



# Sawdust and Shavings

## Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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**The Prez Sez**

Greetings,

I'd like to start this month by thanking all of those that helped mentor at the Bismarck Career Academy. Along with that, we also need to thank those that took the lead and made this opportunity possible for both the Dakota Woodturners and the students of the Career Academy. This is a real win-win situation. I believe that John Warren, Ron Day, Kleber Hadsell and Pat Schweitzer had the initial conversations with the administrators and instructors from the Career Academy. Forgive me if I missed someone but I was homebound when this occurred. Without the support of the DWT members that were **mentors** none of this would be possible. You should all be very proud of yourselves. We as a club should be grateful. Thank you.

It's nice to have a "new normal". It seems like we are settling into our new meeting spot. A year ago we were unsure where or when we would meet again. It's nice to have a place we can call home for our woodturners.

We should appreciate Doug Alm for creating the "My 2¢" column for this month. It is exactly what I was thinking of! I know that every one of you can do this. You each have your own way of doing a process, whether it is sharpening, cutting, harvesting wood, storing finish, applying a finish, shop setup, etc..., you all have a unique process to share with us. Please, think about a short write up. I

### KEY DATES COMING UP:

DWT General Meeting: Mar 12

E-Board Meeting: Mar 12

WIT Meeting: Mar 17

Spring Symposium: Apr 23, 24, 25

asked Doug during the meeting and he did a fantastic job!

Woodturning doesn't seem like something that can be done well virtually. I think you need to be an active participant at some point. It seems fine to watch a video or demonstration or read an article with detailed images of the project. Sometime afterwards you need to get to the lathe to experience and practice the project/activity. I believe it all comes together when you get your hands onto the tool and start turning at the lathe. I can't remember when it finally made sense to me (at times I wonder if it does yet). The only way to improve is to continue to practice, critique your work and process and share your knowledge and experience with someone else.

I'm looking forward to nicer weather (Nancy and I are hating the ice right now), having a hands-on symposium with John Beaver in April and attending the AAW Symposium in June. I'm also looking forward to more practice, practice, practice...

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## General Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2022

President Mark called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Visitors today are Steve and Robin Gates, Al Kline, Dave McIver, Wayne Bechtel, and Adam Nychporuk.

Mark conducted discussion about the newsletter (old and new versions) and how many of the things that we discuss now were also discussed 20 or 30 years ago. Spud supplied the treasurer's report.

### Old Business:

Peggy Rask motioned that we approve the previous minutes, Stan seconded and the motion passed. John Warren thanked all the guys that have helped with the Career Academy mentoring. Club turnout there has been really impressive. So far the club has put some 900 man-hours in and we'll have impacted 250 students by the time we're done at the end of the month. He also encouraged any of the members who haven't had a chance to do this yet to join the fun and to contact him or Ron for more info. The next session up at the Career Academy is the week of February 28th. Mark sent around a sheet for all the folks that had mentored so far to receive a mentor t-shirt for use at future sessions at the Academy.

We reviewed the spring symposium featuring John Beaver which will be April 23rd through the 25th. There was plenty of interest in sign-ups although there may still be room if one or two extra people wanted to sign up. If you have a blank you would like to turn you can bring to the symposium otherwise blanks will be provided. Blanks must be 6x6x3.5 and more detail on this to come later. Since both projects are a little more advanced than some of our past demos, less experienced club members may prefer to attend the (free) demos John will be demoing for the entire club all day April 23rd at the regular meeting place at the Career Academy. He will be turning a wave Bowl in the morning and Bangles in the afternoon. That same evening there will be a party for any active club member at Steve and Donna Hamar's place.

Becky Warren reminded the members that the last week in March is the deadline for getting any Mandan Band Blast items to her.

### New business:

Weldee brought a pickup load of wood for members to pick over. Thanks!

Mark solicited new items for the "My 2-cents worth" section of a newsletter each month Doug Alm is going to do next month's but we need more ideas for this section. Don't be bashful and contact Mark with any ideas you might have for a paragraph or two of procedures or tricks you've learned that have helped you and might help others with their turning. Pictures welcome if they help with the topic. The women in turning (WIT) group is meeting this Thursday (2/15) at the Career Academy. Steve Hamar will be leading the group making gnomes.

Mark mentioned there is a substitute teacher from Stanton looking for someone to do a demo for classes there. This will be discussed at a later e-board meeting.

Steve Hamar won the President's challenge for his 10 tops. Steve selected the "make" (vs "take", or "bake") option and received a set of gardening tools that need handles turned.

Dolly delivered the t-shirts to those that had ordered them earlier this year. She also mentioned the library has plenty of books and DVRs all available to be borrowed and has 10 additional Freedom pins ready for work. The club has 90 Freedom pens ready to go at this point.

Mark intends to auction-off some Mike Mahoney bowls and a platter at our April meeting.

A reminder that dues for 2022 are past due now. Contact Stan or Spud to get your dues paid up if they're not already.

Kleber won the mystery prize which was a set of pepper and salt Mills along with the wood to make them.

Show and share:

Pat Schweitzer brought in an antique Norwegian bowl turned in the late 19th century that had come across the pond with his ancestors. Doug Alm showed a boxelder bowl with natural edge. Alan Welte brought a ring and earring Bowl made for Valentine's Day. Bill Bear showed a nice cedar bowl, Ralph Feland brought in a gimble clock and a badlands cedar bowl, Peggy Rask showed the screwdriver handle made of honey locust she had produced with the women in turning. Wayne Peterson brought in several freedom pens and also showed the carbide turning tools the club received for doing a demo at Acme in January. Dolly brought in some quilting and sewing tools that she had created handles for. Steve Hammer showed a screwdriver handle made of acrylic that completed the kit he won as a mystery gift couple of months back.

Ron Day demoed how to turn and thread a lidded box. Very enjoyable demo.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



DWT E-board meeting February 12th 2022

In attendance: Mark Kielpinski, Mike Orgaard, Spud Gruman, Ron Day, Kleber Hadsell Absent: Denise Johnson

Mark mentioned that the Dan's South store would make 30 donuts for the club each month and ship them to the north store for the club to pick up in time for our meetings provided they get a call to confirm each month. Allen Welte will continue to pick up the donuts each month.

Also, the donut/coffee fund is currently solvent at about \$300.

Mark and Spud to resolve or update income and expense categories per the existing (Quicken) software.

WIT needs to be composed of DWT members if they are going to use DWT resources and to be sanctioned. It was motioned by Spud that all WIT meetings be sanctioned for 2022 by the DWT provided a current DWT members are leading the WIT event. Mike second, motion passed.

Mark and Mike will update list of contacts to be called this week four members who were behind on their dues.

Official email for the DWT is on Google. Mark is updating this list. We should all be working off of the same list when contacting members.

Ron & Kleber will work the 2023 NDCA grant. The next step is for Spud to update the Quicken spreadsheet with income and expenses, then that same data to be used in the application for the grant. Ron/Kleber to submit the grant to NDCA by March 15th.

Ron reported that the John Beaver Symposium currently has 12 to 13 sessions signed up for, split relatively evenly between Sunday and Monday. We could handle a couple more attendees, but looks good for now.

Mark mentioned there will be mystery prizes and freedom pen purchases made by the club coming soon.

It was agreed that the club would pay for the Career Academy mentors t-shirts.  
Meeting adjourned.

Show and Share Feb Meeting





MY 2 Cents: (Doug Alm)

President Mark has asked me to weigh in on how I finished the pictured box elder dish most of you saw at our last meeting. I know this is contrary to what many of you do in finishing a piece so I am a bit reluctant to offer my 2 cents but here it is!

When I started turning this piece it was very wet so as soon as I finished turning it I put it in our microwave for 30 seconds. It got warm, not hot, so I gave it another 30 seconds. Now it was quite hot. I do it this way because I think it allows the wood to "relax" much like it would if you were steam bending wood. I let it cool down and when it was room temperature I nuked it again for a minute. I did this process over and over for the next few days. I am sure I nuked it at least 12 to 15 times. Once I was satisfied with the dryness, I wiped on a heavy coat of poly, waited two days and sanded most all of it off. I did this again every couple days for about a week. When I was sure it was where I wanted it to be as to dryness and smoothness, I began applying "wipe on" gloss poly with the blue paper towels. In between coats I sanded with 400 & 600 grit. I did this until I was satisfied with the "gloss" look finish.



Ralph Feland also had the following tips for members:

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- 1) One of the most important things when using the AIR/PRO circulating facemask when putting on and taking off, do NOT PUT PRESSURE on the visor as that can cause cracks in the visor itself.
- 2) The second care item is to replace the head cover and face seal when it appears to leak around the face. Over time the head cover will tend to stretch out, and when it does, it does not protect you from breathing in dust as you are turning a wood item.

***W.I.T.***

## ***Women In Turning***

***Our next WIT event is Thursday, February 17. 5:45pm at the Career Center. Steve H. will share his Gnome making skills with us. Check your WIT Newsletter for more specific information.***



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