



Sawdust and Shavings

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The Prez Sez

This is my last column as president. The most important thing I can say is THANK YOU. Thank you for stepping up when we have asked for help

with our many projects. Thank you for attending our meetings and enjoying the company of fellow turners. Thank you for sharing your projects and ideas. Thank you for your patience in dealing with the Covid issues these past years. I don't know what is in our future, but I do know that with the members we have, it will be good. I need to say a special thank you to John and Becky for hosting the E-board meetings. It saved our board members a lot of driving to my home for the meetings.

Congratulations to the Women in Turning and the people who are helping with their meetings. You are having a great turn out for your group. We hope it continues.

Dolly has started a tee shirt order that she would like to finish up. She still needs more orders to meet the minimum number for an order.

Please consider filling out an application for the educational grant. The form is due the end of December. Applications will be available again at the December club meeting. Please send your completed application to Stan.

Our Christmas party is on January 8 at Steve and Donna Hamar's home. The Woodhouse will be catering the event. They will be serving chicken and meatballs like they did at our last party. Remember

to bring a gift if you want to exchange gifts. The social hour begins at 5:00 pm and the meal at 6:00 pm. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The cost of the meal will be twenty dollars per person, the same as our previous Christmas party.

We will be holding elections in December. Our new officers will be taking over. I wish them the best knowing that they are all very capable individuals. Thank you to those willing to work.

Our dues are due by January 1. Please send your twenty-dollar dues to Spud Gruman at Box 243 in Bismarck, ND 58501 or give them to Spud at the meeting. Thanks.

Our December meeting will be a presentation by Ron Day on finishing a bowl turned out of green wood at a previous meeting. The wood is dried and ready to turn to create a twice turned bowl.

I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and hope for a Happy New Year for all of you.



November General Meeting 2021

The club meeting for November was a last-minute casualty of some icy roads. The next DWT meeting will be Saturday, December 11 at the Bismarck Career Center. We'll also hold elections for President, VP, and one member-at-large in addition to the usual meeting items.

E-Board Minutes November 18, 2021

Attending: Kirk Maize, John Warren, Mike Orgaard, Kleber Hadsell, Denise Johnson

Absent: Spud Gruman

Also Attending: Ron Day

Old Business:

Grant from Lee Valley – there is significant paperwork with this educational grant. The first order from Craft Supplies has been placed. Some items were backordered and are now available. Discussion was held on paperwork, check processing and deadlines. Additional tools will be ordered.

ACME demo – set up took 20 minutes and a display table is available. There are currently enough volunteers to demo at the event.

Career Academy – a reminder will be sent to recruit volunteers for the next sessions of classes in November and December.

Election committee – no changes in information

WIT (Women in turning) – the next session will be on November 28th from 11 – 3 at Hamar's. Mike Orgaard has agreed to help at this session. Discussion was held as to how to accommodate the large number of ladies interested and if there was another location to meet at and the possibility of meeting at the Career Academy. Ron and John suggested moving the sessions to a week night as we might be able to recruit mentors more easily during the week. 6-9 was suggested for a time.

Spring Symposium – discussion was held on whether we are having or not and what format. This will be brought to the December general meeting. We will need a commitment from the members to move forward.

New Lathe – discussion was held regarding the Nova lathe in the trailer. Consensus was that is might be best to turn that machine into a buffing system or get rid of it and get a new lathe.

Club business cards and flyers – Kleber brought this up as we have very few cards left and no brochures. Board felt new cards should be ordered and that Kleber will follow up to see where we ordered from last time. The information on the card will be reviewed to make sure current. We will not print flyers/brochures at this time due to the cost. Information is available on the website. Spud will need to follow up on the status of the PO box for the club.

New business:

Christmas party – will be held January 8th at Steve Hamar's. The menu has not been set.

Membership committee – Mike Orgaard was asked to be the liaison between the board and the committee. He agreed to be the liaison.

Educational grants – Denise made a motion that the educational grants awarded for 2020 be carried forward to 2022. Second by Kleber and motion passed.

Dues – the dues for 2022 are due in December. We should have membership forms at our general meeting for new members.

Volunteers – concern was raised for the number of requests for volunteer time from our members as we don't want them to burn out. Discussion was held that the ACME demo is very important as we get many new members

from our time there. We need to get more members to help in various ways. Our time at the Academy saves us a lot on rental fees for our monthly meetings and symposia. It was suggested that volunteers might be entered into the President's Challenge drawings.

Career Academy Teaching Spring Semester – discussion on suggestions to improve the experience for the next semester. One suggestion was to try to limit it to two classes per day to reduce the number of hours needed to volunteer in a day.
Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

WIT Pics 11/28:



Bismarck Career Center Sessions 11/29-12/3:

