



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 on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at the normal 1:00 PM time. For newcomers and visitors, 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, we will try to keep it under an hour, then the normal demo time, Alistair Hird turning spoons.

President's Message...

Dear Friends and Woodturning Enthusiasts,

The SWT’s wig stand program is developing incredibly well. Doug Noteboom generously donated a truck load of wood at our last meeting. John Weaver obtained additional donations

and he and Al Warnock cut blanks to make 40 wig stands. I have obtained finished wig stands from a number of you. They're incredible.

Please bring your finished stands to our next meeting. We'll make our first donation to Avera on April 8th. Avera has confirmed that they will provide the stands at no cost to their patients. We have no idea what the demand is going to be so please keep pumping them out. We have blanks remaining at the school if anyone wants more.

Our Spring Community Education classes take place in April. We're going to display the items that professional turner, Nick Cook turned for us. Michelle previously reported that there are people on waiting lists for all classes. We're awaiting arrival of a new Jet 12-21 lathe to help. We've got momentum going. Please consider signing up as a mentor, sharpener or teacher to help keep it going.

Our next business meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on April 6th. It will be followed by a demonstration by Alistair Hird on turning spoons at approximately 2:00 p.m. The President's Challenge is to turn a Pen. The Demonstration and Challenge could be of interest to a diverse group of new turners. Please consider bringing a guest.

Until then, stay safe,

Aaron Salberg

March Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners March 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

31 Members and 4 guests were present and introduced themselves. A quorum was determined.

Prior to the meeting being conducted two members of the American Legion at Lennox asked if anyone was interested in helping to restore the cannon in the park. There are only 5 of these cannons in existence and the wood wheels need work. They showed pictures of the project.

It was moved, seconded by Ron Prussa and passed by voice vote to accept the minutes from the February meeting. A review of the Treasurer's report was presented with an ending balance of \$3083.49. Gene reported that we would have a bill of about \$470.00 for the web, which will be coming and will be for 3 years.

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 60 members. Some members have not yet paid the 2024 dues. Membership cards were handed out that can be used in several places for discounts.

Community Ed

Michelle reported that our education classes will start on April 9th and we have 9 classes and 8 classes are full with "wait" lists. If we could move our classes from 9 to 11 we could get the wait list included. However, this would require additional lathe(s) and toolboxes. Michelle asked how the club wants to handle the overflows? There are a couple of options.

Add lathe and students to the classes as scheduled.

Conduct a 101 class the morning of our April meeting at Harrisburg

9-noon – class

Lunch

1:00 meeting

Both options would require more mentors. John Weaver emphasized how important the mentors are to this program and how hard it is to get people to commit to being a mentor.

Much discussion followed.

Bill McGinnis moved that the club purchase one more Jet lathe 12-21 from Stan Houston; motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

It was also decided to add a 101 class prior to the April 6th meeting in the AM (9:30-noon) and a bowl class the morning of the May 4th meeting.

Royce asked who could bring in a lathe for those classes and if anyone has tools they could donate to the toolbox.

MENTORS NEED – SIGN UP!!

Library (Rex)

Rex reported the sharpening Book has been purchased and will be added to the library.

Equipment- (Bill) Motion made, seconded and passed by voice vote to allow \$400.00 to buy tools for the new lathe.

John Weaver asked the members to donate items for the McCrosson's Boys Ranch auction. Items can be taken to John Weaver who will deliver them.

Discussion of insurance issues continued from February meeting.

AAW covers members. Students are not covered unless "honorary members" of AAW, off-site demos are not covered.

Aaron has been researching our insurance needs and questions and has found a Hartford policy that would meet our needs.

Corky moved that we approve the Hartford Insurance policy for \$403.00/year. Motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

We will ask for a refund from AAW for the \$200.00 we approved in February.

Nick Cook presentation

EXCELLENT. The free-will offering from the Nick Cook demonstration was \$420.00. Thank you to those who helped with this activity!

Woody told the club members about a remote demo on platters given by Tom Wirsing. He will give one IRD for free (a zoom meeting) and asked that any money donated for this be given to AAW.

Rex reported that we are in need of pen kits and made a motion that we purchased 400 kits plus an extra 100 brass tubes and moved that we allocate \$600.00 for this purchase. Motion seconded and passed by voice vote

Free Items...

Wood for wig stands (be sure to finish the wig stands with pen-plus or similar finish. In John's truck.

There are freedom pen kits to take home and finish

Motion made and seconded for adjournment at 2:10 PM, passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranah Sample, Secretary

Challenge for March – Twig Pots (to be displayed at Community Ed Classes

4 winners

- Bill McGinnis
- Mark Poppe
- Mike Dimick
- Robert Tebben

(**Show and Tell**) – pictures in newsletter, face book and on the website

Raffle - \$91.00

Demo – Bowl Turning – Doug Noteboom

Program/Demo for April:

Demo – Alistair Hird, turning spoons

Challenge – pens

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	Twig pots

March challenge – twig pots.



Winners – 4 way tie.



Robert Tebben



Mark Poppe



Mike Dimick



Bill McGinnis

March Show and Tell







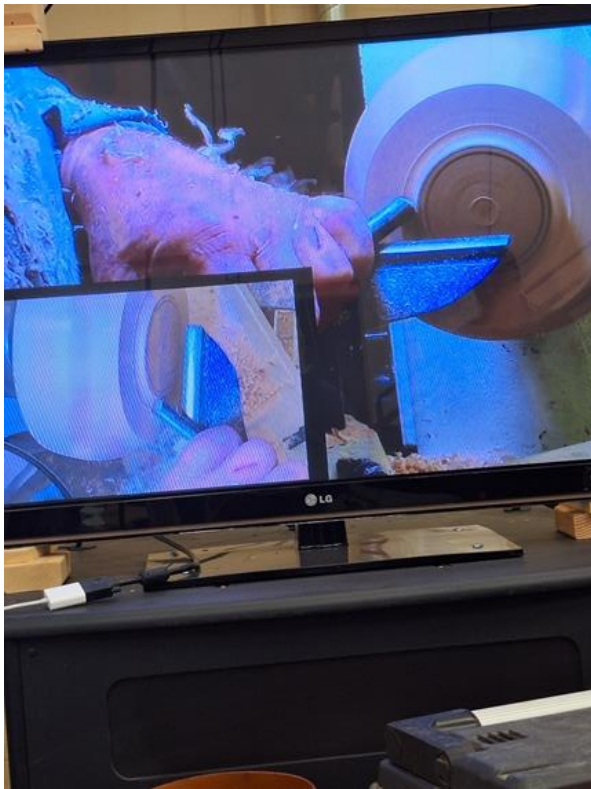


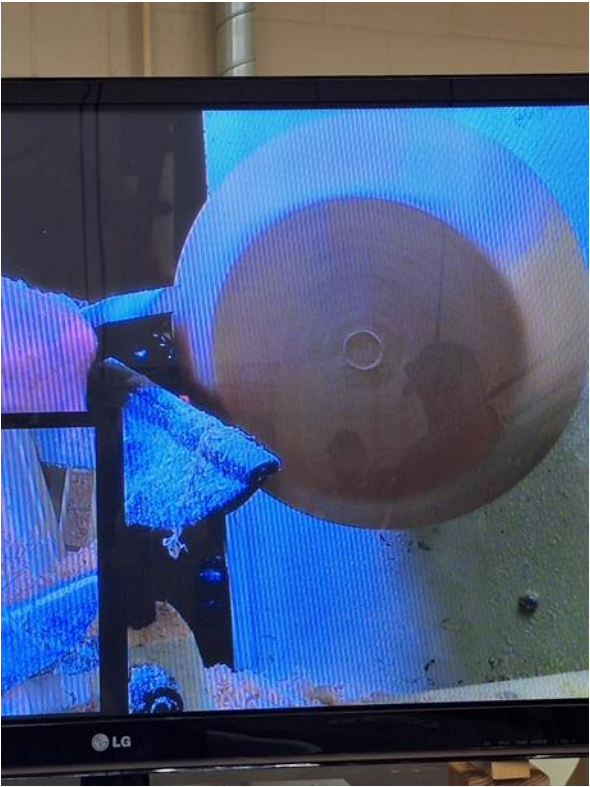




March demo – bowl turning basics – Thanks, Doug!







Wig stands.

