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TEN YEARS SERVING THE WOODTURNING COMMUNITY

The Prez Sez

Most of us have been in the situation where someone is showing us around their house and they specifically point out an item and say "my Dad (or Mom, Grandma, etc.) made this for me. No other object in the room is singled out. What they are really saying is this person liked me enough to take the time to make it for me. Often they remember the year or some other detail about the specific time they received it. The size or value of the object is of no importance.

Now is the time to create these memories for someone in your family. Turned items are extra special because they are unique and few people can create them. You will enjoy making them, enjoy giving them, and bring years of joy to the people receiving them.

Mark your 2009 calendar. Jimmy Clewes will be demonstrating to our club on Saturday, October 3, 2009. Jimmy is from England, but recently moved to Los Vegas. He is a very popular demonstrator. His sessions at the AAW symposium in Portland were in double rooms with standing room only. He is a no-nonsense turner, and a very pleasant person.

Halloween is just around the corner. I look forward to the kids coming around. Remember, the wonderful smell and appearance of a small bag of wood shavings and sawdust is not considered a treat by most people.

Duey

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8th – DWT meeting at 9:00 AM
Don Wattenhofer Featured Demonstrator - BSC
Wood Shop - Bismarck, ND

November 11th – E-Board meeting 7:00 PM –
Dakota Farms, Mandan ND

December 5-6th – Pride of Dakota Show @ the
Bismarck Civic Center

December 13th – DWT Meeting 9:00AM – BSC
Wood Shop

TOOL ORDER

Remember the Tool Order to Craft Supplies needs to be turned in at the November meeting. Make sure to fill in the order form completely and calculate the amount which needs to be paid at the meeting. Also note freight is paid on the order except for heavy weight items.

Don Wattenhofer

Unfortunately Don Wattenhofer had to cancel last months' demonstration due to an injury. Don was able to re-schedule for this month. Don will be demonstrating his signature natural edge thin walled goblets on Saturday. The tentative schedule for the demonstration will be starting after the meeting and running into the afternoon until about 3:00 PM.

Don will be available for a hands-on session on Sunday at Ron Day's shop for a limited number of people. Please contact Ron or myself if you are interested. The Chapter will cover the cost of the Saturday demonstration and expenses. The additional charge for the Sunday demonstration will be divided among participants.

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Dakota Woodturners Club

Regular Meeting – October 11, 2008

Minutes

President Duey Marthaller called the meeting to order at 0900 hrs on October 11, 2008 with 43 members and two guests in attendance.

Duey announced that the guest demonstrator, Don Wattenhofer from Park Rapids, MN was not able to travel to Bismarck this week due to an injury.

Ron Day demonstrated the new club Powermatic lathe and rough turned a bowl out of Box elder wood.

Duey also announced that CA glue and accelerator is available for sale. Thick and thin CA glue is \$4 per bottle and the accelerator is \$9 per can.

Jim Fine moved to approve the minutes of the September 2008 meeting as published in the newsletter. Dave Dittmer seconded the motion, motion carried.

Kelly Geir presented the financial report which was accepted.

SHOW AND TELL

Duey Marthaller began the show and tell with three layered bowls. The first one was of Maple and Jarrah, the 2nd bowl was Maple crotch and Jatoba, and the third was Siberian Elm and Jatoba. All were finished with several coats of tung oil and buffed after a final coat of Renaissance finish.

Earl Setterlund brought and showed several ornaments. The woods he used were spalted Apple with Walnut and spalted Aspen with Walnut.

Bob (Spud) Gruman explained briefly his outdoor experience canoeing in the boundary waters this summer. He asked how to preserve the bark on trunk or branch section of a souvenir piece of Birch wood. Spud passed around a photo to prove his outdoor experience. He also brought an antique table lamp that his grandfather turned. The wood species is a mystery.

Kris Roberts brought several bracelet assistants (buddies) made of Maple, Badlands Cedar and Quaking Aspen. All were finished with friction polish.

Tom Marchand showed a pen made from a spent rifle cartridge and another made from deer antler.

Dale Hurt had photos of a 3" X 21" belt sander he converted into a lathe tool sharpener. Details will be printed later in a newsletter.

Louis Pittman had a Box elder bowl that would no longer hold

a liquid. Showed very well how much fun it is to make chips fly! He also had two very nice Badlands Cedar lidded canisters that were finished with many coats of tung oil.

Duncan Warren showed an end grain lidded box made from a nicely figured piece of Ambrosia Maple.

Last but not least, Pat Schweitzer expressed his appreciation for all the cards, thoughts and prayers for the sudden loss of his granddaughter, Lakin Schweitzer.

BUSINESS MEETING

It is intended to see if Don Wattenhofer can come to North Dakota for the November 8, 2008 meeting and present his demonstration on thin walled natural edged goblets.

Ralph Feland, the club librarian, thanked the membership for the return of many magazines, etc.

The response was good and asked that the prompt return of borrowed articles continue.

Jimmy Clewes has agreed to travel to North Dakota next year. Duey has not been able to "nail" down a committed date. Duey said he would continue to attempt to make contact with him.

Weldee Baetsch reported that the premises that are used by the club for monthly meetings are locked on Sundays. Overtime would need to be paid in order for the building to be opened on Sundays. This would cost the club \$25 for rent and an additional \$20 per hour for two hours of custodial labor. The custodian would open the doors, clean floors, etc. The total for a Sunday use of the BSC shop would be \$65. The membership was asked for a show of hands of those who would take advantage of Sunday shop time at BSC. The extension of arms with hands attached was none. It was mentioned again that Saturday afternoon BSC shop time is available for no additional cost. BSC would need prior notice. For the time being, the BSC Sunday open shop will not be pursued any further.

Weldee also reported that the meeting rooms that the club uses may be used in the future by the BSC Energy Technology Program. The shop space is not in jeopardy and would be available for the meetings. He will keep the club posted.

A favorable response was shown in regards to a fall 2008 club tool order with Craft Supplies. Ron Day volunteered to coordinate the order. Membership was asked to bring their order sheet to the November 8, 2008 meeting. An order blank needs to be attached to the newsletter.

Duey Marthaller stated that a replacement for Dennis Schwind, the club secretary, will need to be made by the end of 2008. It was suggested that the secretary position be rotated every three or four months. (Sharing of the fun!) This discussion needs to be addressed by the E-board and most likely will require a

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bylaw change.

Duey Marthaller said that the bylaws need to be reviewed and rewritten to reflect what the club actually does. Duncan Warren said that the original bylaws were based on an AAW model. Norbert Berning and Kris Roberts agreed to accept this task.

Ron Day collected member surveys and will summarize.

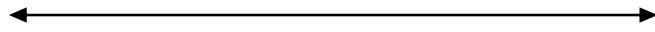
Louis Pittman and Cliff Rime brought boxes of bowling pins for club members. There are 10 pins per box for a cost of \$5. The members who expressed the desire for a box were asked to pay Louis or Cliff.

Ron Day gave an update on presenters for the 2009 symposium. He is having difficulty finding individuals to come and demonstrate.

Weldee Baetsch had food safe containers for donation – donate \$1 to \$ 2 to the club treasurer.

Mention was made of future demonstrations. One idea may be for a demonstration of one lathe tool at a meeting. These demonstrations could occur over a series of meetings – perhaps to start, the spindle gouge or the skew. The demonstrator could show all the different cuts and uses of the tool including the many grinds.

Larry Nelson,
Acting Secretary



Executive Board minutes

October 14, 2008

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

Discussion was held on the annual symposium scheduled for April 3-5, 2009. Some names were suggested for demonstrators and Ron Day will check the AAW directory and contact Mary Lacer for additional suggestions.

Ron reported Don Wattenhofer will be able to attend the November meeting if the chapter still wishes. Kris Roberts moved to have Don come to the November meeting to demonstrate. Pat Schweitzer seconded the motion, motion carried. The demonstration will start after the business meeting and run until about 3:00 PM. If there is enough interest, Don will stay over for a hands-on demonstration at Ron's shop. About six turners could be accommodated and that cost will be divided among the participants. Dennis Schwind will send out an email notifying members that Don has been re-scheduled.

The December meeting program is scheduled to be on Pepper Mills by Duey with ornaments as a plan B.

Discussion was held on renewal of 2009 dues and the possibility of increasing dues. Because the dues amount is included in the Bylaws we will need to continue at \$20.00 for 2009. With the review of the Bylaws it will be suggested to the committee to review the article pertaining to dues for possible revision. Dennis reported about seven members are still not paid for 2007 but are on the active roster and receiving the newsletter. It was suggested to send delinquent members a separate renewal notice.

The Chapter has decided to submit another tool order after the November meeting. Ron Day will manage the order and an order form will be sent with the newsletter.

Discussion was held on the election of officers. Positions open on the E-Board are for the Secretary, Treasurer and one at large member.

Duncan Warren suggested the Chapter should continue with challenges to encourage more participation in the Show & Tell. Duey had suggested members bring one tool to each monthly meeting and instructions could be held on the use and sharpening of the particular tool. It was decided to start with roughing gouges at the December meeting.

Duncan Warren reported he received a call from Jeff Schumacher who is the Bismarck High School Vo-Tech instructor. He has requested the DWT to do demonstrations and instructions on woodturning to about 70 – 80 students. Ron Day moved to contact Jeff for more information and to proceed with the classes. Kris Roberts seconded the motion, motion carried. It was also suggested to invite the students to attend our meetings.

Alice Berning said she has a commitment from Jack Klein to a demonstration and instruction on air brushing at the February 14, 2009 meeting.

Kris Roberts suggested the Chapter purchase some additional basic woodturning videos or DVD's for the library. Dennis Schwind moved to proceed with the purchase of additional materials for the library. Ron Day seconded the motion, motion carried. Kris will put together a list of suggested videos and bring it back to the meeting for approval and then add them to the next tool order.

Kris Roberts asked if the Chapter would like to once again do a demonstration at the Gateway Mall. Kris will contact the Mall and reports back on the dates.

The Pride of Dakota show will be held on December 5th & 6th and the Mandan Art Show is scheduled for April 24th through 26th, 2009.

Ron Day said more projects are needed for display and sale at the Mandan Art Gallery.

Dennis Schwind, Secretary



WHO

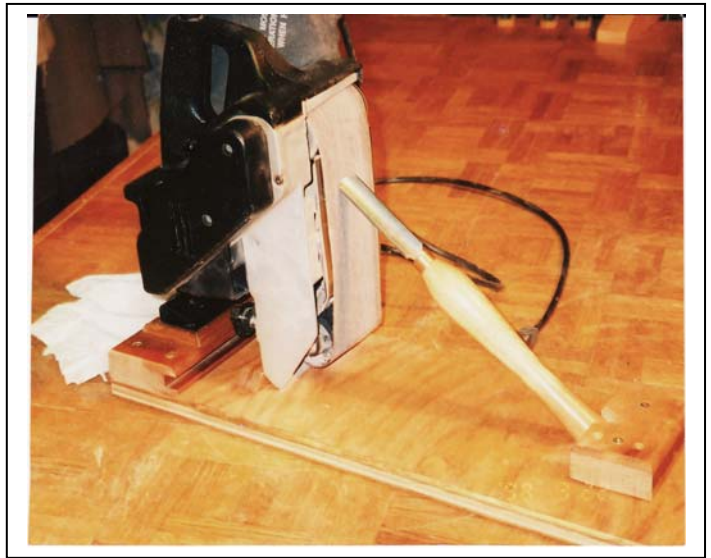
Five years ago, while watching a DWT woodturning demonstration, Greg Pollert was prompted to join our club.

Prior to this his woodworking included making cabinets and refurbishing wood product and structures. His favorite wood for turning is Walnut and his preferred items are bowls.

Greg's occupation is in heating and air conditioning. His recreational activities include photography and participation in the annual CANDISC bicycle tour.

Greg and his wife Cheryl have two children, a boy and a girl.

Norbert Berning



TOOL TIP

Dale Hurt submitted this photo with an explanation as follows.

I have an apprentice set of chisels that are HSS. Being "frugal" I am using a Craftsman sander 3 x 21" with varied grits as a sharpening belt. The base block is 1-1/4" thick with an adjustable "V" block to determine the angle of the grind. The belt runs away from the edge of the tool and acts as a grinder and a strop.

Dale Hurt

An Opportunity Awaits

With a little extra room this month, I thought I might run off a few thoughts. The summer was extremely busy and seems like a blur. I can't figure out where the time went. Woodturning took a back seat for other projects and family activities. I didn't get out fishing at all, although I did manage to get in some golf at which I still suck, but I enjoy it. Vi & I got a new Grandson in June. He was a little earlier than expected which cost a couple of extra trips to Fargo.

I have decided I will not run for another term as the Secretary of the DWT Club. With the newsletter, which includes keeping the membership and mailing lists and since starting the web site I feel the need to relinquish some duties. I have enjoyed being the secretary for the last few years, but feel it is time for some new blood on the E-Board. I would like to spend a little more time on the web site and expand on the content. I also need to concentrate on regular updates. A web site needs to be maintained and updated regularly to be an effective tool for the members it serves. I need to strive to make that happen.

In order to get fresh ideas and direction, I think it is a good to get fresh people involved in the operation and planning of an organization rather than have a slate of officers elected for life. In addition it will prevent individuals from burning out so they can continue to serve in another capacity or serve again at a later date. A division of labor makes most jobs easier and to my way of thinking, avoids stagnation.

Please consider seriously accepting one of the open positions. In addition, consider doing a demonstration or program at a meeting. Each of us has a talent and expertise I am sure would be of interest to the membership. Remember you don't have to be perfect, (I've proved that) because there are very few woodturners that can produce a finished piece in a one to two hour demonstration. The techniques and methods are the important things.

Dennis

SCHEDULE

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November 8, 2008 Regular meeting @ BSC 9:00 am
November 11, 2008 E-Board Meeting 7:00 PM @ Dakota Farms
November 11, 2008 Veterans Day - Thank a Vet for the
Freedoms you enjoy!
December 5-6, 2008 Pride of Dakota – Bismarck Civic Center
December 13, 2008 Regular meeting @ BSC 9:00 am
December 16, 2008 E-Board Meeting 7:00 PM @ Dakota Farms

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