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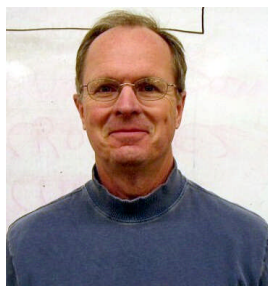
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### SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- May 9, 2009 Regular Chapter meeting @ BSC Vo-Tech Shop—9:00 AM
- May 12, 2009 E-Board Meeting @ Dakota Farm, Mandan, ND 7:00 PM
- June 12-13, 2009 Center Art Show—DWT Demonstrations
- June 13, 2009 Regular Chapter meeting @ BSC Vo-Tech Shop—9:00 AM
- October 3, 2009—Jimmy Clewes Demonstration



### THE PREZ SEZ

The symposium was a success. In the weeks prior to the event, the concern is always on attendance and budget. Both of these concerns turned out favorable to the club. If you have any suggestions or comments, please bring them up at the next meeting. Some time will be set aside for a discussion. I believe the demonstrators were very down to earth and effective.

Now is a great time of year to do some wood processing. Branches and logs will be available in the coming months. Take the time to sort the good from the bad and cut blanks that you can use in the future. Balance your time between turning new objects and preparing wood for future turnings. Remember to set aside a few pieces in a damp area to spalt. Local woods like birch, maple, apple, chokecherry, and plum spalt nicely. Usually all it

takes is to seal the ends and keep them out of the sun.

As you work on things, keep notes on what works for you and what does not. Even if you have a detailed plan like a magazine article, usually some changes are necessary based on the tools you have, the wood you are working with, or using a technique you know works. Write these things down and save them so next time you know what worked well and what did not. Also, take pictures of the completed items and file it all together.

We have several months of nice weather to look forward to now. I sincerely hope you enjoy yourself and call me or stop by if I can help.

Duey Marthaller

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### S Y M P O S I U M R A P - U P

The symposium is over and all of the chips have been swept-up, now is the time for a little reflection on how things went. The club has received a few comments on what went well and what could be improved on for the next symposium. The club needs your ideas, so prior to the May meeting give it some thought as to what went well for you and what could have been done to improve your symposium experience. The following are few of the comments we have received and may spark a few ideas:

“The demonstrators were hard to hear.” The room size and background noise was definitely a detriment to hearing the demonstrators. The club will be looking into some type of sound system for future monthly demonstrations and symposiums.

“The lunch set-up was great.” The opportunity to get out of the building and have a hot lunch and good conversation was viewed as very positive by numerous participants.

“The instant gallery was very well set-up, but the location was difficult for the public to find.” No solution for this yet, but the club will be looking for ways to improve that aspect of the symposium.

“The demonstrators were very easy to communicate with and very personable.”

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## Dakota Woodturners April 7, 2009

## Executive Board Meeting Dakota Farms Restaurant, Mandan ND

### Members present

Kris Roberts, Norbert Berning, Alice Berning, Duey Marthaller, Dennis Schwind, Ron Day, Larry Nelson, Ken Ness

7PM: Meeting called to order by President Duey Marthaller.

Duey requested a motion to approve the following bills:

\$42.00 for postage

\$55.00 for dues to the Mandan Arts Association

Motion to approve by Ron Day, seconded by Alice Berning. Motion passed by majority vote.

President Marthaller requested that the bill to the Mandan Arts Association be brought up again for further discussion in six months.

### Symposium report by Ron Day

It was reported that 37 people registered, plus 1 student. It was reported that Dave Dittmer from Rapid City could not make the symposium due to winter storm. Ron Day made a motion to refund his fees. Motion seconded by Ken Ness. Discussion centered on the fact that the cause was beyond his control. Motion passed. Ron reported that Don Flath came in on Monday to move the lathes and that was

greatly appreciated. Following comments were made about the symposium by people attending. Positive: The idea of the instructors rotating room to room worked well. Demonstrators reported no problems. Demonstrators were very open to conversation and very friendly. Using the student union for lunch was great. A lot of favorable comments were made about that. The idea of name tags was a good idea and should be continued. Demonstration rooms were adequate size.

Negative: Some background noise in rooms prevented everybody from hearing the demonstrators, especially on Friday night. Club may experiment with different audio systems during regular meetings.

Some comments about no vendors present.

Instant gallery room was too small.

Special compliments should be given to all who helped with the food bar. There was nothing but high praise for the amount and quality of the snacks.

The Jimmy Clewes demonstration this fall was discussed. No action taken.

Board sanctioned the demonstrations that will be a part of the Hazen and Mandan Art shows.

Ron discussed the following regular meet-

ing demonstrations.

May: Pen demo

May challenge: bring what you made at the symposium

June: Platter

June challenge: Pen trade

July: Woodmeiser demo

July challenge: bird houses

August: picnic.

Symposium for 2010 was discussed briefly. Club needs to start thinking about who the demonstrators should be.

8:40 Meeting adjourned.

Ken Ness,  
Secretary

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"The Sunday afternoon "Special" demonstration was a little disjointed and would have liked to have seen a more formal program." There were also positive comments about the ability to get a very close view of the special demonstrations and to get an up close look at the techniques and tools used by the demonstrators. The club will be looking for more input on the Sunday "Special" demonstration session.

The general input was very positive on not having to move from room to room. The only down side was having to move the demonstrators lathes around. For future symposiums, the club will work to have a lathe dedicated for each demonstrator and will have a complete set-up for them.

These are a few of the comments to-date, overall the symposium was believed to be a success, but hope to receive more feed back from you the members. At the May meeting, please come prepared to discuss and critique the symposium. A decision will also have to be made on moving forward with a 2010 Symposium. The time is now if the club is to sign-up demonstrators for next year.

Ron Day

## TOOL ORDER

The Board has decided the chapter will be entering another tool order with Craft Supplies. The order form was included with the last newsletter. The deadline for submitting your order will be at the May 9th DWT meeting. Remember to fill out the order form completely with P/N, page number, and description. Larry Nelson will once again manage the order. If there are any questions you can contact Larry at 222-0326.

Jim Gear has sent a message that he is selling all of his turning tools & equipment due to ill health and they will be moving to Salt Lake in the near future.

Delta Mini-lathe with bed extension, extra belt, knockout tool, complete and two years old. Has about 100 hours on it. Book, all accessories included (center pins, tailstock, etc.) \$375

Lathe bench, 7 feet by 2 feet, built from 4 x 4 and 2 x 8. very sturdy Has an opening for the dust collector. \$100

1 dust collector with bag and wheels, 750 CFM, near new. \$100

Delta Low-speed grinder with 8 inch wheels, near new—Wolverine sharpening system for gouges and other tools, complete

1 set of 8 turning tools, Freund brand, near new and in excellent shape. \$100

Turning books-several titles....!

1 end-grain hollowing tool, 1 Bowl gouge and 1 scraper with several custom blades.

1 large chuck for metal or wood, with key, self-centering, \$50.00 (1 x 8 thread)

Two "Teknatool" mini-chucks, with bars, \$40.00 each (1 x 8 thread)

Specialty jaws for the above, with screws and wrench, 15.00 each

Other jaws that were custom built with 1 x 8 centers.

Narrow parting tool

Delta motorized hone with water reservoir. \$40.00

Delta scroll saw with book and accessories, \$125.00

Misc. other hand and lathe tools, calipers and other things. Misc. sharpening stones for knives and gouges, including some diamond hones.

My cell phone # 701-391-4170, and it's best if they call me during the day, 10 A to 10 P.

If any of the guys want something, I'm usually home everyday of the week except Mondays. Most of my tools are in excellent condition with very little wear, and I'd like to get a decent price for most of it.

I also have a lot of wood chunks, All of it is sealed, and most of it is marked.

Jim Gear

## STUFF

Yesterday the last snow bank in my yard gave up. But underneath were the tell-tail runways in the grass that the Voles used all winter. They don't hibernate and they will eat most anything. I noticed they did a good job on girdling some of my small trees. The cottontail rabbits did a lot of pruning and bark sampling on my Nan King Cherry and Spirea, but it was a poor job—they need better training.

Our '09 Symposium is history. The officers and various crews did an excellent job. The instant gallery was very well arranged with tags and names professionally done. It was unfortunate that more people didn't get to see this one. It looked to me like we had some highly professional works—all of you that exhibited are to be congratulated on a job well done. Thanks.

If you didn't get to the Mandan Art Show you missed a good one. Ron Day received a Governor's Selection and the People's Choice Award. Great going Ron! Duey Marthaller also had some great pieces on display. Both of these turners make us look and feel better.

Ron had a number turners helping him with the turning demos and all did a very commendable job. I lent all the moral support I could muster.

There are several other art shows this year, Hazen and Center. Check for dates elsewhere in this issue and volunteer to help at these demos—you'll like it.

Remember you never get a second chance to make a first impression.

Keep the chips and ribbons flying!!

Dunc

## WHO



Bob Pedigo—wood carver, woodturner, avid photographer—is a charter member of the DWT. He is also a member of the local wood carvers organization, Flickertail Woodcarvers.

Bob's primary woodwork interest is in carving. He has demonstrated and taught carving techniques extensively. Persons interested in carving find Pedigo a rich source of information and resource for the materials suitable for carving. Recently he has developed a keen leaning toward relief carving.

Pedigo turns primarily Christmas ornaments and pepper mills. His preferred woods for woodworking are Black Walnut, Maple and Butternut. Several times a year Bob and his wife Karen, a quilter, go to Yellowstone National Park to spend time hiking and photographing scenes that provide them with ideas for their respective hobbies.

Pedigo is retired after serving as an electrical engineer for the FAA. He and his wife have two children and one adopted grandchild.

Norbert Berning

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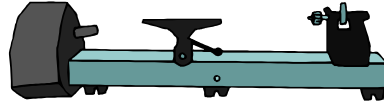


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