



The Turning Point

The newsletter of the Siouxland Woodturners
A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

April 2025

May Meeting and activities:

The May meeting will be at Harrisburg High School on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

10:00 General Announcements and Safety Message

10:20 Open Turn

11:30 Show and Tell and Raffle

12:00 Lunch

12:00 Executive Board Meeting

1:00 Demonstration – Pen Turning by Brad Hakeman

President's Message...

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The Schedule has now been posted on our internet site through August. There are a few things that I'd like to point out. Brad Hakeman will be doing a Pen Demonstration at the May meeting. Brad is our stalwart pen maker. You can see his work online. He is teaching one of our community education classes. He'll be discussing the basics as well giving advice on finishing. Please come with your questions and unfinished work.

Doug and Carol Noteboom will be again hosting the SWT Annual Picnic in June. Doug will be providing and cooking wild caught Alaskan fish. Members bring salads and desserts. Members also bring wood and tools to sell, trade or give away. This is my favorite SWT event. Please see the schedule for further details.

The Open Turns have been receiving favorable feedback. The goal of the Open Turns is to increase participation. To mentor those that need help with projects without forming a full fledged mentor program. To collaborate. To actually wood turn. The classroom is also open during this time. Members are should feel free to grab a coffee and watch a Youtube video

with others or ask questions and socialize. There is a lot of potential to develop and be creative with what we do at these open turns.

In that spirit, I'm announcing two competitions at our July and August meetings.

Our July 12th meeting will involve a Box Turning Competition. Members that are interested will place their names in a hat to be paired with another turner. There will be five teams with two members. One member will turn the lid and the other will turn the body of the box. Both the lid and the body will be each turned from a solid piece of wood (no laminated wood). The lid and body could be made from difference types of wood. Please plan to bring your own and perhaps a piece for your partner.

Our August 2nd meeting will involve a Bowl Turning Competition. Up to ten turners will make a bowl individually. Members can use traditional or carbide tools and scrapers. There will be two competitions. One judging the form and the finish. Please see the schedule posted online for additional details.

These are our first competitions. There will be bugs to work out. The main concern is that we need participation. Please don't hesitate to sign up whether you are an expert or a novice. As always, please feel free to bring a guest to watch.

As you can see from the schedule, the next meetings will involve Executive Board Meetings only. This isn't intended to exclude members as much as it is facilitate decisions in an efficient manner. Executive meetings shouldn't typically exceed 15 minutes in length. Board members must advise me to place an item on the agenda. The Treasurer's Report will always be on the agenda. Board members are encouraged to explore considerations and present concise options to limit discussions that could have been made before the meeting. Items will be tabled if they are not on the Agenda. Items will be tabled if more research is needed to make a decision.

Lastly, SWT dues have become a topic at the last couple of meetings. Our dues help fund out M16 Pen Program, Community Education and other SWT endeavors. I'd like to thank everyone that has paid their 2025 dues. I'd ask that everyone check with our Membership Chair, John Weaver, if you have questions as to whether you've paid yours.

Please turn safe!

Thank you.

Aaron Salberg

President of SWT

April Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

April 5, 2025 ---Executive Meeting Minutes

An executive meeting was called to order by president Aaron Salberg at 1:00 P.M. The secretary reported that a quorum had been met. Introduction were made.(there were 33 wood turners in attendance at the meeting.)

Treasurer's Report (Al Warnock)

An ending balance of **\$2964.42** was reported. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Royce moved that the club reimburse Cleo for the tool storage expense. Michelle seconded the motion and it was passed by voice vote.

Insurance has been paid. (\$416) The contents of the trailer are covered at \$25,000. Additional information about insurance coverage can be obtained from Al.

Committee Reports

Education – Michele Bierstedt reported that most classes for the spring term are full. There are still spots available for the wine glass class. She reported that the 101 classes were filled the first 6 days of registration.

The executive board discussed the request from Tara for demos. It was concluded that we could not arrange this for this time but perhaps in another year when we have additional time to arrange the mentors.

Recap of classes for fall

101- October 7,9,16

Mushrooms - Oct. 21

Platters – Oct. 23

Bottle stoppers – October 28

Al made the motion that we approve these dates. Motion seconded by John Weaver and passed by voice vote.

Membership – John Weaver reported we have 85 members on our contact list but currently have 42 paid members. Vendors will be contacted for available discounts based on our membership list. Rockler and Woodcraft request that a person shows their membership card to receive the discount.

Royce moved to authorize our membership chairperson (John Weaver) to contact those whose membership has lapsed and have not paid in the last 2 years that they be dropped from our roster if they do not pay the 2025 dues. Gene seconded the motion. The motion was amended that John may contact them at his discretion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Safety report

Discussion on adding the safety officer to the executive board. The current by-laws as presented at the April 2018 meeting and minutes lays out the executive board. Royce moved that the board present to the membership what is suggested for the current board. Al volunteers to research the AAW positions. One of the suggestions was to define the subcommittees under the chair. The motion was seconded by John Weaver and passed by voice vote.

Equipment

A discussion was held regarding those people who are able and authorized to pull the trailer. The executive committee requested Aaron to put together a committee of 5 people to name 5 or 6 people authorized to pull the trailer and have Cleo put the list together

****Newsletter** – Continue to look for a newsletter editor. In the interim Gene Wubben will be doing the newsletter.

Discussion Items

Submitting an agenda of upcoming meetings. The structure of the meeting was discussed.

Possible cash award or gifts for challenge

Al moved that we award cash prizes of 20-10 and 5 for top 3 winners, Brad seconded the motion which was defeated by voice vote.

Al moved that the challenge winner names to into a “pot’ for the next 2 challenges and draw for 2 \$10.00 bills. Motion was seconded by Gene and passed by voice vote.

There was some discussion about the intended purpose of the challenge.

Upcoming events:

May 10, 2025 - Cancer walk at Avera. We will be given a booth to display items members have turned and our wig stands

August 15th – Woodcraft Expo – we will receive a free booth for doing a demo

Bowl blank challenge – Doug will have the bowl blanks available

Picnic...???

Al moved the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by John Weaver and passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranah Sample

Secretary

The next activity was the raffle items, which brought \$88.00 to the club treasury

April Challenge winners –

- 1st – Greg Eastman and his baby rattles
- 2nd Royce and his car
- 3rd Michelle and her cup/ball toy

There was a great Show and Tell of member’s items!

Pictures will be available in the newsletter, website and face book.

Next Meeting May 3rd at Harrisburg Shop

- Lathes will be out and we will have open turning starting at 10:00 AM
- May challenge – “thinking outside the box – wig stands

April Show and Tell

Entries for President's Challenge:
Toys



And the winners: Greg, Royce and Michele



Member items in Show and Tell











Community Education Classes



