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## The Prez Sez

The Dakota Wood turners have a new president, vice president and member at large. I would like to congratulate Duey, Ron, and Alice and thank them for stepping forward. I've been an officer of the club in one form or another since its inception and would like to thank all the members for their support over the years. I hope I didn't make too many of the members unhappy. I know some were not on the same page and for this I have regrets.

Duey, Ron and the rest of the new E-board will take our club to new heights and I leave the E board knowing the club will be in good hands.

The January meeting will also be our Christmas party and I hope many will attend. The meeting will be the first weekend of the month, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, so that we could have a place to eat. The Bismarck Eagles will be the spot and Dennis would like a firm head count if you haven't already responded. After our wood turners meeting, members are invited to my shop for the afternoon, if they need to place to hang out. My shop is north on Washington to Greenfield Lane, then west a couple of blocks. There is a rock with 'SCHWEITZERS' on it and the address is 410 Greenfield Lane. The shop is in the backyard; just follow the road on the east side of the house.

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**REMINDER:** Note meeting date change to the first Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Meeting at 9:00 AM BSC Vo-tech Center  
1200 College Drive, Bismarck, ND.

Christmas Party at 5:00 PM with dinner at  
6:00 PM at the Bismarck Eagles Club,  
313 North 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Bismarck, ND

## SYMPOSIUM

The 2008 Dakota Woodturners hands-on symposium has been scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Bismarck State College Vo-tech Center. Featured demonstrators will be Gary Gardner, Morganton, GA, Keith Gotshall, Salida, CO and Dick Sing, Joliet, IL.

Some brief information on each of the artists follows. More details on the symposium and what each artist will be demonstrating will be forth coming.

### Gary Gardner:

Gary is a professional woodturner, teaching out of his studio in Morganton, GA as well as the J.C. Campbell Folk School. Gary demonstrates at numerous clubs and symposiums throughout the country and his work is in private collections and museums worldwide. You can review the web site below for more information on Gary and his work. I received a nice e-mail from Gary and he says he is looking forward to coming to Bismarck in April.  
<http://www.turningleafwoodart.com/GaryGardner.htm>

### Keith Gotshall:

Keith is a member of the Front Range Woodturners, Denver, CO. You can review Keith's work at his web site:  
<http://keithgotshall.com/>.

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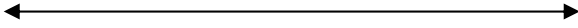
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Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. I will be the wallflower in the back of the room. Stop and say hi. A final thank you to all that have helped with the club, and given myself the needed support to be president.

Keep the trees falling and the chips flowing,  
Your Prez,  
Pat the Retired Plumber



## DAKOTA WOODTURNERS CLUB

**Membership meeting minutes – Saturday, December 8, 2007**

The regular meeting of the chapter was held at the Bismarck State College Vo-tech shop with 40 members and two guests in attendance.

### SHOW & SHARE

Gary Nagel and Cliff Rime each brought in completed bowls of Silver Maple for the City of Bismarck Washington Street Project.

Earl Setterlund brought in four vases of Spalted Aspen along with three bowls. He said he was inspired by Duey Marthaller's presentation last month on turning pieces of wood that had some unusual figure and knots. He also showed members a laser pointer he adapted to fit his Trent Bosch hollowing tool.

Dennis Schwind showed a Walnut winged vase inspired by a demonstration given by Tom Crab at last summers AAW Symposium in Portland, OR. He also showed a pencil cup, which he turned from Apple Wood saying it developed a crack when partially turned. Thinking it was now firewood he set it aside. As the wood dried the crack closed, so he glued the crack and proceeded to finish the piece. Once again the crack, larger now, opened at the same place. After a few more days the crack again closed. He said this was the most unusual piece of wood he had ever encountered.

Duey Marthaller showed photos of three turnings by Weldee Baetsch that were painted by Alice Berning. The pieces were a bowl and pencil cup turned from Maple and Birch and Oak. Alice painted on flowers, leaves and a pheasant incorporating and lining up the designs with the grain of the wood. The pieces were gifts to friends in PA.

Ron Day showed a couple of small bowls for the Washington Street project finished with wipe on poly. He said he prefers wipe on poly as it results in a very tough finish.

### Dick Sing:

Dick is making a return visit to Bismarck. Dick is an internationally known demonstrator and prolific author of books on various woodturning projects. Dick's work, books and demonstrations can be found on numerous web sites.

It was brought to the attention of the Club that Ron Day is now an internationally know woodturner. Asked to explain, Ron said he sold a number of pieces at the recent Pride of Dakota show that will be given as gifts to people in China, the Netherlands and Germany.

Alice Berning showed bowls from Duncan Warren that she painted. She showed these and others as samples of some of the techniques she will be demonstrating after the meeting. She had a bowl from Weldee Baetsch that had a crack across the bottom, which she incorporated into the painted design. She also showed a Santa's Sleigh that she was painting for Weldee Baetsch.

Jim Fine showed a vase of Spalted Birch he got from Duncan Warren. With some soft spots in the spalted wood he reinforced the spots with CA glue and finished the piece with Polyurethane.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Kelly Geir presented the treasurer's report.

Pat Schweitzer reminded the members about completing the Silver Maple bowls for the City. He requested everyone having bowls or bowl blanks to call Kris Roberts. Kris will be keeping track of the number of bowls and who has them. The goal is to get approximately 30 bowls completed by January.

Duncan Warren on behalf of the nominating committee moved to nominate Duey Marthaller for President, Ron Day for Vice President and Alice Berning as Member-at-large. Gary Nagel seconded the motion. With no additional nominations, Earl Setterlund moved to suspend the rules and cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. Dave Krumweide seconded the motion, motion carried.

Dennis Schwind reported on recent changes to the web site.

Dave Krumweide reported DWT members Gordy Isaak and Rick Drown had experienced some heart problems and had recently undergone by-pass surgeries. It was also reported that Art Tokach was recently hospitalized with heart problems.

Dennis Schwind reported reservations have been made at

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the Bismarck Eagles Club for the DWT Christmas party on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Thirty-eight members indicated they would be attending. (NOTE: If you were not at the meeting and wish to attend, please let Dennis Schwind know as the final count to the Eagles Club must be in by the 28<sup>th</sup> of December).

Pat Schweitzer will chair the donations to the Mandan High School Band fund-raiser. Donations of turned items will be accepted at the January meeting. Members need to establish a price for their donation.

Two bids were received for the sale of the Club's lathe. Ted Livesay bid \$301.00 and Ed Helbling submitted the winning bid of \$327.00.

Duey Marthaller will be submitting a request to the AAW for an educational grant for the April Symposium.

Kris Roberts requested the Chapter sanction a turning demonstration on December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at Gateway Mall. After some discussion and request for volunteers it was decided to only demonstrate one day on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Schwind presented a report on membership. A total of 111 newsletters were mailed last month. Of this total 80 people are on the membership rolls with the remainder being complimentary mailings to organizations, businesses and prospective members. Twenty-one members have renewed for 2008 and eleven people are listed as not having renewed their memberships for 2007.

Bill White who participated, along with Cliff Rime, at the Acme Electric woodworking and tool show in Minot said they received numerous positive comments on their demonstration.

Duncan Warren reminded members of the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dakota Woodturners Chapter on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2008. He suggested holding some type of an observance in recognition of the milestone. Further discussion will be held at the E-Board meeting.

Ron Day and Duey Marthaller reported on the Pride of Dakota show in which they participated. They said many people were amazed at what could be produced but it is difficult to get a good price for their work in this area as compared to other locations around the country. Many people do not accept woodturning as an art and instead are looking for a utilitarian purpose for a turned object.

Pat Schweitzer reported Weldee Baetsch had received an e-mail regarding new dates at the end of May and a new location for the Utah Symposium to avoid conflicts with the AAW Symposium which is scheduled for June 20 – 22, 2008 in Richmond, VA.

Ron Day reported he has a beginning woodturning class in progress and will consider holding additional classes. Duey Marthaller is in the process of scheduling three classes on bowl turning with each class held on two consecutive evenings. He currently has seven people signed up. Please contact Ron or Duey if you are interested in participating.

With the business meeting concluded President Pat Schweitzer called President elect Duey Marthaller to the front of the room and presented him with a gavel. The meeting adjourned to a technical presentation. Duey Marthaller discussed the procedures on mounting a log for a natural edge bowl so that you end up with an even and uniform bark edge. Alice Berning then proceeded with her presentation on painting and decorating techniques.

Dennis Schwind,  
Secretary

### **Executive Board minutes December 11, 2007**

The E-Board meeting was held at 7:00 PM at Dakota Farms, Mandan, ND with the following members present; Pat Schweitzer, Duey Marthaller, Alice and Norbert Berning, Weldee Baetsch, Ron Day, Dennis Schwind and Kelly Geir.

Pat Schweitzer moved to approve a Chapter demonstration on December 15, 2007 at Gateway Mall. Ron Day seconded the motion, motion carried.

Discussion was held on upcoming programs. Tentative programs are Bottle Stoppers by Bryce Hill in January, winged vase by Dennis Schwind in February and sharpening will be the topic for March in preparation for the April Symposium. Pat Schweitzer said he would be extending an invitation to members to visit his shop on January 5<sup>th</sup> after the meeting for those members that will attend the Christmas Party and needed to while away a few hours.

Discussion was held on the Christmas Party at the Bismarck Eagles Club after the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The two meats buffet was selected with Swiss steak and Baked Chicken as the main course with mashed potatoes, and a lettuce salad. The cost will be \$10.75 per plate and includes vegetable & relish tray, dinner rolls and coffee. We will once again hold a gift exchange, "bring one – get

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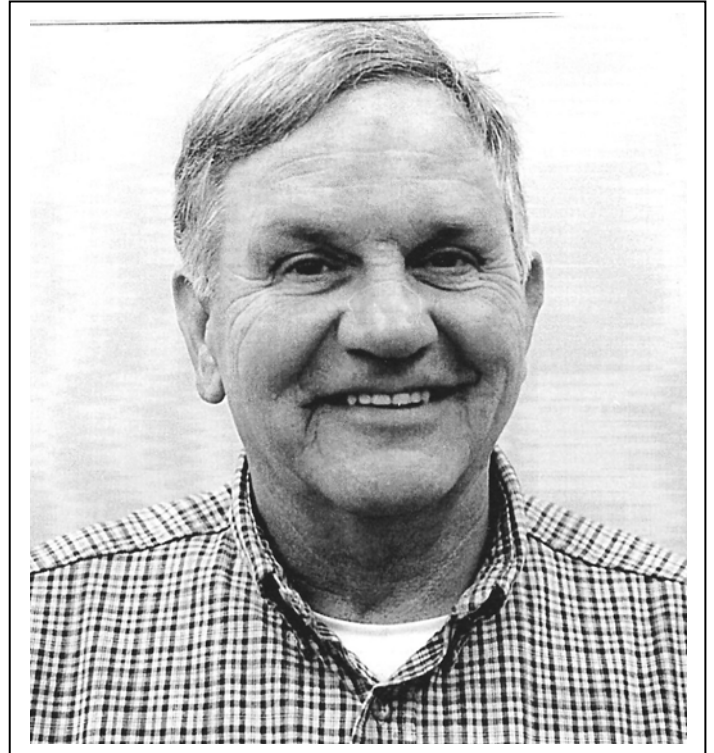
one". Norbert Berning will present a reading and a short program is being planned.

With the early meeting date Dennis Schwind said he would like to have a December 20<sup>th</sup> deadline for items for the newsletter.

Weldee Baetsch said he has received the contract from BSC for \$125.00 for meetings from January through June 2008. He has also received a quotation for the April Symposium in the amount of \$75.00. Dennis Schwind moved to approve the contracts. Ron Day seconded the motion, motion carried. Weldee also suggested meeting with Earl Torgerson with BSC about bringing in additional equipment in the future should the chapter decide to buy a bigger lathe.

Contact information has been sent to the AAW and Dennis Schwind said he would be sending in the web site address to be added to the chapter information.

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## CHIPS

**RENEWAL TIME** – We have had a good response on membership renewals. Annual dues are \$20.00. Please check the code on the Newsletter mailing label to verify if your membership status is correct.

**WEB SITE** - The Dakota Woodturners web site updates are a little behind schedule and I apologize. It has been a hectic couple of months. I have some down time scheduled after Christmas so you should see some substantial changes and catching up on my part. Ralph Feland has provided an updated inventory on the library so a new page will emerge soon.

The web site address is - <http://dakotawoodturners.com/>  
You can send comments to - [Info@dakotawoodturners.com](mailto:Info@dakotawoodturners.com)

Dennis Schwind

## WHO

Among the DWT Club members who drive a distance to participate in our club's activities is Jerry Jaeger, whose residence is in Hazen, ND. Jerry is beginning the fourth year as a member of our woodturning club.

Prior to his joining our club his woodworking experience was refurbishing furniture. Curious about woodturning he joined our club and soon became hooked on turning. Now he takes every opportunity to hone his skills with the lathe. Although he considers himself a beginner in turning, he volunteered to demonstrate during a local tool firm's semi-annual sale festival. His favorite items to turn are boxes.

Jerry is an electrician employed by Basin Electric. In addition to woodturning he enjoys welding as a hobby. Whenever his community needs volunteers for civic activities he does not hesitate to offer his services. An avid outdoorsman, he is a member of the Delta Waterfowl Foundation.

Jerry has two children, a boy and a girl.

Norbert Berning

Ron Day reported the third demonstrator for the April Symposium is Gary Gardener from the Atlanta, GA area. Dick Sing and Keith Gotschall will be the other two demonstrators.

With no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Dennis A Schwind,  
Secretary



Char & Duey Marthaller



Ron Day



More of Duey's booth



More of Ron's booth



Alice Berning showing painted sleigh



Alice with a bowl embellished with painting

## SCHEDULE

January 5, 2008      Membership Meeting 9:00am BSC  
January 5, 2008(1<sup>st</sup> Sat) Christmas Party 5:00pm Bismarck  
                                 Eagles Club  
January 8, 2008      E-Board Meeting  
February 9, 2008     Regular Scheduled meeting BSC

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Contact Bryce Hill – 255-6315

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