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TEN YEARS SERVING THE WOODTURNING COMMUNITY

The Prez Sez

I have never met or even seen Richard Raffin, the well known Australian woodturner. But I have two of his books and a DVD. His personality comes out on his writing and demonstrations. He is a lot like us in that he is practical and likes to get things done. In his book on bowl design, he talks about developing your own personal style. He cautions not to try too hard, but just do what you enjoy and create what you think looks good and your style will emerge.

He writes: "Your personal style will develop unless rigorously contained. Even in a world where everything seems to have been done before, it's easy to stand out from the crowd. To create an object that is easily identifiable as yours, you have no need to resort to the contrived "creativity" so highly regarded in the art circles. Your own sense of balance and proportion, along with your quirky little ways of doing things, will come through in your work."

Study the previous work of other turners and fine tune the form to your liking. The fine tuning comes with repetitive practice. Your own style will emerge. Mr. Raffin also writes: "Forget about catering to a market or impressing your critics. Create for yourself and, as your freed spirit emerges,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11-12-13th – Annual Hands-On Woodturning Symposium - Bismarck State College

April 15 – E-Board meeting 7:00 PM – Dakota Farms, Mandan ND

SYMPOSIUM NEWS

The 2008 Dakota Woodturners hands-on symposium is 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.

The annual symposium is right around the corner and for those attending it is time to get everything ready so you will get the most out of the demonstrations. We are expecting a record turn out this year so we need to insure there is enough equipment, tools and supplies for all participants. Set up will begin 3:00 PM Friday April 11th with the first session starting at 7:00 PM. Bring three items for the instant gallery – check in items from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. The Banquet Saturday evening will start after 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. If you wish you could bring some cookies, bars etc. for the afternoon breaks.

Try to make every effort to bring your lathe or make arrangements for the use of one. If you don't have to share a lathe you will be able to work through the project with the demonstrator. Also bring a Work Mate if you have one. Bring your tools and have them sharpened so you can get right into turning rather than sharpening. If you have extra tools or chucks you are willing to share please bring them but make sure to mark them and keep track of

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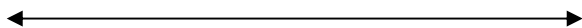
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your bowls are bound to benefit.”

This newsletter contains a lot of information about our symposium, so I will only mention two things. The first suggestion is remember to ask questions, but do not expect the demonstrator to spend a disproportionate amount of time helping only you during the hands-on sessions. The second item is to bring a dust mask and use it when dust is in the air.

Speaking of dust, Rockler recently ran a special on the large tapered dust hoods along with free shipping. At least one person asked me where I purchased mine and said they would like to get one. I have an extra one. The cost is \$14.99 total, no shipping and no sales tax. The regular price is \$19.99. The opening is about 12 inches by 16 inches, and they are about 15 inches deep. The hose connection is 4 inches. Just call me if you want it.

Duey



Dakota Woodturners Club

General Membership Meeting – March 8th, 2008
Minutes

President Duey Marthaller called the meeting to order by at 9:00am at the BSC Vo-Tech Carpentry Shop. Thirty-six members plus two guests were present.

On a motion by Bryce Hill and a second by Ron Day, the minutes of the previous meeting, as printed in the newsletter, were approved.

Kelly Geir presented the Treasurer’s report.

SHOW & SHARE

Duey Marthaller started off showing the Birch bowl he turned on which Alice Berning painted a scene. Duey is donating the bowl to the Mandan High School Band fund raising auction.

Kris Roberts brought in the bowls for the City of Bismarck turning project. A tally indicated with these and a couple more bowls yet to be completed we will have close to 40 pieces. Once the bowls are turned over to the City Forester they will be laser engraved. The presentation ceremony is scheduled for Arbor Day.

Don Flath showed a Russian Olive hollow form made during a class with Ron Day and his first attempt at a natural edged bowl from Box Elder which turned out very nice. He also showed a clock turning made from Big Leaf Maple Burl done during a class with Duey Marthaller. Don said he finishes with three coats of tung oil followed by thee coats of wipe-on poly.

Jim Fine showed a Big Leaf Maple burl lidded box.

Rick Drown has finally gotten back into turning after having some time off due to illness. He had three bowls of Elm, Ash and Russian Olive. He also had some Cigar style deer antler pens.

Earl Setterlund brought in a spalted Aspen hollow form in which he included a segmented ring. He showed a sample of a segmented ring he used in this project. Earl also showed another Russian Olive hollow form and a lip stick display stand.

Pat Schweitzer is finally up and running in his new shop and brought in a bowl made from the Box Elder log Spud Gruman gave away at a recent meeting. Pat also had an Alder bowl.

Jim and Ed Helbling recently attended the clock class held by Duey. Jim showed a Spalted Birch clock and an Ash bowl. Ed brought in his Russian Olive clock and a Birch bowl.

Dave Krumweide showed a bowl on which he said he had some problems with tear out and had to do a lot of rough sanding.

Greg Pollert showed five nice bowls and a lidded container.

BUSINESS MEETING

The Mandan Band Fund Raising projects have all been turned in. The event is scheduled for March 15th at the Mandan Moose. Music will be by Big Al’s Big Band and tickets are still available.

Duey said the glue is almost gone and he has an order in for more accelerator. Another order will be placed so it is available at the symposium.

Duey said he completed a clock class and will schedule more classes as demand warrants.

Dennis Schwind reported on membership. We currently have 87 members on the rolls with fourteen people on the roster as 2007 members. The names of nine people who have 2006 memberships and will be dropped from the rolls on April 1st were read.

Calendar of Events:
Symposium - April 11, 12 & 13 at BSC
Mandan Art Show – April 12 & 13th
Center Art Show – June 13 & 14

With Dick Sing presenting a project on clock turning, a suggestion was made to have the club order clock inserts to have available for sale at the symposium. The E-board will discuss and decide on the purchase.

Larry Nelson has catalogs from Craft Supplies for the upcoming tool order. Weldee Baetsch will contact Packard and Kris Roberts will contact Penn State to get catalogs for the Symposium. An order form will be included in the next newsletter. The discount will be 13% off of published prices with no charge for shipping on a \$1000.00 minimum purchase. The order must be turned into Larry by the May 10th meeting.

The Utah Symposium will be held on May 22nd through the 24th in Orem, Utah.

Duey Marthaller reviewed the April symposium. We have been notified our chapter was awarded an \$800.00 grant from AAW. Currently 23 people have registered. Dick Sing will be demonstrating clock turning, Gary Gardner will be doing either hollow forms or bowls and Keith Gotshall will be doing a unique salt and pepper shaker project. Members are requested to donate items for the Silent Auction.

Dennis Schwind said he contacted the Fargo Chapter on their lathe purchase. They ordered their lathe on-line and were not able to get any special discounts from any local vendors.

With no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned to the presentation and demonstration of sharpening by Ron Day.

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2008 at 9:00 AM.

Dennis Schwind,
Secretary

Executive Board minutes

March 11, 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, Pat Schweitzer, Alice & Norbert Berning, Weldee Baetsch, Dennis Schwind, Kelly Geir and Kris Roberts.

The lathe purchase for the club was discussed. A suggestion was received to use money from the education fund for the lathe purchase. It was decided to wait until after the symposium. Depending on the fund balance a portion could be used for the purchase. Weldee Baetsch said the chapter will need to contact BSC for permission to bring in the new lathe before we commit to the purchase. Duey said we will need to set a budget and a fund raising goal for the purchase.

Discussion for symposium arrangements was held. Pat Schweitzer and Ron Day will work on setting up the Instant Gallery, but will need someone to check-in the projects.

Volunteers will be asked to bring cookies and bars for the afternoon breaks. Ron Day will get a list of the tools and supplies from the demonstrators that participants will need to bring in addition to their lathes. The next newsletter will include the list. Ron Day will put together the registration packets. Duey Marthaller said he would make up the name tags and put together a program for the Banquet. Dennis Schwind said we need an accurate count of people attending the Saturday evening banquet and provide the number to the Eagles Club by April 4th. Pat Schweitzer and Bryce Hill will be doing the door prizes. Publicity – Duey Marthaller will contact the Bismarck Tribune, Dennis Schwind will contact the Mandan News and Ron Day will put together the posters.

Kris Roberts is scheduled to do the May demonstration on offset turning.

The meeting adjourned with a special E-Board meeting scheduled for April 1st to finalizing Symposium plans. The next E-Board meeting will be held on April 15th.

Dennis Schwind,
Secretary

Special E-Board Meeting – April 1, 2008 - Minutes

A meeting was held at Dakota Farms to finalize plans for the symposium. Members present, Duey Marthaller, Ron Day, Weldee Baetsch, Norbert Berning, Dennis Schwind and Pat Schweitzer.

Equipment: Dennis Schwind and Pat Schweitzer will bring extra grinders. We will need members to bring Workmates for the lathes. Pat will also bring an Air compressor for the Gotschall demo.

Ron Day has prepared a few extra blanks and Duey said he has the clocks needed for the Dick Sing demo. Duey also will have more CA glue and accelerator available.

Meals on Saturday and Sunday will be make your own sandwich, potato and pasta salad, veggie tray and chips. Pat will take care of beverages. The banquet will start at 6 PM at the Bismarck Eagles Club with a social hour and dinner is at 7 PM. Duey will prepare a program.

Rough Rider Hardwoods will again have a display and in addition Tools-For-U has asked to set up a display.

Weldee Baetsch and Duey will contact Carla at BSC to check on any additional visual aids we may need. They will also request a custodian be available in case we have any questions or additional needs.

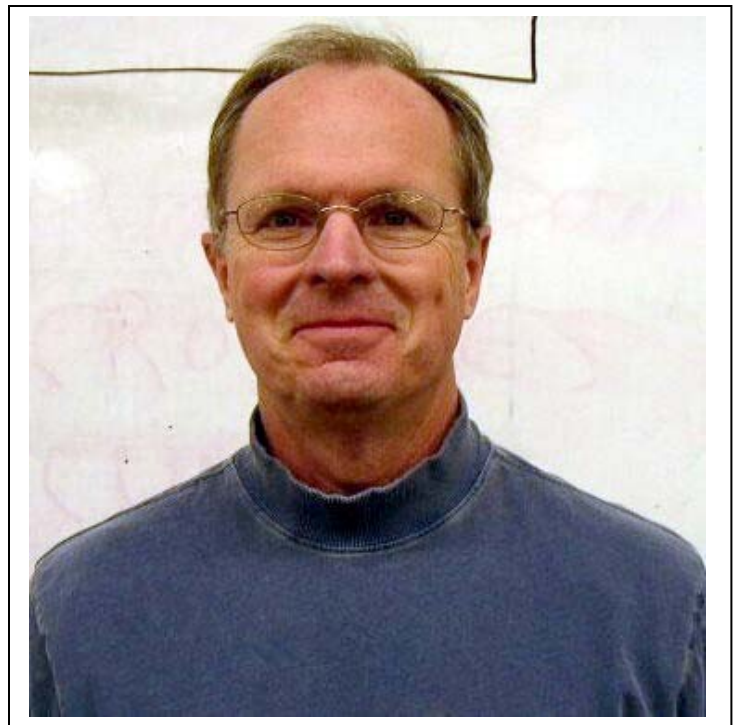
Instant Galley items need to be checked in from 5:30 to 7:00 PM Friday or on Saturday morning. Pat Schweitzer will coordinate.

The Mandan Arts Show is the same week-end as the symposium and through some miscommunication or misunderstanding they had expected and advertised that the DWT would be doing demos. A lathe will be placed at the show and we will try to do a few demos. Ron and Duey said they would go over during breaks and lunch hours.

Ron Day said he got a call from Don Christianson saying Osolnik Machinery has a deal on a Powermatic 3520 Lathe and would be will to sell one to the Chapter for about \$2400.00. The offer is good through the end of April. Ron Day will contact Osolnik to confirm the price and a meeting will be held before the symposium on Saturday morning to inform the club. A request will be made to members for donations and request silent auction proceeds to put into the lathe fund to take advantage of this offer.

With the tool purchase coming up in May, Dennis Schwind moved have the club purchase a Vic Marc 1-1/4"x8 tpi chuck and an extra set of 4" jaws to take advantage of the discount. Ron Day seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Dennis Schwind, Secretary



WHO

Before becoming a member of the Dakota Woodturners Club and the AAW, Duey Marthaller specialized in making household furniture out of reclaimed lumber. Within five years his developed expertise and enthusiasm in woodturning has brought increased club responsibilities. As of January 2008 he assumed the position of President of our club.

Duey concentrates primarily on turning bowls. His favorite wood is Maple. Recently he has expanded and varied his productions to suit his Pride of Dakota sales. During the club's symposium and select area demonstrations, he monitors the mini cameras that project demonstrations on a TV screen. He has also demonstrated during the club's monthly meetings.

Duey is an engineer employed by Basin Electric. His wife, Char, is a nurse with the Medcenter Hospital unit in south Bismarck. Her hobbies are quilting and gardening. She and Duey have two children and two grandchildren.

Norbert Berning

them so you get them back. We could also use extra Workmate stands to setup lathes in the classrooms.

The following is a list provided by each demonstrator for the basic tool kit required.

Dick Sing will be demonstrating Clock turning. He suggests bringing a 3 x 3 x 5 inch blank of any wood. Also bring a 1-3/8” drill bit and a Jacobs’s chuck for the lathe and regular turning tools.

Gary Gardner will be demonstrating basic bowl turning so you will need a 6x6x2” bowl blank and your basic turning tools and a chuck.

Keith Gotschall will be demonstrating salt and pepper shakers. He requests you bring a blank 2-1/2” to 3” square 5-6” long blank of a tight grained wood like Maple, Walnut or Birch. Avoid open grained wood such as Oak or Ash and soft woods like Pine and Aspen. You will also need a scrap block of wood 2-1/2-3” square and 3-4” in length of any type of wood. For tools Keith is recommending a 1/8” or 5/16” drill bit and a chuck or pliers to hold the bit, a 3/8 or 1/2” spindle gouge and a round ended scraper. Additional tools can include roughing gouge, square ended scraper, sandpaper, oil and wax for finishing.

SYMPOSIUM ETIQUETTE AND POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- Take your live & dead centers and knock out bars with you from class to class. Leave only the lathe and tool rest.
- Mark all of your tools.
- If you borrow something return it to the owner.
- Do not disturb the class by visiting in the classroom. Take your discussions outside of the class room. Includes cell phone calls. Set phones to vibrate mode.
- Feel free to ask questions at the appropriate time as directed by the demonstrator.
- Reserve comments and input until after the class. We are in the class to learn from the demonstrator not to instruct the class.
- Do not dominate the demonstrators time as there will be 12- 14 other people in the class that may also have questions or need some help.
- Be prompt so as not to disrupt a class that is in progress.
- DO NOT bring any exotic wood – some people are allergic to these woods
- Follow AAW safety guide lines – Safety glasses or face shields, dust masks, no loose clothing and so forth.

LATHE FUND & PURCHASE

The membership approved setting up a fund to purchase a larger lathe for the club. The goal was to raise approximately \$3000.00 and purchase a lathe by this fall. It has come to the attention of the E-Board that a Powermatic 3520B Lathe is available from Osolnik Machinery in Berea, KY at a sale price that would save the chapter \$300 - \$400.00. This sale ends on April 30th. At this writing, contacts are being made to confirm the price. Details will be available by April 12th and a short meeting will be held before the symposium begins to provide details and discuss expediting the purchase. The E-Board would like to encourage donations to the lathe fund to raise the necessary funds as soon as possible to take advantage of this pricing.

Donations to date for the Lathe Fund are as follows. Thank You to all who have contributed.

Sale of Club Lathe	\$327.00
Duncan Warren	\$100.00
Jim Helbling	\$300.00
Ron Day (Returned Class Fees)	\$60.00
Jim Fine	\$100.00
Ron Day	\$100.00
Gerald Duppong	\$30.00
Dennis Schwind	\$100.00
<u>Tesoro Corp – Pledged Donation</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
TOTAL TO DATE	\$1367.00

TOOL ORDER

An order sheet is included in this newsletter for the tool order with Craft Supplies. Larry Nelson will be handling the tool order. The order form must be turned in at the May 10th meeting. Please fill out the form completely to assist Larry in making sure you get the items you order. The Chapter discount will be 13% from published prices and free freight if the order exceeds \$1,000.00. Freight will be charged on any heavy items such as equipment or five gallon containers of sealer. Avoid these items or be prepared to pay the additional freight. No other coupons can be used with the order. You are expected to calculate the amount of your order and pre-pay when you place the order.

SCHEDULE

April 11-13, 2008 Hands-On Symposium @ BSC
April 11-13, 2008 Mandan Arts Show
April 15, 2008 E-Board Meeting @ Dakota Farms
May 10, 2008 Regular meeting @ BSC
May 13, 2008 E-Board Meeting @ Dakota Farms
June 13 -14, 2008 Center Art Show – DWT Demos

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