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TEN YEARS SERVING THE WOODTURNING COMMUNITY

The Prez Sez

The holiday season is here. This is a good time to purchase tools and supplies. Most specialty companies are offering special deals and free shipping. Our tool order is complete and Ron will have the goods at the December meeting. I am working on a couple articles for our newsletter. One article will give a practical explanation of the types of steel used in turning tools and another will be on the geometry and materials used in screws.

Hollowing end grain is always a challenge. In the last two years the carbide cutter has evolved as the preferred tool. Mike Hunter is at the forefront of this development. A carbide disk is attached to the end of a shaft. As the tool dulls, the cutter is rotated a little to expose a new edge. All the suppliers offer them. Hunter is not the only brand. We will likely see more companies offer them in the near future.

Remember to bring your Christmas ornaments to the December meeting. The best thing about turned ornaments is they are all different. So bring a few, so we have a wide variety to show and talk about.

The club has purchased some new training materials, books and DVD's. Take advantage of this free training.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

December 16th – E-Board meeting 7:00 PM – Dakota Farms, Mandan ND

2009 January 10th – DWT Meeting 9:00am BSC Wood Shop – Pepper Mills by Duey Marthaller, All day turning - Christmas Party in the evening at the Bismarck Eagles Club.

TOOL ORDER

The Tool Order from Craft Supplies has arrived and Ron will have the orders at the meeting for pick up.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Executive Committee is in the process of ordering some new material for our Library. The material sounds great and I am looking forward to having it in our Library for all of you.

I have noticed that there are still a lot of "over-due" magazines and tapes checked out, so if you know you have held out some of our materials for an extended amount of time, I would ask that you return it so that others might have a chance to check it out as well. Please take a look around in your homes to see if you have any of these items. I really appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Thank you very much!

Ralph Feland, Librarian

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No doubt the coming days are going to be busy getting ready for Christmas. If you do not have time to be in the shop, take time to plan projects you can start at the beginning of the New Year.

Duey



Dakota Woodturners Club

Regular Meeting – November 08, 2008

Minutes

President Duey Marthaller called the meeting to order at 9:00am November 8, 2008. 32 members and one guest were present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Newsletter were approved on a motion by Bryce Hill and a second by Ron Day.

There was no Treasurer's report as Treasurer Kelly Geir was not present.

SHOW AND TELL

Don Christianson started off showing a very nice segmented vase followed by Greg Pollert with a cottonwood bowl. Gary Nagel brought in a lidded box made from Elm and Cocobolo. Jim Helbling showed his Mushroom boxes and a number of pens and an earring holder/stand was Ron Torgerson's contribution to Show & Share.

Earl Setterlund with his many civic interests told the Chapter that the US Capital Christmas tree would be on the ND State Capitol grounds on November 13th between 2 and 3pm. Ornaments are being donated for the tree including one produced by Earl. Congratulations to Earl! Earl also showed his segmented bowls made from walnut and pine. He said he works on various patterns for the bowls but needs to work on improving the finishes he uses.

Ron Day brought in the completed large vase he started on during the demonstration at his shop earlier this summer. The vase is made from spalted birch with some decorations done with Inlace. The next project presented was a cottonwood bowl with an accented rim of Brazilian Cherry made by Duey Marthaller.

The Show and Share finished up with a suggestion from Duncan Warren. He said to keep track of the various woods used in segmented turnings, noting which woods may not be compatible with each other and result in gaps or cracks in the turning. Different woods have different densities and will react differently when absorbing or losing moisture. The different moisture content of the wood when the project is first assembled is also a factor in a turned piece developing cracks.

BUSINESS MEETING

Kris Roberts reported on the new selection of videos and books for the library. The E-Board will discuss the selections and make the final decision on which ones to purchase.

Kris also said he has not yet found out a definite date for a demonstration at Gateway Mall. He believes it will be the first week of December.

Duey reported the fall 2009 demonstration by Jimmy Clewes is scheduled for October 3rd. Discussion was held on having Jimmy stay over for a second day for a hands-on demonstration.

Discussion was held on purchasing a membership for the Mandan and Bismarck Libraries. It was suggested to have Duey ask the AAW for a discount as the Chapter only wants to place the AAW magazine in the library as a public service. Bryce Hill moved to proceed with the purchase of a membership for the Bismarck Library and the Mandan Library at a cost of \$45.00 each if a discount cannot be negotiated. Duncan Warren seconded the motion, motion carried. Bryce Hill and Duncan Warren will contact each of the respective libraries to ask about the use and demand of the AAW magazine and DWT Newsletter. They will also ask about having the magazines returned to the DWT's if they are not archived the library.

Ron Day will be handling the tool order and said the deadline for submitting an order to him will be December 19th.

Duey appointed Weldee Baetsch as the chairman for the nominating committee along with Ralph Feland, Ken Ness and Ted Livesay as members. They will be searching for nominees for the open offices of member-at-large, secretary and treasurer.

Kris Roberts and Norbert Berning now have copies of the Bylaws and are in the process of reviewing them to make suggestions on possible revisions.

Ron Day reported on the recent survey conducted to determine future demonstrations. The most often requested projects were lidded boxes, hollowing and bowls. Ron also reported on having secured commitments from three people to demonstrate at the spring symposium. Greg Haugen of LaCrosse, WI who will demonstrate lidded boxes, Tom Larson from the Brainerd, MN area who will do platters and bowls and Don Wattenhofer who will demonstrate his signature thin walled goblets. Ron said he had a tough time finding demonstrators that were not already booked and suggest if the members wanted to book some of the more popular professionals that we should start making contacts now for the 2010 Symposium. Duey suggested the membership might want to stay with local turners for the spring symposium and get a big name turner for a fall symposium.

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Duncan Warren reported that he and Ron Day and Pat Schweitzer demonstrated to six Bismarck High School Vo-Tech classes on the 31st of October. They held drawings for turned items in each of the classes. The students showed an interest in woodturning and were invited to attend our meetings.

Tool of the month for this meeting will be the roughing gouge. Discussion will center on sharpening and the proper use of the tool.

The turning challenge for December will be ornaments which are the subject of today's demonstration by Pat Schweitzer and Ron Day.

With no other business the meeting adjourned to the demonstration.

Dennis Schwind,
Secretary



Executive Board Minutes

November 11, 2008

The regular meeting of the DWT E-Board was called to order by President Duey Marthaller at the Dakota Farms in Mandan, ND on November 11, 2008. Members in attendance were; Kelly Geir, Alice and Norbert Berning, Ron Day, Dennis Schwind, Kris Roberts, Weldee Baetsch, and Ken Ness.

A question was asked whether we might need another or a larger coffee maker for the chapter meetings. There actually is another one available, so an additional one is not required.

The December program will be on Buffing and finishing. Future programs will be Pepper Mills by Duey Marthaller in January, air brushing by Jack Klein in February and decorating in March by Alice Berning.

Discussion was held on having Jimmy Clewes demonstrate for a second day, either the Friday or Sunday, at the October 3rd, 2009 demonstration. There would be a charge to participating members for the second day and it was felt we would have no problem getting enough people. Dennis Schwind moved to approve the second day. Ron Day seconded the motion, motion carried.

Discussion was held on selling the tools purchased with the accessories for the new lathe. It was explained the tools were purchased as a service to members who may not own such tools but wanted to use the new lathe for larger projects which would also require the larger tools.

Weldee Baetsch and Ken Ness with the nominating committee appeared at the meeting to discuss and get suggestions on possible nominees for the December election of officers. A number of suggestions were discussed and the committee will make the contacts.

The Tool of the Month discussion went well and it was decided to continue next month with the Bowl Gouge.

Kris Roberts reported on the purchase of library materials. Suggestions were to purchase the following:

Woodturning: A Foundation Course by Keith Rowley - Book and DVD for \$34.99

Woodturning – Getting Started Right by Alan Lacer – DVD for \$34.99

Bowl Basics the Easy Way by Lyle Jamieson – 2 DVD set for \$39.99

Woodturning Tools, Techniques and Projects by Frank Penta and Alan Leland - Book for \$24.99

Woodturning Notes by Allan Batty – Book for \$3.95

The total for the order with the discount applied when submitted with the tool order will be \$120.85. Ron Day moved to purchase all of the material suggested. Alice Berning seconded the motion, motion carried.

Bill White requested the E-Board approve a demonstration for November 21 and 22 at Acme in Minot, ND. The Chapter will probably be requested to demonstrate the same week-end at the Bismarck location as well, so Kris Roberts moved to approve both demonstrations. Ron Day seconded the motion, motion carried.

With the possibility of a demonstration at the Gateway Mall sometime in December Alice Berning moved to approve a demonstration at the Gateway Mall for December. Ron Day seconded the motion, motion carried.

Weldee Baetsch reported on his research on securing a Post Office Box for the DWT as a permanent address. A smallest available box is a #1 box which would be \$29.00 for six months. The next largest box approximately 5 x 6 inches would be \$47.00. Two keys for the box are \$1.00 each. Discussion was held on the box being too small, but Weldee pointed out any large objects would be held by the Post Office and a note is placed in the mail box to pick up those items at the service window. Kris Roberts moved to proceed with the renting of a #1 Post Office Box for one year. Dennis Schwind seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

Dennis Schwind,
Secretary

New Address – With the DWT now a tax exempt organization the E-Board decided to rent a Post Office box so the Chapter has a permanent address. Now as the officers change processing a bunch of address changes will not be required. The address is: Dakota Woodturners, PO Box 243, Bismarck, ND 58502. If you need to get any information, for example a membership renewal, to the Chapter and can't make it to a meeting you will be able to use this address.



WHO

Prior to my asking Louis Pittman for some specific profile information, he showered his gratitude and compliments on our club members for their generosity. At no time has he been denied attention and help when seeking information about any aspect of woodturning. This tribute by Louis, who admits to not even seeing or being interested in lathe work prior to his joining the DWT three years ago, underscores the prime benefit-objective of our club.

Pittman's maturing interest and development in woodturning is graphically demonstrated by his presenting his successes and goofs during the Show and Tell part of our monthly meetings.

As Louis emerges from the novice stage of turning, his interest in wood is expanding to all kinds and types. Presently he favors cedar out of which he enjoys turning bowls and vases.

Louis is now retired and living in Garrison and was a bus mechanic for the Mandan School system. His wife was employed by the same system as a kitchen manager. For recreation Louis likes to fish and his wife crochets and both like to travel. During the challenging ND winter months they prefer to snowbird in Arizona. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Norbert Berning

STUFF

The turkey that got stuffed on Thanksgiving was me. My son and favorite daughter-in-law served Myrle and me a great banquet.

This year seems to have gone by so fast, but that's OK because I can remember the turnings and other

work I got done. Seems like a short list compared to the list of things I didn't get one, including the Honey-do list.

Don't forget the election of new officers for the next two years at our December meeting. Thank you to all the out-going officers.

I owe the club a huge apology. At our November meeting during the demos I entered into several conversations with other members thereby interfering with the demonstrators, the club members and guests in trying to hear. I sincerely apologize to Ron and Pat for this lack of consideration. Oh yes, don't forget to give those who demonstrate a hand of appreciation.

Be sure to bring your Xmas Tree ornaments to the December meeting for Show & Tell. Remember this is the monthly challenge and I hope we have monthly challenges for the coming year as they are interesting and very educational.

On November 21st & 22nd club members Ron Day, Dennis Schwind, Pat Schweitzer and Weldee Baetsch demonstrated at the Tool Crib of the North (Acme). I and other lent great moral support. This demonstration was on rather short notice but was very effective with a number of interested observers; more on this later.

I hope to see all of you and yours at our Christmas Party at the Bismarck Eagles Club in January. In the mean time a very Merry Christmas and a Great New Year.

Think Safety;
Keep the chips and ribbons flying – Have fun,
Dunc

Chapter Lathe Tools

A concern was expressed to the E-Board asking why the Chapter purchased the roughing and bowl gouges along with the chuck and other accessories for the new Powermatic lathe. The E-Board discussed this subject. The E-Board is on record as deciding to keep the tools. The rationale for the original purchase, and still the position of the Board, was that members who have smaller lathes and want to use the club lathe to turn a larger project would probably not own some of the larger tools required. The E-Board felt these types of tools would not always be available and it was not right to expect other members to bring their personal tools for the use of other members.

Your Executive Committee

ELECTION – At the December meeting we will be electing a new secretary, treasurer and member-at-large. The nominating committee has found some great candidates for these positions, but that does not mean we can not accept other nominations from the floor. If you are interested in any of these positions to help in planning the future direction of the Chapter you can contact members of the committee, Weldee Baetsch, Ken Ness, Ralph Feland or Ted Livesay or have another member nominate you for a position. At any rate please try to attend the meeting and vote for the future or YOUR woodturning chapter.

2008 SYMPOSIUM MEMORIES



SCHEDULE

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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
January 10, 2009	Regular meeting @ BSC 9:00 AM
January 10, 2009	After Demo -Turn-in tryout the new lathe
January 10, 2009	Christmas Party at Bismarck Eagles Club

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