



# SAWDUST & SHAVINGS

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## SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST

- March 13, 2021  
9:00 AM Regular Meeting using Zoom
- March 16, 2021  
7:00 PM E-Board meeting using Zoom.
- DWT Spring Symposium April 17-18, 2021

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## The Prez Sez



The Spring Symposium seems like it should be happening soon. The nice weather makes it feel like May already. This year the symposium will be held in the April and May meetings via zoom. We will have two out of state presenters similar to the December meeting. The details are still being finalized. We will share those by email when they become available.

The March presentation will be on sharpening your tools. Ron Day and Pat Schweitzer will be doing the presentation. Sharpening is a very important and often overlooked part of woodturning. The more I learn about sharpening my tools, the better my woodturning gets.

We are hoping to participate at the Art in the Park and Capital Affair. We have contacted Art in the Park and are waiting to hear from them because some changes have been made in our usual demonstration area. We were invited by Suzy Q in previous years and were never charged a fee for participating. She is no longer involved with Art in the Park so we are waiting to find out what if any, changes will be made to our involvement. The event will be held at the Dykshoorn Park according to the Mandan Progress Organization. Please continue to make tops with the hopes that we will be there. In order to do these events, we need the participation of our members. Please volunteer.

We still have not heard anything from BSC about any changes in regulations for using their shop for our meetings.

At this time, we have committed to having our meetings through June with zoom. The July meeting will be at someone's shop or on zoom. The August meeting will be a picnic or zoom meeting. We will have to see what the fall brings to determine what our meetings will be like then.

Our website is back and running again. Thanks to Mark Kielpinski and Todd Richardson for your work on that issue.

If you are looking for more ways to learn about woodturning, you can check the DWT website. We have videos posted that you can watch. It is a good source to use to continue learning.

We are hoping we can have a fall symposium and are planning for that kind of event. It will be so good to get together once and visit while we learn.

We would like to offer our sympathy and condolences to Mark, Nancy, and Rebecca Kielpinski on the passing of Mark's father.

Remember to plan on turning something for the raffle this year. We will need a commitment as to what you hope to donate so that these items can be listed on the tickets and our application for a raffle permit. We are legally required to list the items we will have at the raffle. The more items we have on the tickets, the easier it is to sell the tickets. We can add other items later if we have to. We need the commitment emailed to Denise sooner rather than later. The application is usually done in April.

Keep on turning, especially tops. They do help with improving fundamental turning skills.

Kirk Maize - President

## DWT Regular Meeting

February 13, 2021

Dakota Woodturners Zoom Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

There was one guest attending, Bill Baer, who is a friend of Larry Nelson's.

People were reminded to send in photos of their show and share items if they would like them posted to the website.

March's presentation by Ron and Pat will be on tool sharpening.

The spring symposium will be held in a different format. The proposal is to have outside presenters for the April and May meetings and to have those presentations recorded to post so that members can watch them later. The negative side of online presentations is that we can't get the presenters feedback on how we are holding tools, how our turnings need to be adjusted, etc. There is a possibility that some members may host a few people in their workshops to try the projects the presenters demonstrated and those hosts may be able to provide their expertise to assist some of us in replicating the projects.

Videos of our monthly presentations are on the YouTube Dakota Woodturners site.

A move to approve the Secretary's

minutes for January was put forth by Stan Zalumskis and seconded by Steve Hamar. Motion passed.

Show and Share items were presented by Stan Zalumskis, Wayne Peterson, Steve Hamar, Larry Zubke, Dolly Erickson, Alan Welte, John Warren, Twig Zahn, Don Robison and Guy Otteson.

Steve Hamar bought some large slabs of Redwood from someone locally.

The Mystery Prize was won by Dolly Erickson and the President's Challenge prize was won by Wayne Peterson.

Steve Hamar reminded everyone that we need **A LOT** of tops to fill our jugs for the summer events. We only have about 2/3 of one jug and we need to have 2 full jugs.

This year's raffle activities will be starting soon, so start thinking about items you can make or have made that you could pledge/donate to the raffle. We start gathering pledges in March and need to have all pledges made before May. The actual items will ideally be given to Denise by the end of June so they can be displayed at Art in the Park and Capital A'Fair events.

Band Blast last year was canceled and donated items held for this year, but additional donations will always be welcomed.

Jim Rask announced that he has 2" thick cherry available for sale.

## Show and Share



## E-Board Meeting

DWT E-Board minutes February 16, 2021

Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

John Warren moved to approve the secretary's minutes. Spud Gruman seconded and the motion passed.

There was no Treasurer's report.

The club received a letter regarding changes needed to our website.

The February general meeting was discussed and thought to be a very good presentation with quality video. Approximately 40 people attended by Zoom.

Educational Grant program will be promoted more in the upcoming year to encourage more applications for next year's grants. The website and AAW magazine show different events that grants can be used for.

Tool order – Spud sent in the latest tool order. He may be willing to send in another order later in the year as a lot of items were not available.

Tops are needed for the summer events.

The budget committee is still waiting for paperwork to be able to create the budget.

Spring Symposium – Mark indicated we will do as the monthly presentations being recorded and will be at no cost to the members. It is believed we can apply for a grant to cover half of one of the presenters.

The topic of membership dues came up. Members who paid dues in 2020 do not have to pay for 2021. Consensus was that people who hadn't paid in 2020 will have to pay dues for 2021.

E-Board Meeting Continued:

Art in the Park – there is a rumor that the location will be moved as Dykshorn Park will still be under construction in July. Susie Q's is closed and we would have to work out a demonstration location – probably with Dot Frank. An online search seems to indicate they are considering Centennial Park on the strip as the possible location.

The Dakota Council on the Arts 2022 Grant hasn't been applied for yet as they are changing their software and it won't be available to use until a couple of weeks before the application deadline. Everyone was asked to submit photos that might be submitted with the grant application. Pictures of people turning would be great.

Fall symposium was discussed. Should the format be online demo followed by hands on in small groups? When will we need to decide by? Will the contracts need exit clauses? There are many decisions to make.

Several board members mentioned that it would be helpful to have guides to the board positions. It would be helpful to have information on each positions responsibilities, deadlines, time sensitive items, etc.

There is no new information on a different meeting location.

Denise asked where the site is that the videos are posted to and was told DakotaWoodturners.com, however, that site was not available when someone attempted to log in to it. This is the site that we received a letter about needing changes to. Kirk will follow up on this.

Our Facebook page has 78 people, 88 likes/comments and 55 saw the pictures Dolly posted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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### FOR SALE/WANTED

If any club member has items that they are looking to sell or acquire,  
please contact:

Any E-Board member or:  
Larry Nelson  
701-527-8927 lknelson@bis.midco.net

### FOR SALE:

**Freud** Raised Panel router bit set. Freud item # 94-100  
and  
**Freud** assortment set of 6 bits. Freud item # 91-104

All are 1/2 in shank and in very good, sharp condition.  
Please phone Larry Nelson for more discussion, photos or to make an offer.  
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