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## TEN YEARS SERVING THE WOODTURNING COMMUNITY

### The Prez Sez

Woodturning has to be one of the best hobbies a person can have. We never run out of things to make and the objects are treasured by those who receive them. Here are a couple suggestions on making the craft more enjoyable for you. Take the time to learn the correct fundamentals. Work to do each cut the proper way. You cannot go wrong when you start by rubbing the bevel and then move into the cut. When you make something you have not made before, plan to make several of them. Try to make at least four of before you move onto something else. The quality will improve with each one you make.

Thanks to everyone that came out to my shop after last meeting. At our last meeting we had an excellent presentation by Mr. Jack Klein on air brushing. He is a gifted teacher and what a nice man.

I have placed an order for CA glue and will have it at the March meeting. Please consider signing up for our April symposium. The registrations have been coming in slow. Also, start thinking of something for the silent auction. This is a fun part of the symposium and a good way to help offset the cost.

We are also working on ordering bulk wood sealer. Members would be able to purchase at a significant cost savings. Duey

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14<sup>th</sup> – DWT Meeting 9:00am BSC Wood Shop – Painting & Decorating by Alice Berning

March 17<sup>th</sup> – E-Board meeting 7:00 PM – Dakota Farms, Mandan ND

April 3-4-5 – Annual Hands-on Woodturning Symposium – BSC Vo-Tech Center, West End of building (Rooms 103 – 105 – 105E – 107)

April 24-25-26 – 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Mandan Art Show and Sale sponsored by the Mandan Arts Association at the Mandan Community Center. Entry deadline March 14, 2009

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Please bring to the meeting or send in your 2009 dues of \$20.00 to avoid being dropped from the membership list and missing future newsletters. Dues can be mailed to PO Box 243, Bismarck, 58502

### SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

PLEASE send in your Symposium registration form as soon as possible to assist the committee in planning another successful Symposium for you. In order to keep costs down the budget was figured very tight. If you can just let the Chapter know if you will be attending it will go a long way in making sure we have all supplies, meals etc. are available. If you wish, you can E-Mail [info@dakotawoodturners.com](mailto:info@dakotawoodturners.com) to let us know if you are attending. Also see Ron's article on what materials and tools you will need to bring to the symposium this year.

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# Dakota Woodturners Club

Regular Meeting – February 14, 2009  
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9am by President Duey Marthaller. Forty three people were in attendance.

Guests: Ralph Feland introduced Dick Hanson as his guest. Approval of the minutes of January 10, 2009: Motion by Ron Day, second by Don Flath. Motion approved.

## Show and Tell:

Chris Roberts showed some boxes he had made out of big leaf maple.

Ben Schmalz from Minot showed 2 nice segmented walnut boxes. He also passed around a basket finished with black car bondo. Alice Berning had painted a flower design on the side. The bondo gave the basket a hard plastic finish which can also be used as an inlay.

Steve Wolff showed a 9 inch open segmented vase made of blood wood, maple and yellow heart. The use of color, the twisting pattern and its shape made the vase a piece of art. Steve said about 700 pieces went into it.

Larry Zubke passed around a pen case with 14 pens inside. Each made of a different wood and design.

Gary Nagel showed an old magazine from 1930 called Popular Woodturning. The main safety tip from the magazine was, “do not turn wearing a necktie”. Advice well taken.

Bryce Hill passed around some bottle stoppers that he had made. Some were from laminated wood dyed red and green. Duey Marthaller showed 3 natural edge bowls from Douglas fir. They were nested bowls from one piece of wood. He finished them with Tung oil and wipe on poly. They were very nicely turned and finished.

Kelly Geir brought to the meeting a guitar that he had made. Although not turned, it was a nice example of fine woodworking.

Larry Nelson presented the Treasurer’s report, which was accepted.

## Agenda:

It was reported that we have approximately 81 members in the club. However, only 36 have paid their dues for 2009. It was encouraged that people get their dues paid so the club can continue to fund the activities.

President Marthaller said he is working on an inventory list of the Club’s assets

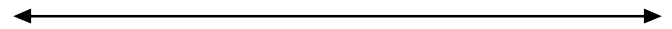
Chris Roberts reported that his group is still working on the rewriting of the bylaws. Several drafts have been made and they will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

Dennis Schwind reported that he will be going to the Fargo Woodturner’s meeting this month. They purchased 30-50 gallons of wood sealer as a club. He will report back on the feasibility of our club making a similar purchase.

Symposium Update: Ron Day reported the symposium will be April 3-4-5, 2009. He will need a count of those who plan on attending. He also requested assistance in providing housing for one of the instructors. If anyone is interested in providing a room please contact Ron. It was also reported that the Bismarck State College Art Department has expressed interest in being part of the symposium.

Ron also expressed a need for members to sign up for the various duties that are needed to put the symposium together. He will be providing a list at the next regular meeting. After the symposium the club will be putting an order into Craft Supplies. Members can submit their orders at that time. Next regular meeting will be March 14. Meeting adjourned.

Ken Ness  
Secretary



## Executive Board Minutes

February 17, 2009

President Marthaller called meeting called to order at 7pm.

Members present: Larry Nelson, Dennis Schwind, Norbert Berning, Alice Berning, Weldee Baetsch, Duncan Warren, Chris Roberts, Duey Marthaller, Ralph Feland, Ron Day, and Ken Ness

### Reports:

Ron Day reported on the 2009 Symposium.

Items discussed and assignments.

A room for one of the presenters was needed. Anyone wishing to house one of the three is to contact Ron.

Contact vendors interested in setting up a display. Chris Roberts will check.

Press relations and news releases: Duey Marthaller will do releases.

Printing flyers and brochures: Dennis Schwind

Classroom setup: Weldee Baetsch. Duey Marthaller will assist with audio visual. Chris, Ron and Duey will see that the cameras are set up for each rotation.

Instant Gallery: Chris Roberts and his wife will set up and help get staffing during hours it’s opened. Weldee Baetsch will get tables.

Symposium directional signs: Pat Schweitzer

Registration: Ron Day

Silent Auction: Duey Marthaller

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Saturday social: Dennis Schwind has made arrangements. Social will be at the Eagles Club in Bismarck. Meals will be \$15.00 per person. Will get a head account at next regular meeting.

Gifts for demonstrators: A gift basket of some sort was discussed. Ken Ness will check on Pride of Dakota products. Gifts for non Dakota Woodturner, i.e. people who traveled the farthest, etc. Recommended no gifts be given to these people. Motion by Alice Burning, seconded by Chris Roberts. Passed

Duncan Warren recommended we send invitations to the following:  
BSC President; Governor; BSC Art Department; BAGA; West Dakota Arts Council; and Mandan Art Association; President Marthaller agreed to send the invitations.  
No other symposium business.

President Marthaller made motion to pay \$40.00 for dues to the Dakota West Arts Council. Ron Day seconded. Motion carried.

President Marthaller reported on the Club buying a 2"x4" add in the BSC Student paper Mystician. Cost is \$25.00. Motion to buy add by Ron Day, second by Duey Marthaller.  
Discussion: It would show support by our Club for BSC (our landlord). Motion carried.

President Marthaller reported on the coop order to Craft Supplies. An announcement will be made at the March meeting with orders in by the May meeting.

Discussion was made on the Club programs for each of the upcoming months.

Discussion was had on this year's picnic. Having it at Sertoma Park was suggested. Ron Day will look into that.

Discussion was held on having more Saturday afternoon turnings after the morning regular meeting and demonstrations. It was reported that the school shop is not available pass 12:00.

#### Bylaws:

Great discussion was made on the most recent draft of the rewriting of the bylaws. Chris Roberts will keep working on a final draft. It will then be presented back to the Executive Board and then to the membership for discussion.

#### Budget:

Larry Nelson put together figures on a proposed budget for 2009. However, due to time restraints on the meeting room availability, (the restaurant was closing), discussion was delayed until the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Submitted by  
Ken Ness  
Club Secretary

## SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

It is upon us again, the 2009 Dakota Woodturners Annual Hands-on Symposium. The symposium is a great opportunity to learn from others in the field and to hone your skills. We are still waiting for folks to return their registration forms and we are significantly behind in registration receipts. The lack of registrations is making it very difficult on the planning process. So, please if you plan to attend the symposium, turn in your registration at the March meeting.

In preparation for the symposium, each person should plan to bring the following item (if you have them and if you don't, not to worry we are a sharing group):

Mini-lathe (drive center, live center & K/O bar)

Lathe Stand

Extension Cord (Power Strip if you have one)

Work Light (if you want)

Scroll Jaw Chuck

CA Glue & Accelerator

Turning Tools - The basic turning tool any special tools will be identified with the outline for each project.

The following summarizes the items need for each project and the type of wood (please avoid bring in the exotics, due to potential allergies for some folks):

Greg Haugen – Turning a Lidded Box

Wood blank – Any type of dry wood (approximately 3"x 3" x 5.5" long)

Tools – Basic turning tools, include hollowing tools

Other – Jacobs chuck and drill bit (1/4" or in that range)

Tom Larson – Turning a Square Bowl

Wood Blank – Any type of dry wood (5.5" square by 2" thick) Note: Tom said he used a piece of oak which worked well.

Tools – Basic turning tools, include small round nose scrappers or half round scrapper

Other – A worm screw for your scroll jaw chuck or a screw chuck

Don Wattenhofer – Turning a Thin walled Goblet

Wood Blank – Green wood approximately 4" in diameter limb with bark still on.

Tools – Basic tuning tools, include round nose scrapper and small spindle gouge

As for the wood blanks, there will be some extras available and if you have extra bring them to share with others.

If you have any questions concerning what to bring to the symposium or any other questions, just stop and ask Ron Day at the March meeting or give him a call at (701) 223-6756.

Ron Day



## ACRYLICS

On the March regular meeting agenda is a wood art demonstration process. Actually it will be a mini hands-on demonstration-participation activity involving all club members. Each member will be given a packet of materials (no cost) useful in the application of acrylics to wood. Members will be guided in a step-by-step painting/staining process. This exercise should not only provide an appreciation of what is involved in wood art, but, perhaps, inspire some to be interested in applying an art form to their turnings. If participants find this session to be beneficial, a similar activity can be scheduled for using oils.

The presenter has been intently involved with a wide variety of art media for about thirty years. While teaching music from elementary through university levels of education, she pursued decorative painting as her retirement hobby. She has studied under national and international outstanding teachers. So be prepared for a back to the classroom experience. Spouses of members are welcome to attend this activity also.

For new club members who do not know "WHO" the presenter is, she is known to older members simply as Alice ----- and to the writer of this article, fortunately, as Alice Berning.

Norbert Berning

### Editors Note:

A former boss once that told me not every plan or idea is a good one. My plan for this WHO article on Alice and the one in January on Norbert did not exactly go according to plan. Actually, it probably isn't so much that it was a bad idea; it was a matter of bad execution.

THE PLAN: I got to thinking some time back that Norbert had been writing the member biographies for quite some time and we should all get to know him a little better as well. As most of the members know when you see Norbert, Alice is usually not far away and vice versa. So, in December when I learned that Alice would be conducting a demonstration I got to thinking, why not do an article on both of them. So I approached each on the QT and asked them to do an article on the other and keep it under their hat.

THE PLAN GOES SOUTH: I made the mistake of not specifying which month I wanted the articles. Norbert usually drops off his article at my house. So, in January Norbert prepared an article on a member and Alice prepared the piece on Norbert. When they came by to drop off the article Alice opened the envelope, removed Norbert's article and substituted the one she wrote up on Norbert. Now without any information on Alice, I had no choice but to use the article on Norbert by its self.

ALL GOOD IN THE END: Alice made the mistake of leaving the original article Norbert prepared lying about. Norbert saw it and figured out something was up. With Alice taking a couple of mild mannered shots at Norbert in the article, Norbert hinted to me "What goes around comes around". Now I'm a little worried I had initiated some marital discord. I was relieved to see the article on Alice is nothing but complimentary. All seems to have worked out well in the end, even though the effect of publishing both Bios at the same time was lost because I wasn't better organized.

As a post script I just want to thank Alice and Norbert for all they do for the DWT's. They rarely miss a meeting or event and are always there to help. Even though they may not be prolific woodturners they have taught us a lot about looking beyond a bare turning to see additional possibilities for our craft. The collaborative pieces Alice has done with a number of our members are truly magnificent. Although Alice may do the painting, you can bet Norbert had a hand somewhere in the process.

Beyond woodturning and painting Norbert and Alice have shown us by example great teamwork, working together and supporting each other. We all benefit immensely having you both as members, but more so as friends.

Thanks Again Norbert & Alice

Dennis

## STUFF

I guess all of you are getting feed up with all of this snow. But I have to look at it another way. Very soon the Crocus (Passion Flower) will be poking its head out of the ground. The Pussy Willows will be showing their stuff and the grass will be green again all over the hills – it's spring again. But I'm very lucky, didn't have to shovel my driveway, get the newspaper walking on glare ice, clean snow off the roof, and check my propane tanks and other tasks. I sure have great neighbors and I hope you have many also.

Some of our members are still being snow birds and others had a few health problems. I think some just holed up for the winter. But whatever, be sure to pay your Chapter dues and bring a friend, we need you in the club. We have some great programs coming up and of course our Symposium on April 3-5<sup>th</sup>.

In our club some of the most active members for various reasons cannot participate to the level they once did. Therefore others must step up and give back to the club in a meaningful way. Currently we have some great talent carrying the load, but we need more individuals to step forward and do a demonstration on whatever you are comfortable with even if there have been other demos the subject before. Step up and be willing to take the reins if necessary.

There are a number of community projects that are occurring and many are looking at what can be done to involve non-turners in these activities. I think our club should take heart in what we have achieved and the overall spirit and support members gain from them. Keep a can-do mentality.

An item that can confuse us at times is the grit on sandpaper. Some refer to sanding as going up from 80 grit to 400 grit. This is an error because we are talking about "grit". The smaller the number, the larger the grit therefore you should refer your sequences as going from 80 grit down to 400 grit, not 80 grit up to 400 grit, think about it.

At our last meeting one of our members had found a woodturning book printed in 1932. Some find! One of our illustrious members said he noticed that my picture was in the book.....Great going!

Nuff for now, hope to see you at our meetings.

Keep the chips & ribbons flying,  
Dunc

## **Useful tips I have found – Bryce Hill**

1 – To speed CA glue curing, use pressured aerosol accelerators instead of pumps. Aerosols produce superior spray output patterns over pump sprays.

2 – Don't purchase large containers of finish since some finishes have a short shelf life. The clock starts ticking from the date of manufacture, not the date of purchase.

3 – Use tapered (angled) edge hook and loop sanding mandrels instead of straight sided mandrels. Doing this prevents ugly marks on the inside of the bow when you sand. Tapered edge sanding devices also provide extra clearance when sanding decorative details.

4 – To quickly clean adhesive discs when power sanding mount a crepe adhesive cleaner near the headstock. When the abrasive clogs sand on the crepe cleaner block for a second and then resume sanding.

5 – To make uniformly sized wood shavings or dust to fill voids in woodturnings use an old electric coffee grinder to process the shavings. Then sift the dust through various sizes with a mesh strainer. Old coffee grinders are often found at garage sales and make perfect dust or shavings to use. NOTE: Can't use the grinder for both wood and coffee, unless you want to sleep in the garage/shop!

## SCHEDULE

March 14, 2009 Regular meeting @ BSC 9:00 AM  
March 17, 2009 After Demo -Turn-in tryout the new lathe  
April 3-4-5, 2009 Hands-on Symposium – BSC Vo-Tech Bldg  
April 24-26, 2009 Mandan Art Show – Mdn Community Ctr.  
May 9, 2009 Regular meeting @ BSC 9:00 AM  
May 12, 2009 E-Board Meeting 7:00 PM @ Dakota Farms  
October 3, 2009 Jimmy Clewes Demonstration

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### WANTED

Mini Lathe – Would prefer with variable speed,  
but will consider any type  
Contact Larry – 701-222-0326

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