



# DAKOTA WOODTURNERS SAWDUST & SHAVINGS



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**EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!**  
**2007 ANNUAL**  
**HANDS-ON**  
**WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM**  
**APRIL 13, 14 & 15, 2007**  
**Register Today!**

## REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2007  
Bismarck State College  
Vo-Tech Building  
Room 234

March Program: Hollow forms  
Presented By: Ron Day

## Dakota Woodturners Club

Minutes of membership meeting February  
10, 2007

The regular membership meeting of the Dakota  
Woodturners met at BSC Vo-Tech Shop. Twenty-  
nine members and three guests were present.

## SHOW & SHARE

Dennis Schwind showed the layered bowl that he  
turned at the project class held by Duey Marthaller.

Earl Setterlund brought in a hollowing tool that he  
modified with a laser pointer, which indicates the  
position of the tool tip inside a hollow form turning.  
He also had a couple of other homemade tools  
including a diamond saw blade cut down to make a  
scraper and a set of Cole jaws made to attach to his  
chuck. He also showed a depth gauge made to attach  
to a parting tool.

Bryce Hill showed a finishing jar that he made using  
a baby bottle.

Vern Hansen brought in a miniature that he turned.

Pat Schweitzer showed a very nice Urn that he turned  
for the ashes of a family dog. The Urn was turned  
with a recess around the center with the dog's leash  
fastened in the recess.

Cliff Rime showed a small bowl that had a crack and told how he filled in and repaired the crack.

John Warren is requesting donations of turned projects for the Mandan High School Band fundraiser. Donations should be brought to the March meeting.

## **PROGRAM**

The meeting adjourned to program as demonstrator Kris Roberts needed to leave early for a prior commitment. Kris presented techniques for turning eggs.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

After the program, the meeting convened again with the business meeting. The treasurer's report was not available as the treasurer was on vacation.

Weldee Baetsch said he would be getting additional information on the demonstrators for the symposium along with details on the projects they will be demonstrating.

Ron Day had additional brochures available that were sent with the last newsletter as some of the brochures may have fell out of the newsletter during mailing.

Duey Marthaller reported that the Bismarck Eagles club was not available for the symposium banquet. He is going to make some additional inquires and report at the E-Board meeting.

Ron Day said that the label on each member's newsletter indicates whether you have paid your 2007 dues. Please take note if your membership is current.

Duey Marthaller passed out additional copies of the beginning turning class notes prepared by Duncan Warren. Duey also reported on the recent project class he held for three students on layered bowls. Duey said he would hold another class later as additional members have expressed an interest in the class. Ron Day said he would volunteer to do a

project class on lidded containers if there was some interest.

Pat Schweitzer reported that the Art in Motion demonstration held at Kirkwood Mall on February 3<sup>rd</sup> went very well.

The E-Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Dakota Farms in Mandan.

With no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Schwind,  
Secretary

## **E-Board Meeting**

The regular meeting of the DWT Executive Board met on February 13, 2007 at Dakota Farms in Mandan, ND. Members present: Pat Schweitzer, Ron Day, Weldee Baetsch, Duey Marthaller and Dennis Schwind.

Pat Schweitzer said he would like to hold a special meeting for symposium committees on Sunday at 4:00PM at his home to review preparations for the symposium.

Duey Marthaller will check with the Mandan Eagles and the Am-Vets Club on holding the banquet and catering for the symposium.

Weldee Baetsch said interest in attending the symposium has been expressed by some instructors and students at BSC. He will contact them to get a firm commitment on the number that wish to attend.

Weldee Baetsch said he will contact Lee Carter and Steve DeJong for information on their presentations and give a report at Sunday's meeting.

Dennis Schwind said he spoke with Dave Jensen of Rough Rider Hardwoods about setting up a booth at the symposium. Dave said he was interested and was available for Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Day said he would work on making up the nametags for the symposium. He will also make posters, which will be available at the March meeting.

Dennis Schwind will contact the Mandan News to request publicity for the symposium.

The program for the next meeting will be hollow forms presented by Ron Day with Duncan Warren assisting.

Duey Marthaller reported on the recent project class saying it went very well. He said he would hold another class on layered bowl during the first week of March. Ron Day said he would also do a project class and will decide on the date and the project at a later date.

Ideas for programs for future meetings in May, June and July were discussed. Ideas presented included wood preparation, tools, finishing the bottoms of projects and vacuum chucking.

Members are reminded to bring any turnings they want to donate to the Mandan Band fundraiser to the March meeting. Also requested are donations to the silent auctions to be held during the symposium.

**Dennis Schwind,  
Secretary**

## PREZ SEZ

The February meeting agenda was flipped from the normal routine and worked out well for all involved. Our demo instructor and his bride had a date with a boat and needed to catch a plane by noon. The demo went off without a hitch and Kris laid the golden egg. A big thanks to Kris Roberts for stepping up to the plate and doing a great demo on the simple egg.

The March agenda will be in the same vein as February. Ron Day has again stepped forward to demo hollow forms. Ron has to catch a plane by noon, so he'll demo before our business meeting.

The club's symposium will be in April, so everyone who plans on attending should take care and register

at the March meeting. The symposium will be our first at our new digs, so it should be a great showpiece for your club. Please bring 3 of your best turnings for the instant gallery and let's show the public what we are about.

Anyone with new ideas on what needs to be done to better the symposium should please give their ideas at the March meeting.

The club has been busy and continues to grow and improve. As prez I would like to thank all the members who have taken time away from their busy schedules and give so much to our club. The ideas and comments that you provide are a big help to the E-board and to me as we try to ensure continuous improvement of the club and meet the needs of the members. I hope that you the members will continue to keep us on our toes.

The symposium should be a fun time. Pete Holtus, Steve De Jong and Lee Carter will be the demonstrators. Please sign up at the March meeting. Hope to see everyone in March ----until then keep the lathe spinning and hug a tree.

**Your Prez,  
Pat the Retired Plumber**

## SYMPOSIUM --- WORTH IT?

A few years prior to the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, I attended a workshop devoted to finding ideas for teaching strategies. Included on seeking sources the moderator stressed the value of reading good books. During those years even quality, paperback books that sold for a dollar or more were considered expensive. However, the moderator observed that despite the cost of books, if you get only one good idea from a book, the cost of the book was well worth it. True indeed.

The moderator's observation befits the value of attending a woodturning symposium, especially the kind sponsored by our club. It is inconceivable that those attending the symposium will not get at least one or more new, useful ideas. To observe demonstrations and listen to explanations by turning

professionals can be priceless. Perhaps you will learn to eliminate bad turning habits, be motivated to turn items other than you are doing now, or enjoy the enforcement and/or refinement of your own good procedures. The alameda comes with being able to try a new idea immediately during the applied part of the presentation. Thereby you not only will have extended your prowess in woodturning, but also have gotten better bang (chips) from your buck (wood). Still, the question remains: Will the cost and time required for the symposium be worth it? Answer: You will never know until you attend it. So Come! We suspect you will find the price and outcomes are right.

By: Norbert Berning

## STUFF

First, I would like to thank all of you who signed the get-well card and the others in the club that wished me well. You are a great group of caring people. THANKS.

It looks like your demonstrations are going great. Keep it up and advance to the next step in your turning. However, don't forget those members that are just starting out. Learn how to use the tool...then you can accomplish all those things you see others do. All of us can use a refresher course from time to time.

Several years ago, I handed out a sheet for demonstrators to be guided by, hope you read it and read it again. Sometimes when demonstrating things can go wrong and when they do they seem to multiply. We all have lumps of wood at home that just didn't do what they were supposed to or as what we wanted them to do. The difference is at home we can chuck the piece into the file 13 of whatever, but at a demo, you just carry on and find a solution. When things do go wrong for the demonstrator, it's not a bad thing. The crowd or the club will immediately identify with you and will enjoy the presentation.

As soon as a demonstrator is introduced, the rest of the meeting is theirs. They are completely in control; they turn well and keep a good commentary going along with questions and answers. One thing I have noted is two or more members begin a sideline discussion on a "subject". This interferes with the demo and the participants. If you must do this, please go outside or to another room to avoid the distraction for the other members.

Hope to see all of you at the March meeting and the symposium.

Meanwhile, keep the chips & ribbons flying. Think Safety.

*DUNC*

## HALLOW FORM TURNING CLASSES

Build on what you see and learn at the March meeting program. Ron Day will be offering classes on the turning of hollow forms at his shop in late March.

The classes will include the preparation of blanks and the complete turning of a hollow form by each participant. Each class will be limited to three participants and will be set on a first come first served basis, so sign-up now!

Date: A common date fitting the first 3 registrants.  
Place: 3731 Hunters Circle Bismarck  
Cost: \$20.00 (Payable to Dakota Woodturners)  
Instructor: Ron Day  
Time: 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM  
Size Limit: 3 students  
Call 223-6756 to register - First three registrants taken.

# WHO?



"I've worked with wood all my life," Bill (William) White told me. After my visit with him, I suspected the toys he received in youth were nails, a piece of wood, and a hammer. His earliest memories are of helping his father construct farm buildings – the basis for his reflection noted above.

In addition to spending many years as a farmer, Bill was a schoolteacher. His subject areas are mathematics and business education. Bill has recently retired from teaching, but his wife, Sharon, also a teacher, continues to teach fifth grade students at Turtle Lake- Mercer.

Bill has been woodturning for about nine years. In 1999, he joined the Dakota Woodturners Club. For two years, he served as its Vice-President. He is also a member of the AAW. When woodturning demonstrators were needed at special public wood turning demonstrating events, Bill demonstrated the making of pens and small chalices.

Although in the past he has concentrated on turning pens and chalices, recently he has expanded his turning interests to bowls and platters. In turning the latter, he works with poplar, walnut, and segmented wood.

Aside from turning, Bill continues to build shelving, blanket chests, nightstands, and various small items upon request. Further, two years ago he ventured into woodcarving and joined the Garrison Carving Club.

Participating in civic affairs has been important part of Bill's life. He has been a member of the Township Board for thirty-three years, served as the farm Bureau president and director, and, along with his wife, has been active in his United Methodist Church parish activities. When time allows, he enjoys fishing and restoring antique tractors.

Bill and Sharon have three children and three grandchildren.

By: Norbert Berning

**2006 / 2007 Programs**

Mar. 10, 2007 BSC Vo-Tech Wood Shop

Hallow Forms

April

Symposium

Peter Holtus, Lee Carter

and Steve De Jong –

**SWAP SHOP**

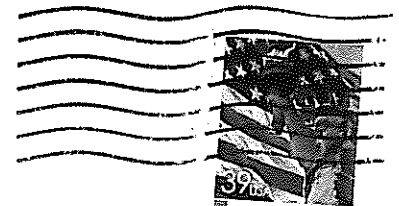
For Sale: 12" Craftsman band saw model #13.243411. Saw includes the stand with casters, rip fence and several width blades. Also included is a speed reducer to enable metal cutting. Asking \$225.00. Phone 222-0326

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