell**







***February demo – twig pots – Thanks, Royce!***



Sorry I didn't get any pics of the actual demo.

**Stan Houston – Thanks to everyone who participated – and to Stan Houston for providing the venue.**





***Nick Cook Sunday demo at the high school.***



