



# SAWDUST & SHAVINGS

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## The Prez Sez

Hunting season is in full swing, the fall weather has been beautiful, what more could a North Dakotan want. The October meeting well attended. The demo was a little weak, but the demo guy was waiting for his 4<sup>th</sup> granddaughter to be born. She was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October and was an 8 lb keeper.

The show and tell at the October meeting was a good one. I'm glad to see members bring in their work. I'm amazed at how the quality of the turnings keeps stepping up to new levels. My term in office is fast coming to a close. It will be exciting to have new blood taking over, and a new prospective for the club. Change is what makes our club prosper.

The symposium turners are coming together and the 2008 symposium should be a good one. I hope the members continue to support the symposium.

Duey is having in-shop classes again, and from all involved it sounds like Duey hit another home run. Ron and Duey have really stepped it up for the club and I thank them. Also I must thank Dennis for all his work on the website. I might just have to name Duey, Ron and Dennis, the 3 Amigos.

I'll be hunting for the next month, so don't expect much out of your prez. Keep the trees falling and chips flowing. Summer is about history, the geese are flying, and trees are changing color.

Your Prez,  
Pat the Retired Plumber

NOTE: The following article by Duncan Warren was inadvertently omitted from the October newsletter. We apologize for the oversight. Editor

## STUFF

Many of our members have other pursuits and hobbies are quite well known in other circles. One that I just heard about this summer is Earl Setterlund who was inducted into the North Dakota Horseshoe Pitcher's Hall of Fame for 2007. Earl was elected by the NDHP members and was honored at a banquet at the Doublewood Inn several weeks ago. Earl you do so many things.

The club needs more people to step forward and make a demonstration. It's not as hard to do as you may think. Decide on an item you would like to make (within your own expertise) and practice all steps at home. It does not have to be a complicated project. How about a candleholder, apple, pear, shallow bowl or platter. Give it a try - it will make you a better turner.

Another item that I believe the Club should look at is an exhibition of our turned objects, either functional or artistic for the public to observe. We may need some outside assistance to properly locate and display. Along with this idea, we need to work with other groups to promote our craft and other artistic works. I know this is a tall order, but I think we can bring this area into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Other parts of the country have been doing this for quite some time. Let's think positive and give it a go.

This January the Club is officially 10 years old. Let's check around and bring in some younger turners - so we can learn from them.

It's a good idea when you go shopping to have deep pockets and short arms.

Keep the chips & ribbons flying. See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dunc



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## Membership meeting minutes – Saturday, 13 October 2007

The regular meeting of the chapter was held at the Bismarck State College Vo-tech shop with 30 members and two guests, Joan Bentz and Robert Schmidt in attendance.

### SHOW & SHARE

Ken Ness told the club he and his wife Debbie, who recently retired as Bismarck City Police Chief, have opened a quilt shop, The Quilt Haus, in Bismarck. One of their customers knowing Ken was a woodturner told him she also made bowls. Ken showed the two very nice bowls made by their customer from quilt fabric.

Earl Setterlund is involved in various activities in addition to woodturning including golf, bowling and horseshoes. Earl was recently inducted into the ND Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame and brought in the plaque he was awarded. Earl also is active in his church and brought in samples of the small wooden chalices he makes for all the confirmands. In addition Earl showed more of the spiral ornaments he makes and discussed the indexing procedures he uses to mark the spirals holes and slots. He is still busy making gavels for the Rotary Club and is now expanding his turning into making flutes. It is hard to believe that Earl finds the time and excels in all of these endeavors.

Kris Roberts showed the 1"x8tpi tap he uses to thread blocks of wood to use as chucks, which mount directly on the lathe spindle. Hard close-grained woods work the best and Kris suggested drilling and tapping the block of wood first before mounting on the lathe and then truing up the block, but he suggested leaving small flats on the piece of wood to assist in removing the chuck from the lathe. Kris also showed some globes he prepared for ornaments. He said he has been working on producing a number of globes and then mounts them into his PVC egg chuck to finish off the opposite end of the globe.

Weldee Baetsch followed up on last months demo by turning some Banksia Pods. He made a couple of lidded boxes with Apple wood accents and incorporated some Inlace decorations. He also had an Oak bowl, which he said had a lot of knots, which he secured with CA glue.

With today's demo being on ornaments Ron Day brought in an example of inside out ornaments he has been working on. He said he also made some copies of the instructions and patterns he has been using and will make them available after the demo.

Gary Nagel showed a lidded box in the shape of an ornament he turned, kind of a two-for-one turning. He said he has also been working on turned jewelry but apologized

for the few examples he had to show as his daughters have been raiding his stock.

Francis Streifel showed photos of a shop made thickness drum sander he made for his segmented turning. He has plans available and would be happy to show and demonstrate it to anyone interested.

George Holimer brought in some Russian olive for the members. Don Flath said he also had some good-sized pieces of Russian olive and brought a chain saw if any pieces needed to be cut.

Frank Soule brought in quite a few smaller Christmas Ornaments, which he has made over the years. He made them from various woods and said his goal is to make one ornament for each year of his life. He said he puts up a Christmas tree in his office and decorates it with these ornaments.

Kris Roberts told the club he was making a trip to the Badlands this afternoon to pickup some Cedar. Anyone interested should contact Kris after the meeting. Kris also mentioned his wife was opening a store at the Gateway Mall for the Christmas shopping season. She is interested in incorporating woodturning items and if anyone is interested in consigning some pieces they can contact Kris.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Kelly Geir presented the treasurer's report. Kelly mentioned the Club's subscription for Woodturning Magazine was set to expire and was wondering if the Club wished to renew the subscription. Bryce Hill moved to renew the subscription for two years. Ron Day seconded the motion, motion carried.

Pat Schweitzer reminded the members he and Ron Day have blanks of the Silver Maple available that need to be turned for the City of Bismarck Washington Street project. He requested members get started as the goal is to get the bowls completed by January.

Duncan Warren does not yet have an Election Committee report.

Dennis Schwind reported on the new Club web site. The web site name is registered, the initial pages have been written and the site has been published to the Internet. The web site address is "<http://www.dakotawoodturners.com/>". He gave an overview of the pages currently on the web site. Dennis said at this point his goal was to get the basic layout of the pages written and published. Additional formatting will be done as new content is accumulated and added. He outlined plans for additional content such as meeting and demo notes, additional photo galleries and member gallery

pages. He requested Club members provide input and suggestions for any additional content and modifications. In conjunction with making contacts for the web site Dennis also noted Sew & Tell has moved to Mandan, ND and an email was received from the Minn-Dak Woodturners of Fargo/Moorhead inquiring about collaborating on bringing in professional woodturners for demonstrations.

Dennis also reported in conjunction with the web site he has taken on the duties of Newsletter editor for the time being. There were a few computer compatibility problems with the transfer of the newsletter files and mailing labels. In the transition, Duncan Warren's article recognizing Earl Setterlunds' induction into the ND Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame was lost. (Note: My apologies to Duncan and Earl. The article will be in next month's newsletter. – Dennis) The database of members and their address information is being updated. A renewal form will be included in next month's newsletter and all members are requested to fill out a new form to insure member information is correct and updated.

Dennis reported the Bismarck Eagles Club was reserved the second Saturday of January for the annual Christmas Party. Pat Schweitzer checked with other places including the Elks Club, which were also unavailable. Dennis Schwind was requested to check for alternate dates and the first Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, was available. A reservation has been with the Bismarck Eagles Club. Members should make a note the January meeting only will be moved to the first Saturday of the month.

Pat Schweitzer reported he submitted a grant application to DWAC for next year's symposium.

Ron Day said Keith Gotshall has made a commitment to appear at the April symposium in addition to Dick Sing and the turner from Atlanta, GA. The dates have been firmed up but negotiations on details are still being worked out.

Duey Marthaller said he contacted Jimmy Clewes about appearing for a demonstration in mid to late June of 2008 but has yet to receive a reply.

Bryce Hill said he has a Sears Pancake compressor and a thickness planer for sale.

Duey Marthaller reported the pepper mill turning class he held recently has been completed. Anyone interested in additional classes on any turning project should contact him on setting up additional classes.

With no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned to the shop for a technical presentation on understanding the structure of wood growth presented by Duey Marthaller and the turning demonstration on ornaments by Pat Schweitzer, assisted by Ron Day.

## Minutes of E-Board Meeting – October 16, 2007

Vice President Duey Marthaller, in the absence of President Pat Schweitzer, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Dakota Farms, Mandan, ND. Members present: Dennis Schwind, Duncan Warren, Ron Day, Weldee Baetsch, and Kelly Geir.

The annual Pride of Dakota show will be held at the Bismarck Civic on December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ron Day and Duey Marthaller will have booths at the show.

Kelly Geir presented the treasurer's report.

Dennis Schwind presented a Membership Application form for review. With some corrections and additions the form was approved. The application form will be included in the November Newsletter and additional copies will be available at the meetings.

In taking over the duties of the newsletter editor, Dennis Schwind present the current mailing list for review. A couple of members known to have moved out of the area were removed from the list. Newsletter mailings will continue to the remaining members and comps on the list until after the first of the year.

Dennis Schwind received an e-mail from Jim McTavish of the Minn-Dak Woodturners in Fargo inquiring about sharing expenses on bring in professional demonstrators. Being Ron Day and Duey Marthaller have been working on bringing in demonstrators they were asked to follow up.

Discussion was held on the club needing a bigger lathe for symposiums and certain demonstrations. The lathe recently purchased by the club is not quite big enough and a lathe similar to a Powermatic 3520 was suggested. The topic will be brought before the membership for further discussion.

Duey Marthaller said he still has not received a reply from Jimmy Clewes and will make a follow up call.

Weldee Baetsch said he would be contacting BSC soon about renewing our contract for meetings from January through June including the three-day symposium.

Ron Day, on a question by Kelly Geir, made a motion to renew the AAW membership and magazine for both the Bismarck and Mandan Public Libraries. Duncan Warren seconded the motion, motion carried.

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**DAKOTA WOODTURNERS CHAPTER  
2008 Membership Application**

First:	Middle:	Last:
Spouse:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Cell:	AAW Member? Yes      No
Email:		

**NEWSLETTER PREFERENCES**

Send by:	US Mail	Email	Web Download
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**INTERESTS**

Skill level:			
Favorite Turning Projects:			
Spindle Turning	Bowls	Platters/Plates	Goblets
Ornaments	Lidded Containers	Pens	Hollow Forms
Vases/Vessels	Top/Toys	Bottle Stoppers	Segmented turning
Other:			
Other Hobbies:			

**I CAN ASSIST THE CHAPTER**

Demonstrations	Tech Presentations	Setup/Cleanup	Run for Office
Tool Orders	Newsletter	Submit Articles	Symposium
Other:			
Comments:			
Signature:			Date:

Please return fully completed form to either: Dennis Schwind, 500 Stuttgart Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504 or Kelly Geir, 117 West Antelope Street, Mandan ND 58554

Duncan Warren suggested the club should do more to promote woodturning in the community. He suggested displaying quality pieces in public places such as art galleries, malls or business places. Consideration needs to be given to the difference between craft pieces and gallery pieces. A jury committee would probably need to be set up to select appropriate pieces for display in the appropriate settings.

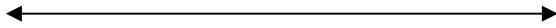
Duncan Warren suggested a future topic on finishing for the Tech Talk portion of the meeting.

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

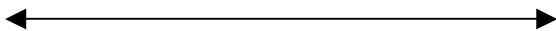
Dennis Schwind, Secretary

## CHIPS

**RENEW TIME** - As we approach the end of 2007 it is time to starting thinking about renewing your membership. Included in the newsletter is an application form for 2008. The Board of Directors is requesting each member fill the form out completely as it has been some time since our records have been updated. With elections for new Board members coming up at the December meeting, the information you provide will assist the Board in planning meetings, technical presentations and demonstrations. Please check the code on the Newsletter mailing label to verify if your membership status is correct.



**NEW BUSINESS** - DiAnn & Kris Roberts have opened "Ties with an Attitude Plus" at the Gateway Mall in Bismarck. They are accepting consignments. If anyone is interested in selling any items contact DiAnn for details at 220-1758.

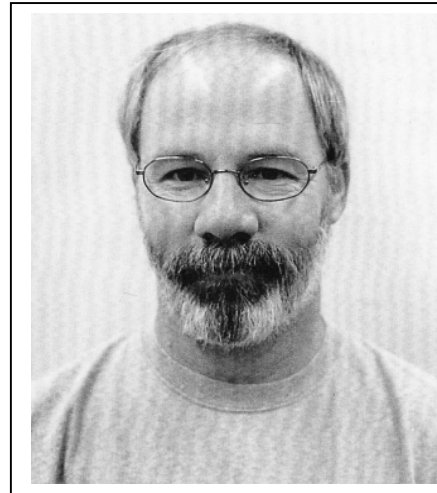


**WEB SITE** - The Dakota Woodturners web site is now online. The basic structure of the web site is in place and now it is a matter of doing some fine-tuning and adding more content. I hope to add gallery pages for any member who would like to submit photos of their work. I hope to also get an updated library list published soon. Please feel free to suggest any additional content you would like to see or any revisions to existing content.

The web site address is - <http://dakotawoodturners.com/>  
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Dennis Schwind

## WHO



Some thirty years ago Robert "Spud" Gruman set up his recently acquired Shopsmith to turn wood. Scarcely into the project a wood missile missed his head by only a few inches. Not until the founding of the Dakota Woodturners Club did he become interested in woodturning again. He became a member of the club a few months after its formation.

Robert, of "Spud" as he prefers to be called is an instrument technician employed by the Coal Creek Station. Earlier in life he cut agates and thus has retained a lingering interest in rock and gem shows. Additional activities include metal turning, base player with his church band and playing a six-string guitar.

The types of wood spud prefers to turn are ash, Caragana, walnut and cedar. From these he likes to turn weed ports and lidded boxes. He attributes Cliff Rime as the person who inspired him the most to pursue woodturning. During the early club meetings Cliff brought a bag of turnings, good and bad. The laughs he generated describing the bad impressed Spud that turning cannot only be fun, but the "bad" are good learning experiences and it is not "bad" to laugh at one's goofs.

Spuds' wife, Connie, is a receptionist at a pediatric dental office. For domestic R&R she is an artist and does crafts. The Grumman's have three children and three grandchildren.

Norbert Berning

## SCHEDULE

November 10	Regular Meeting	Platters
November 13	Board Meeting	
December 1 & 2	Pride of Dakota Show	
December 8	Regular Meeting	Decorating
December 11	Board Meeting	
January 5, 2008	Meeting & Christmas Party	(1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday)

## SWAP SHOP

Sears Air Compressor  
Ryobi Thickness Planer  
Contact Bryce Hill – 255-6315

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