



# DAKOTA WOODTURNERS SAWDUST & SHAVINGS



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## REGULAR MEETING

July 14, 2007  
Ron Day's Shop

July Program:  
Prepping Green Wood Blanks &  
Chainsaw Safety

## Dakota Woodturners Club

Dakota Woodturners Membership Meeting  
June 9, 2007

### SHOW AND TELL

The regular meeting of the club was held at the BSC Vo-Tech woodworking shop with 25 members and 1 guest attending.

Louis Pittman brought in 3 layered bowls he made at Duey Marthaller's class and finished at home. He also had two other bowls, one of Mesquite and one made from Ash which he said he finished with four coats of tung oil.

Bill White brought in a Walnut platter. Bill, in reply to questions, explained the process he uses in chucking the blank and the re-chucking for finishing the bottom. He said he prefers cutting a recess with a Forstner bit in the bottom and using the expansion mode of his chuck rather than gluing on a waste block. Bill finished the platter with Watco oil and carnauba wax.

Duey Marthaller related a story about a near disaster when refinishing a frame on a Last Supper print. He

got some tung oil on the print and in an attempt to clean it up the tung oil softened the paint and it smeared during the cleaning effort. Duey thanked Alice Berning for bailing him out as she was able to re-paint the area to original condition. Moral: Take a little extra time to remove and remount the print, painting or photo.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Kelly Geir was absent so no treasurer's report was presented. Weldee Baetsch said the bill from BSC for the symposium room rental arrived and was passed on to the treasurer and he believes the bill was paid. All of the bills for the symposium should now be paid.

Weldee also brought the remaining Talc and Alabaster from the symposium. It has been weighed out and priced, so anyone interested can pick it up after the meeting.

Pat Schweitzer told the club of Dave Krumweide's Best of Show award for his hollow turning at the Hazen Art Show. Ron Day who was at the Center Art Show on Friday said Dave also won a blue ribbon for a turning project submitted to the show. Ron said traffic was slow on Friday at the Center Art Show.

Ron Day said the tool order has arrived and he has the orders available for pickup today.

Pat Schweitzer reminded the club of the live and silent auctions planned for the picnic and suggested anyone willing to donate an item could bring it to the next meeting.

Duey Marthaller presented a proposal for website development services from Larry Nelsons' son-in-

law's company, DualC of Minneapolis, MN. The cost of the services would be \$1500.00. With limited funds available, the consensus was that this might be more than the club could afford. A poll of the membership present at the meeting indicated a majority were in favor of having a website. Pat Schweitzer said the E-Board would discuss the subject further and report back to the membership.

Ron Day said he would be holding a hollow form turning class this afternoon at his shop and still had one opening if anyone was interested.

The program for July will be held at Ron Day's shop and will be on wood preparation for turning. Weldee Baetsch said he has some apple wood that he would bring. Francis Streifel said he used to do chain saw sharpening and has the tools for sharpening and would volunteer to assist in that area of the program.

#### Upcoming events:

E-Board meeting at Dakota Farms June 12th  
- 7:00pm

2007 AAW Symposium - Portland, OR June  
29 - July 1st

July meeting at the Ron Day Shop July  
14th - 9:00am

Annual Club Picnic at Schweitzer's  
August 11<sup>th</sup> Time TBA

With no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned to the program presented by Duey Marthaller and Ron Day on refurbishing old tools and making tool handles.

Dennis Schwind,  
Secretary

### E-Board Meeting

June 12, 2007

The E-Board meeting was held at the Dakota Farms in Mandan, ND. Members present: Pat Schweitzer, Duncan Warren, Alice & Norbert Berning, Weldee

Baetsch, Dennis Schwind, Kelly Geir, Bryce Hill and Duey Marthaller.

Discussion was held on developing a website for the club. The proposal from DualC of Minneapolis, MN for \$1500.00 would take the majority of our cash reserves and was thought to be too expensive. Dennis Schwind said since the meeting he did some research on setting up a website and gave a report to the Board. Dennis contacted the webmaster for the Fargo Club, Minn-Dak Woodturners for information. Jim McTavish responded and was very helpful providing detailed information on the steps the club took in setting up their site. Jim said free websites are available but are limited in size and features and also include pop-up advertising. The Minn-Dak Woodturners used GoDaddy.com to set up their current website and Jim said they set it up for less than \$300.00. Dennis presented a recap of the charges from GoDaddy.com and verified the current price would be in the \$200 - \$300 range for the Domain Name registration and web hosting services. The price varies due to the features and length of service selected. Pat Schweitzer requested Dennis to write an article for the news letter explaining his presentation to the membership.

Bryce Hill was told the new BSC president is looking for a scepter. Bryce suggested we make this a club project to design, build and then donate the scepter to BSC in appreciation of BSC letting us use their facilities. Bryce will make some inquiries to find out details on the design and other information required for making a scepter.

Kelly Geir presented the treasurer's report. All bills are current and paid, including the bill from BSC for symposium room rental.

Weldee Baetsch said he will contact BSC about renewing our contract which will expire in August. Duncan Warren suggested we contact the BSC Art Department again about collaborating on art shows and demonstrations.

Pat Schweitzer requested the members attending the AAW Symposium in Portland make some contacts to find demonstrators for future symposiums. He also suggested contacting Clay Johnson of Choice Woods who will be at the symposium and have him provide introductions to potential demonstrators. A

suggestion was made to also contact Jimmy Clewes, who is known for doing quite a few demonstrations around the country, to see if we could get him to do a one day class for the club.

Duey Marthaller gave a report on the program for the July meeting. The program will cover preparing wood for turning and stations will be set up on the various processes involved such as chainsaw safety, drying, treating and preparing blanks. Duncan Warren said he has some larger pieces of wood that will be at the program. He said a larger chain saw will be required to cut some of the larger pieces.

Duncan Warren thanked Cliff Rime, Ron Day and Kris Roberts for assisting with the demo at the Center Art Show. He said Friday was slow, but on Saturday, afternoon attendance improved. Dave Krumweide won a blue ribbon for his submissions to the show.

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

Dennis Schwind,  
Secretary

### THE PREZ SEZ

July is fast approaching and my shop is nearing completion. Hopefully I will have time to fish before the summer is over. The July meeting will be at Ron's shop and will include a variety of topics--how to prepare wood from the tree to the lathe and chain saw safety and use, the cutting of bowl blanks and a demo on sharpening chain saw blades.

June was a busy month for club members. The Hazen and Center show had members demo and enter their art turnings in the show. Dave Krumwiede took best show at Hazen and did well at Center. Congrats and thank you to all who participated.

Ron, Dennis, Jerry and Duey are headed to Portland for AAW'S annual symposium. The crew will be in for an eye opening experience,

and hopefully will bring back to the club a wealth of new ideas. Ron and Duey will check out turners for possible demo's at club meetings and our symposium.

Remember the picnic in August, bring something for the silent, and live auction, so the club can build up our education funds for future demos. Enough for this month hope to see everyone at Ron's shop in July and your president's shop in August.

Your Prez,  
Pat the Retired Plumber

### WHO



Listening to Leroy Beosplfug's narration of the catalog of his activities during his pre-retirement years prompts a vision of an academic

achievement gallery. He wore many hats while paddling his way to retirement.

During his forty-plus years in education, he was a teacher, coached wrestling, football, and tennis; served as a counselor, performed director duties in transportation, Vo-Tec, Adult Ed, and capital projects. His prowess in wrestling led to officiating in that sport for thirty years, which included twenty-five state high school tournaments and five national college tourneys. Simultaneously, he found time and energy to be a member of the Dickinson State University Foundation Board and his church board.

Now, add to these activities his consummate interest in serious woodworking. Initiated into this craft during childhood, he gradually became proficient in furniture making. When our club was formed, Leroy's insatiable desire to add another dimension to his woodworking skills prompted him to join as a charter member. He is also listed in the AAW Directory. His favorite items to turn are bowls, hollow forms, and lamps. Oh...he has a time filler hobby also - photography.

An avid collector of wood, Leroy's contribution of a trailer load of wood mentioned in the last newsletter was partially due to a gentle "either-or" admonition by his spouse, Jean. She too was a teacher, a specialist in learning disabilities. Her hobbies include stamping, flower arrangements, and decorative motifs. Leroy and Jean have two children and one grandchild.

**By: Norbert Berning**

## **DWT Website**

From comments I have heard, the \$1500.00 proposal for website services presented at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is more than the club can afford. I did some research and at the E-Board meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> I presented information on

developing a website for the Club. Pat asked me to write an article to inform the membership of our discussions.

I started by going to the Fargo/Moorhead website and sending a message to their Webmaster asking how they went about setting up their website and the costs involved. Jim McTavish replied and was very helpful by sending me detailed information on what they did and what it takes to setup a website. From there, I did some further searching on the Internet on setting up websites. I used the site GoDaddy.com for the information that follows because the site was recommended by Jim McTavish and other IT people that I know who are familiar with the process.

There are four main areas that need to be addressed to get a website up and running, the purchase of a domain name, hosting services, writing the website and maintaining the website.

A domain name is the address of a website much the same as your street address. Examples of Domain names: Fargo/Moorhead MinnDak Woodturners - <http://minndakwoodturners.com/>, AAW - <http://www.woodturner.org/>. I searched GoDaddy.com for domain names for our club. The following names are available. Dakotawoodturners.com; DWTClub.com; and Dakotaturners.com. These three names are also available with an .org extension. The .com signifies a commercial site and the .org signifies an organizational site.

Once you purchase a domain name you need to find a way to host the website. A website host is a computer that stores the information for your website and makes it available to your clientele. There are three options for website hosting which vary depending on size needed, features, security, and of course price.

The first option is a free hosting site such as the one found at <http://geocities.yahoo.com/>. Free

sites are supported by advertising, so ads are on the page and popup ads come up as you are viewing the pages. These sites have limited features and have a small amount of storage space, approx 15MB (mega bytes). (Example site: <http://www.geocities.com/goldturners/>). I wanted to see what was involved to set up a site, so I signed up for a personal site for myself. I registered the site, which you can view at <http://www.geocities.com/dennischwind/>. It took me about 1 – 1 ½ hours to write this website and it was very easy. Geocities has upgraded hosting services for a fee, but from what I can tell the price vs. the features are not comparable to other sites.

The second option is to setup a computer such as your home computer through an internet service provider. This option has draw backs concerning security, the computer needs to be on at all times and because of some technical issues involving the domain name, the service, accessibility and up time can be intermittent.

The third and best option is to purchase hosting services through a company like GoDaddy.com. The domain name can also be purchased through GoDaddy.com and my sources tell me it is best to purchase a package deal to avoid conflicts. Features from GoDaddy.com include 5GB of space (5 gigabytes), e-mail accounts for members plus e-mail forwarding, ten databases, and capability to set up blogs, forums and photos. They also include free setup, software compatibility for Front Page extensions, security and firewalls, backup of data and 24/7 support.

The final items are writing and maintaining the website. If you go to the AAW website and view some of the local chapter websites you will see a wide range of website quality and content the best of which we could use to develop a website of our own. Writing the first page of a website would probably take 3-4 hours to layout, format properly and then add content. Additional pages can be copied from the first page and then the

content is edited which should take about an hour for each page. A basic beginning website will have about 6-10 pages to start with and additional pages are added as gallery photos, files and articles are added to the site. Once the website is written and posted (published) to the web hosting service it should only take 1-2 hours a month to update the site, adding photos, the newsletter, updating membership and making minor revisions. Setting up forums or blogs could take a little longer. I am not familiar with how that is done and would need to do some additional research.

Prices can vary depending on features purchased and the term of service. Jim McTavish from Fargo told me their initial setup a couple of years ago with GoDaddy.com cost \$225.00, which includes the domain name reserved for 10 years. They are going to renew their website hosting this year for a 5 year term at a cost of \$165.00. The prices that follow from GoDaddy.com are for a three-year term. As with most things, there might be a couple of other charges, but we can get a site up and running for well under \$300.00.

Domain Name - \$8.95/yr  
SSL Certificate (Security feature) - \$19.99/yr  
ICANN Fee - \$0.22/yr  
Web hosting - \$2.80/mo

Total for three years:

Domain Name – 5 yrs = \$43.75,  
10 yrs = \$85.00

This pretty much covers the subject and I tried to keep it short, but cover all the information. There are a couple of other questions I am checking into, but it will not affect what is stated above to any major extent. I will know more by the July meeting.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions if you know of other options.

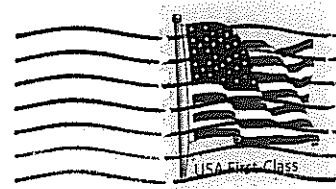
Dennis Schwind

**2006 / 2007 Programs**

July Wood Preparation  
August Club's Summer Picnic

**SWAP SHOP**

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