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TEN YEARS SERVING THE WOODTURNING COMMUNITY

The Prez Sez

This is my first article as president of Dakota Woodturners. In this space, I will give my opinion on the direction our club should take, inform you of any national AAW issues that pertain to our club, and pass on information I have read or learned from mistakes. Winter and early spring are the best times of the year to be working in the shop. Take advantage of it. Try something new that you have wanted to do, but have not had the time. If you want to find out if anyone else has done it, mention it during show and tell. People can respond then or talk to you later.

I believe our club has to strive to meet the needs of every member. Some of these needs are developing basic turning skills, getting good wood to work with, learning to sharpen tools, learning a new type of turning, and perfecting a favorite project. Please let me know if you have something you desire from our club and you are not getting it.

I would like to see us do some activities as a club in relation to shop-made tools and jigs. If you have any suggestions, let me know. Possibilities include cutting sanding disks, sanding disk holders, scraping tools, small hollowing tools, buffing set-ups, and use of routers. Maybe we can come up with a small project and get it going. The session would not

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2nd – DWAC Live Art in Motion
Kirkwood Mall 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM
DWT will have demonstration booth

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

February 12th E-Board at Dakota Farms
7:00 PM Dakota Farms Mandan, ND

SYMPOSIUM

The 2008 Dakota Woodturners hands-on symposium has been scheduled for April 11th, 12th & 13th, 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. Watch for registration information coming soon.

Minutes of Special Board Meeting – January 20, 2008

A meeting was held at Ron Day's shop to discuss preparations for the symposium. Members present: Ron Day, Kris Roberts, Kelly Geir, Weldee Baetsch, Dennis Schwind and Pat Schweitzer.

A decision was made to handle the lunches within the chapter rather than have the lunches catered. Char Marthaller and Angi Day will be contacted to chair the lunch committee.

An extensive discussion was held on the fees for the symposium. Pat Schweitzer moved to set the registration

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have to be at a meeting. A group with similar interests could get together at a shop and try a project for mutual benefit.

I applied for a \$1000 grant from AAW for our symposium. I believe we will be able to get it before the symposium. The awards are made in March. We are covered by AAW insurance at our meetings, classes, and symposium as long as the event is sanctioned by our club.

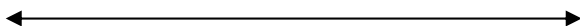
For the last part of my article, here is some information on scraping from an article in "Fine Woodworking" magazine by Richard Raphan. Within minutes of walking into the workshop on his first day of his woodturning career, his boss said, "You might have heard that real turners do not use scrapers – we do in this workshop, it makes life a lot easier."

Scrapers are very effective in removing the tiny grooves left by gouges on faceplate work, where the grain direction is 90 degrees from the lathe axis and also on end grain. Remove the bulk of the material with a gouge and finish up with a scraper. Scrapers do not work very well in spindle turning.

On the inside of bowls, scrape a little above center. On the outside of bowls, scrape at centerline. The scraper should be tilted slightly down to help avoid catches. On end grain, tilt the tool on its side to get a more refined cut, sometimes called shear scraping. Tilting the tool also works on face grain as a final cut.

Please contact me with any comments, suggestions, and questions you may have. Remember to find out the proper way to use a tool and then practice, practice, practice.

Duey



DAKOTA WOODTURNERS CLUB

Membership meeting minutes – Saturday, January 5, 2007

The regular meeting of the chapter was held at the Bismarck State College Vo-tech shop with 38 members and four guests in attendance.

Bill White moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter. Joe Sickler seconded the motion, motion carried.

Kelly Geir presented the treasurers report.

SHOW & SHARE

Gary Nagel showed some Christmas gifts made from Cedar Fence posts. With some serious cracks in the posts the finished pieces resulted in some very interesting patterns. Gary also showed some bottle stoppers.

Spud Gruman brought in some Box Elder and Silver Maple bowls. He showed one that ended up with a burn mark which resulted from too much time in the microwave.

Larry Nelson had a maple bowl and a lidded container turned from plum. He had some questions for the group on finishes.

Ralph Feland brought in a finished Cherry bowl, which he did during the recent class held by Duey Marthaller. He also had two deer antler pens and some bottle stoppers.

Earl Setterlund showed a number of vases and he also brought in a baseball and ornament he will be donating to the Mandan Band Fund Raiser.

Gordy Isaak showed a Box Elder bowl turned from stock salvaged from the trash. With a number of soft spots in the wood he said he soak the piece with sanding sealer to stiffen them. He also had a lidded box made from Flowering Crab.

Dave Krumweide had a Banksia Pod vase and a hollow form made from Maple Burl. He also had small hollow form with a Walnut top and a small burl bowl. Dave said he was having problems with CA glue staining projects. Suggestions from the group were to apply a sealer first or to tape off the areas adjacent to the repaired area. Dave also had two Silver Maple bowls for the Washington Street project. He had a problem with the first one in that he finished the bottom a day after completing the inside and forgot about the thickness of the bottom resulting in a hole in the bottom of the bowl. The second bowl he decorated with leaf patterns in the Andi Wolf style.

Jerry Jaeger showed a ball puzzle he received from a friend who purchased it in Bogata Columbia. Jerry also had a small Purple Heart bowl.

Ron Torgerson had an ornament from the class held by Duey Marthaller and also a hollow vessel.

Following up on his demonstration of the steam engine at a resent meeting, Vern Hansen passed around a photo of a larger miniature steam engine.

BUSINESS MEETING

Dennis Schwind reported on recent changes to the web site.

The Chapter received a number of gift certificates from Craft Supplies and a discussion was held on how to use them. The E-Board will discuss how to distribute the certificates.

Weldee Baetsch gave an update on negotiations with BSC for the use of their facility for chapter meetings. Inquires will have to be made on whether they will accept additional equipment on the premises such as a larger lathe when the club decides to purchase one.

Duey Marthaller asked members to suggest ideas for future programs. Programs now scheduled are winged vases for the February meeting by Dennis Schwind and the March meeting will cover sharpening and the symposium will be held in April.

Discussion was held on placing another tool order with Craft Supplies who offer a 13% discount on group purchases. The order will be placed after the symposium and Duey requested a volunteer to manage the purchase.

Current classes in progress are bowl turning with Duey Marthaller and Ron Day is holding a beginning turning class. Anyone interested should to contact Ron or Duey.

Members were asked if they were interest in a coop purchase of CA glue. With a positive response from the membership, further discussion and details will be worked out at the E-Board meeting. Duey Marthaller will place the order.

A question was asked on the dates of the Mandan Art Show and whether the club would be participating. Duncan Warren will make inquires and report back.

An update on the symposium was presented. The demonstrators have all been confirmed. Committees will need to be set up soon. More discussion will be held at the E-Board meeting.

Pat Schweitzer is chairing the donations to the Mandan High School Band fund-raiser. Donations of turned items need to be turned in by the February meeting. Members need to establish a price for their donation.

Members were reminded about completing the Silver Maple bowls for the City. Everyone having bowls or bowl blanks needs to call Kris Roberts so he can get an accurate count of bowls. The goal is to get approximately 30 bowls completed.

The annual Christmas Party will be held this evening at 5:00 at the Bismarck Eagles Club. There will be a bring-one get-one gift exchange.

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

Pat Schweitzer extended an invitation to an open shop this afternoon for members that wanted to kill some time before this evening's party.

Dennis Schwind presented a report on membership. A total of 113 newsletters were mailed last month. Of this total 83 people are on the membership rolls with the remainder being complimentary mailings to organizations, businesses and prospective members. Renewals for 2008 are being accepted. Check the mailing label on your newsletter for you current membership status.

The meeting adjourned to a technical presentation by Duey Marthaller. With Bryce Hill being ill, Ron Day presented the program on turning bottle stoppers.

Dennis Schwind,
Secretary

Executive Board minutes January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Duey Marthaller at 7:00 PM at the Dakota Farms, Mandan ND. Members present: Duey Marthaller, Ron Day, Pat Schweitzer, Alice & Norbert Berning, Weldee Baetsch, Dennis Schwind, Kelly Geir and Kris Roberts.

Discussion was held on placing a club CA glue order. Quantities were discussed and Duey Marthaller said he would proceed with placing the order with Star Bond.

Duey Marthaller suggested setting up committees for the symposium at the February meeting. Preliminary plans are in place and some details for food, advertising, instant gallery and a program still need to be worked out. Dennis Schwind was asked to check with the Bismarck Eagles Club on availability for the Saturday night banquet and to make a reservation if the date was available. Ron Day said he will continue to work with the demonstrators and will make up the registration brochure.

Disposition of gift certificates the club holds was discussed. It was decided to award or raffle them off at club meetings.

The lathe purchase for the club was discussed. It was decided to appoint a chairman who would investigate the costs, work on fund raising and to make sure we get clearance from BSC to place the lathe in their shop. Kelly Geir volunteered to chair the committee.

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Kris Roberts will be taking a count of the bowls that are in process for the Washington Street Project. Ron Day stated he has six bowls or blanks and Dennis Schwind said he has two. Dennis was requested to include a note in the newsletter requesting all members who have either bowls or blanks to contact Kris Roberts with a count. Completed bowls should be given to Kris by the February meeting if possible.

The Dakota West Art Council will be holding their annual Live Arts in Motion show at the Kirkwood Mall in Bismarck. Kris Roberts moved to sanction a demonstration by the Chapter. Ron Day seconded the motion, motion carried. Ron will pick up the lathe and accessories from Duncan. Dennis Schwind said he would assist Ron in setting up the booth Saturday morning.

Kris Roberts reported many good comments about the recent Chapter demonstration at the Gateway Mall.

Pat Schweitzer reported the donations for the Mandan Band Fund Raiser needed to be turned in at the February meeting. Members need to set a value for their donation. Pat will have forms at the meeting for the donors to fill out.

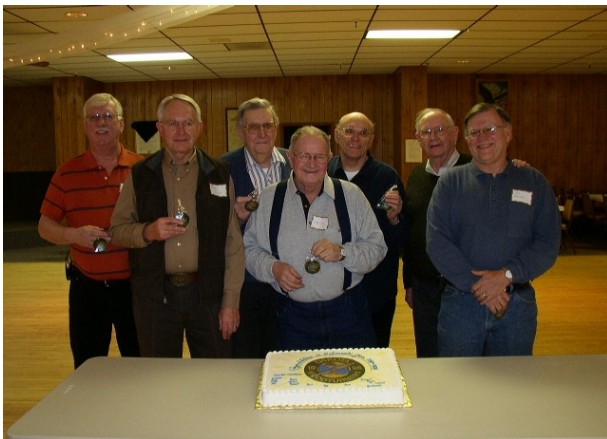
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CHIPS

RENEWAL TIME – Annual dues are \$20.00 and due in January. Please check the code “08” on the Newsletter mailing label to verify if your membership status is correct and current.

WASHINGTON STREET BOWL PROJECT – We need to get an accurate count of the number of bowls that are in the works for this project. Please contact Kris Roberts at 328-5236 or 224-1107 and let him know how many bowls and bowl blanks you have.



The 10th Anniversary of the Chapter was celebrated at the Christmas Party by honoring the charter members. Pictured at left, L-R, Dave Krumweide, Ralph Feland, Duncan Warren, Cliff Rime, Weldee Baetsch, W. Bryce Hill and Pat Schweitzer. Not pictured, Art Tokach, Steve Wolff, Spud Gruman, Bob Pedigo, Vern Hansen and Lenard Ressler.



WHO

Accomplished turners in our club have observed Francis Streifel, formerly in-experienced at woodturning, has developed his turning skills remarkably fast since joining the DWT Club. Perhaps this can be attributed partially to his related woodworking experience since the 1970’s. A variety of furniture was his specialty, notably chests of drawers and end tables.

A Korean War veteran, while in Zeeland, ND Francis was active in the American Legion serving variously as Commander, Adjutant and as Chaplin. He was manager of an Ashley branch bank and a member of its’ Board of Directors. Involved in church matters, he served both as a trustee and treasurer for the building committee. Also, he was the Zeeland city auditor. For recreation he enjoys camping, fishing and bowling in the senior league.

Currently Francis likes best to turn segmented bowls. His favorite woods are Black Walnut, Cherry, Oak, Maple and Purple Heart.

His wife Marcella is a retired florist who has retained related hobbies in oil painting, crocheting (especially Afghans), embroidering and interior decorating. She has memberships in the AFW Auxiliary, Eagles Club, DWT and church society. She did a genealogy of her grandparents and has helped numerous people in doing the same. She and Francis have four children and eleven grandchildren.

Norbert Berning

Duey Marthaller reported Larry Nelson has volunteered to head up the Chapter tool order. The tool order will be placed after the April symposium.

Positive comments were received on the Christmas Party and 10th Anniversary celebration held on January 5th. Suggestions were made to alter the seating arrangements possibly setting up the tables in a "U" to keep the group closer together. It was also suggested to change the payment method for the meal, possibly selling meal tickets in advance to avoid the minor confusion at the end of the meal that resulted this year.

Dennis Schwind reported he received some tax forms from Bryce Hill and will file them with the Chapter records.

Dennis Schwind reported he contacted the Bismarck Eagles Club about a date for the 2009 Christmas Party. He made a reservation for January 10th, 2009 which will fall on the second Saturday.

Dennis Schwind,
Secretary

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at \$115.00 with a March 15th deadline. Kelly Geir seconded the motion, motion carried.

The Saturday evening banquet will be held at the Bismarck Eagles Club at 6:30 PM. Meal tickets will be available for \$13.50 per person.

Pat Schweitzer will chair gifts and door prizes, Kris Roberts will take care of signs and Weldee Baetsch will take care of coffee break donuts. Requests will be made to have members donate cookies and bars for the afternoon breaks.

Publicity – Ron Day will make up the registration brochure and posters. Dennis Schwind will write up short bios on the demonstrators, which will be mailed out with the brochure in a separate mailing.

Dennis Schwind will contact the Mandan News and post information to the KXMB and KFYR community announcements web sites and Duey Marthaller will contact the Bismarck Tribune.

Ron Day said he would make up the attendee packets.

Dennis Schwind,
Secretary

STUFF – February 2008

This January weather is a little cool, but it could be a lot worse. I keep the fireplace going – cuts down on propane use but not the work. The birds really enjoy the sunflowers and thistle seed along with a small pan of heated water.

The Club had a great year, great symposium, summer picnic and a wonderful Christmas Party. Kudos to all of you who made it a success.

Safety: I hope all of you practice good safety habits in your shop – don't be in a hurry – keep your mind on what you are doing – keep your tools sharp.

For those of you who demonstrate at meetings and those who have classes in your shop always use the best safety and teaching methods. Remember that many of the members or students do not have all the equipment that you may have for chucking, sanding etc. So, therefore use and/or teach the safest way to turn a project. Whenever in doubt always bring up the tailstock to give that extra support and safety. You may take chances in your shop by yourself (keep a cell phone handy), but not at a demo or class.

I don't have my Washington Street bowls done yet, but will have them at the March meeting. Oh yes, I have to get a platter done for the Mandan Band Fund Raiser before the next meeting.

Well Pat you can't relax now, you are still on the E-Board. You did a good job along with all your work on the house and shop.

Yes, I just had another birthday, hope they keep coming for sometime. Of course one of my friends had to remind me that I'm closer to 90 than 80 – Thanks!

Keep the chips and ribbons flying and have fun.

Dunc

P.S. – Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. The only trouble with retirement - you never get a darn day off!

SCHEDULE

February 5, 2008 DWAC Art in Motion – Kirkwood
Mall – DWT will Demo
February 9, 2008 Regular meeting @ BSC 9:00 AM
February 12, 2008 E-Board Meeting
March 8, 2008 Regular meeting @ BSC

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