



# DAKOTA WOODTURNERS SAWDUST & SHAVINGS



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## REGULAR MEETING

**September 13, 2007**  
**BSC Vo-Tech Building**

September Program:  
Dave Krumweide  
Turning Banksia Pod

## Dakota Woodturners Club

The Dakota Woodturners Summer Picnic was held in lieu of the club's regular meeting. The September meeting will be held at the normally scheduled time (9:00 am) at the BSC Vo-tech building.

## E-Board Meeting

E-Board meeting July 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Schweitzer at the Dakota Farms Restaurant, Mandan, ND at 7:00 PM. Members present: Pat Schweitzer, Ron Day, Duncan Warren, Duey Marthaller, Weldee Baetsch, Dennis Schwind and Don Flath.

Duey Marthaller reported that an E-mail from Clay Johnson with Choice Woods was received regarding getting Jimmy Clewes to do a turning demonstration for the club. Clay suggested contacting Jimmy's scheduler for open dates and fees. Duey said he would send a follow up message for more information.

Ron Day said he had made a preliminary contact with Dick Sing for the April 2008 Symposium and he was interested in returning to Bismarck-Mandan. Ron will contact Dick with suggested dates of April 11 - 13, 2008 to see if that will fit into his schedule. He will also ask if Dick can find a couple of additional demonstrators from the Chicago area to appear.

The Club was asked to turn bowls as a club project for residents along Washington Street affected by the current street construction. The request is for approximately 25 pieces to be turned from a Silver Maple that had to be removed due to the street construction. The Bismarck City Forester made the request and Pat Schweitzer will invite him to the next meeting to provide more details. This project was approved by members at the annual picnic.

The September meeting program will be on turning Banksia Pods to be presented by Dave Krumweide. Duey Marthaller will present the technical program on wood preparation concentrating on wood shrinkage. Tentative programs on ornaments for October, platters for November and bottle stoppers or wood burning, coloring and decorating projects for the December meeting were suggested.

Pat Schweitzer said an election committee will be appointed at the September meeting to suggest nominees for President, Vice President and one at-large member whose terms will be expiring December 31, 2007. Anyone interested in serving on the committee please contact Pat.

The annual Club Christmas Party will be held after the regular January 12, 2008 meeting. Dennis Schwind was asked to contact the Bismarck Eagles

Club and make a reservation for the party if the date is open.

Duey Marthaller suggested we again set up club challenges. Members are requested to bring finial boxes, spiral top boxes or Talc and Alabaster turning projects they have completed since the April symposium along with any other show & tell items. Ornament turning is scheduled as the October challenge and members are requested to bring ornaments to that meeting.

BSC has provided a plan for the mace they requested the Club turn for them. Leroy Boespflug has a piece of Badlands Cedar he will provide for the project. Pat Schweitzer said he would be turning a prototype and submitting it for approval before the final project is turned.

Duey Marthaller has requested members to provide articles for the newsletter. Any item of interest to the club will be accepted, so please consider submitting an article. Articles can be submitted to Ron Day.

The annual Club picnic was held on August 11<sup>th</sup> at Pat Schweitzer's home with 49 people attending and included a tour of his nearly completed shop. A silent auction was held with the pieces that received the highest six bids being then moved to a live auction. Spirited bidding at the auctions contributed to raising \$608.00 for the education fund. Thank you to Pat and Barb for hosting the picnic at their home. Also to all members who donated items for the auction and those who assisted in making the picnic a success.

Discussion was held on setting up a website for the Club. Questions were asked on what we expect to achieve and what benefit a website would be for the Club. Also mentioned were concerns about keeping a website updated with current and useful information. Further discussion will be held at the September meeting and Dennis Schwind said he would try to get firm prices for a website. A question was asked on whether a website could save money on mailing the monthly newsletter. Ron Day reported the costs for printing and mailing the newsletter to approximately 70 members, 10 complimentary copies to libraries and associations and 10 prospective members is about \$80.00 - \$85.00 per month.

Weldee Baetsch will contact BSC to extend the contract for our meetings for the 2007/2008 year.

With no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

By: Dennis Schwind, Secretary

## THE PREZ SEZ

Summer is fast departing and the August picnic is history. Hope the members who attended had a good time and plenty to eat. The silent auction and live auction were successes. Thanks a lot for those who donated and thanks to those who bought the items. The auctions combined raised over 6 bills for the education fund.

The Bismarck City Forester has asked our club to turn a couple dozen candy dishes out of a silver maple tree that was removed for the Washington project. A show of hands at the picnic was in favor doing the project, so I will call the Forester and have him attend the September meeting to bring us up to speed. The city has the wood and the club would have to turn the bowls and return them to the Forester when finished. I hope the club will jump in and show the city of Bismarck what we are about. Maybe the club could have a Saturday set aside to turn the bowls for the city. That way the members could help each other out and could be a fun learning experience.

Duey has September's meeting about ready. Duey will give a presentation on wood and its movements. Dave Krumriede will have a demo on Banksia pods and how to turn them.

I would like to thank all the members who have helped in the past year, as my term of president comes to a close, I would like to thank all the membership and hope that I didn't make too many people mad. I had a full plate and probably didn't do the job of president justice ---these last 2 years with building the house last year and building the shop this year was quite a busy time for me. Hopefully the last few months will be our most productive and rewarding as a club.

Enough rambling for now. Hope to see everyone at the September meeting. We need more people to step up and demo for the meetings. So think about it if you've not demonstrated. Remember we are not after a big production, only the best you can do.

Keep the trees falling and the chips flowing.

**Your Prez,  
Pat the Retired Plumber**

## WHO



Vern Hansen sold insurance for thirty years. Four and one-half years following insurance selling he sold commercial lighting fixtures. These years of work are exceeded by his experiences in woodworking. For more than fifty years he has done woodworking which included wood carving, and for thirty years he has been turning wood.

Vern is comfortable in using a wood turning lathe or a metal turning too. Patience appears to be one of his character traits in lathe production. Especially

notable is a steam engine tractor that took him twenty-five years to design and make. Although the machine is designed for boiler operation, to keep it clean and to avoid the fumes smoke associated with fire generated power, he runs it by compressed air. He also made another motor that he operated with a compressor.

Hansen has what might be regarded as a side hobby - that of collecting bricks from various areas of North Dakota and neighboring states. So far as he knows he is the only person in our state who is a member of the International Brick Collectors Association.

Of the five children that Vern and his wife, Doris, have one lives in Hawaii. Thus he has a reason (or excuse?) to visit our island state often. While his visits are primarily family bound, Vern returns home with exotic wood native to that land. Wood pieces that he does not keep for personal turning, he offers to club members for a financial donation to our club.

**By: Norbert Berning**

## Letter to the Editor

Farewells are never easy, as I haven't been to a meeting since the symposium I thought the least I could do is write a note. We decided to put the house up for sale near the end of June so if it took some time selling we would still know where we stood financially by the end of July. It sold in 3 days,...which meant we got very busy very fast. Anyway, we are now here in Nebraska waiting for our new house to be built. They haven't started yet. We are living with a son that is still finishing a house that he and his wife built. So there is lots to do. Our stuff is in storage. Enough of that.

What I really wanted to say is how much I enjoyed my short stay in the club. And thanks to all the members for their help and fellowships. I learned much and have much to learn.

I would like to keep receiving the newsletter until my membership runs out.

**Dan Murchie**

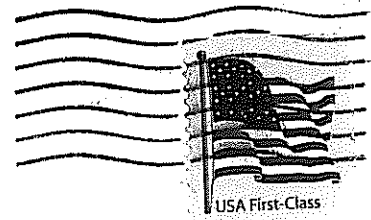
## 2006 / 2007 Programs

September      Turning Banksia Seed Pods  
October         Ornaments  
November       Platters  
December       Decorating

## SWAP SHOP

Joiner 6" Craftsman  
Wood planer 12" Jet  
Bandsaw 12" Craftsman  
Tablesaw 12" Wards  
Belt Sander 6" Craftsman  
Disk Sander 9" Craftsman  
Router Craftsman  
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