



Sawdust and Shavings

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The Prez Sez

Greetings,
What an enjoyable meeting, thank you to all in attendance. Thanks Alan Welte for picking up the donuts. Thank you Ron Day for setting up and running the video for the meeting. Thanks to those that stayed a bit longer to put chairs away and clean up my mess after the demonstration. We sometimes forget that every little bit counts. We appreciate everything that each of you does to make our club successful!

Once again I will say "Thank You" to those that were mentors at the Bismarck Career Academy. The group picture that we took at the meeting is included in this newsletter. You all look great! Those of you that were not at the meeting that were mentors please see me for your t-shirt.

A final reminder from me about dues for 2022. We **are** collecting dues for the 2022 calendar year. If you have not already submitted your dues to Spud, you can get them to him at a meeting or by sending them to:

Dakota Woodturners
PO Box 243
Bismarck, ND 58502

During the pandemic we suspended the payment of dues because we were not meeting in person. As we start to bring in outside turners for the symposium and for demonstrations, we need your

KEY DATES COMING UP:

DWT General Meeting: Apr 9

E-Board Meeting: Apr 9

WIT Meeting: Apr 21

Spring Symposium: Apr 23, 24, 25

support. Dues are still \$20. Thank you **kindly** to those that are current members.

I'd encourage you to continue to bring in your Show and Share items. We had another great showing of items from our members at the March meeting. Each month we usually have a demonstration and that focuses on one particular item. By having the members bring in the items that they have completed or are working on we get a more complete picture of what you can do woodturning. Those members that may be newer to the club, bring in those items you are working on. Ask people for their opinion, find out how they apply finish or sand or get a better cut. We have about 40 YouTube channels available each time we have a meeting (DWT members) and they are live and can answer questions. Take advantage of the strength, knowledge and experience of the DWT group.

At the May meeting we will have a "Turn In". We will not have a demonstration because we will be getting the lathes out and will be doing some turning. Please let us know what you want to do. I think we have the space to do several different things like making a sphere, hollowing, small bowls but that depends on what you want to do. Make your wishes known please.

Remember, practice, practice, practice...

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General Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Members were reminded to renew their dues if their name tags don't reflect 2022 status.

Guests were introduced

Secretary's minutes – Stan moved to approve the minutes as published, 2nd by George Scholl.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's report by Spud – We are still waiting on the reimbursement funds from the grant money.

Old Business:

Career Academy – John Warren thanked everyone for their help with teaching the students at the Career Academy. Over 1,000 hours have been donated. He said a decision was made to move the classes from the end of the semester to the beginning as the students focus seemed to improve after working with us. They will continue with a maximum of 2 session per week. The club will need to move (approve) to continue these activities next year at some point.

John Beaver – Ron Day reminded us that the demo on Saturday, April 23rd will be free. Sunday and Monday will be hands on advanced turning for \$90. See Ron to inquire on any openings and to check skill levels. Normal tools, bowl blanks, chucks and chairs should be brought to the hands-on sessions. Saturday night, Steve Hamar will host a potluck appetizer/dessert reception.

Raffle – Denise Johnson announced she will not be able to be the lead for this year's raffle but will assist and advise. Pledges will need to be received by the next meeting so the permit can be applied for and the tickets printed. Let Denise know items you will pledge and the value.

2 cents column – Doug Alm wrote the last column. Contact Mark Kielpinski if you would like to write a 2 cent post.

Mandan Band Blast – Becky Warren asked if there were any donations brought to the

meeting today. Give them to John or Becky. Also, if you plan to attend the event on April 2nd, get Becky your name as soon as possible.

New Business:

Freedom pens – Dolly Erickson reminded us that the presentation of the pens is usually in November. There are 110 pens completed so far, 56 kits have been checked out and not returned and there are 40 more available to check out today. You can also get some from Dolly at her home. Mark Kielpinski also announced that the club ordered 100 more pens. Dolly also mentioned that a book on pen turning was returned to the library and is available to be checked out.

A request was made for pen tutors to help members make pens – the following members volunteered to be tutors:

Steve Hamar
Stan Zalumskis
Ron Day
George Scholl
Kleber Hadsell
Ron Neft

John Warren called out the names of the members that have helped with classes at the Career Academy and had them come to the front of the room. The club presented each of them with a neon yellow DWT Mentor t-shirts. A group photo was taken and it was noted that there are extra shirts for others who help with future classes.

May's turning event will be May 14th. Members were asked for suggestions for a project.

Women in Turning (WIT) – the ladies will finish making gnomes this month and are planning the April project. We will post information in the DWT newsletter.

Jim Papachek has a lathe that needs a new home.

President's Challenge – Steve Hamar won last month. The members who met this month's challenge were Dale Sauer, Doug Alm, Gary Nagel, Stan Zalumskis, Alan Welte, Wayne Peterson and Jim Porter. The winner was Wayne Peterson who won a rough turned bowl.

The Mystery Prize winner was Alan Welte, who got a bottle of Mahoney's oil.

Louis Pittman had some items for sale.

Steve Hamar has anchor seal available to purchase.

Dale Larson has an online demo and there were some handouts that demonstrate how to purposefully cut a tree

Show & Share – participants were:

Mark Kielpinski – platter, bowl and assorted eggs, some of which were boxes

Stan Zalumskis – capsule box from 4 pieces of wood

Doug Alm – winged bowl

Ralph Feland – maple vase

Larry Nelson – lidded boxes with textures using a rose engine, small pecan bowl

Steve Hamar – take & make item – garden tools from coco bolo wood

Alan Welte – lidded box, back scratcher with a cedar handle, cedar egg box

Wayne Peterson – pepper mill grinders

Jim Porter – large lidded box

George Scholl – kuksa (Swedish cup) and salt & pepper grinders

Pat Schweitzer – side table/plant stand of spalted elm

Steve Wolff – open-segmented vase

Dolly Erickson – partially finished gnomes

Denise Johnson – screwdriver from WIT event

Next month's President's Challenge – a kitchen item or a lidded box

Motion to adjourn from Peggy Rask, second by Stan Zalulskis – meeting adjourned at 10:20.

DWT E-board meeting March 12th 2022

In attendance: Mark, Kleber, Ron, Spud

Absent: Mike and Denise

Guest: John Warren

2022 Club Raffle: Denise will help get the club pointed in the right direction for the raffle this year but will not be running the raffle. First need is to solicit items from the members for the raffle. Mark to send out email this week on that topic. Deadline for submission is the Club meeting on April 9. Jim Porter has volunteered to handle the money side of the raffle this year. Kleber and Denise to get raffle approved by the county and tickets ordered. Denise will supply consultation based on what she's learned the last couple of years to help out the guys working the raffle this year. Plan is to order 2,000 tickets and the drawing will be held at Pat's but not during the picnic.

Kleber will be the DWT contact with BAGA going forward for correspondence for the Capital Affair and will inform Linda Christman at BAGA of this change.

Ron will apply for a \$1,000 education grant from the NDCA sometime in the second quarter. We still need an April demo for the meeting, May will not require a demo as we are just going to be doing some turning on the school lathes after the meeting. Kleber will work on a demo for June.

End of meeting

Show and Share March Meeting







Career Center Mentors



W.I.T.

Women In Turning

Women in Turning (WIT) will meet Thursday, April 21st at the Career Academy. Set up at 5:30, done by 9:00. We will be turning tops to practice our skills and to help fill the top jugs.

Let us know if you be attending so we know how many lathes need to be set up. Bring your tools (if you have them) and come practice with us. Contact Denise at 516-2037 or at djohnson1015@gmail.com.

Pen Turning Mentors:



Good news for those hoping to learn how to turn pens. We have a group of DWT members that are willing to serve as Pen Mentors! If you'd like to learn how to turn pens, contact one of the members below by email. Get a time and a location figured out and start turning some pens. Pen turning is an easy way to start at the lathe. It involves a little wood, a few turning tools, and some unique gadgets (which the mentors will probably have). This is a wonderful way to start turning or to add skill as a Pen Turner to your resume.

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MY 2 Cents:

Safety Concerns

Let's start with a few safety topics. There is some equipment that will be needed for turning known as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Before we get to those items, we need to talk about safety around the lathe. All of the cool facemasks, glasses and dust collection systems will not protect you from poor basic safety practices.

Make sure the lathe is working properly. Tailstock locks down, toolset is easily adjusted and locked down, possibly have a safety drive and safe live center (tailstock). Make sure the chuck you are using is in good working condition. There should be a clear area where you will be standing near the lathe. Consider purchasing cushioned mats for the area where you will stand to help relieve the stress of standing at the lathe. Be aware of the "line of fire" when you are turning. Check with a confident turner if you are not familiar with this. Do you have sharp tools? Sharp tools are better than dull tools because you guide the tool to do the work for you. You are not forcing the dull tool to do something it will not be able to do other than beat up a piece of wood (good luck sanding it).

When you think the basics are covered, it's time to get a facemask on and some sort of dust collection/protection. I wear a full face shield. Always. I've had smaller pieces of wood break/fly off of wood I'm turning (size of a pencil, some larger) and they bounce right off. I don't even want to think of what may have happened if I only had safety glasses on. We have several full face shields around the shop. I started with more of a curved plastic shield that might be used for grinding metal. We tried and have stuck with the Bionic Face Shield, it costs about \$30 and if you do a search online, you can find it for less. The other thing to protect

yourself from is the dust produced while turning and sanding. We try to use a combination of dust collection and dust protection masks. For dust collection we have a Powermatic Canister Dust Collector and a Jet Air Filtration System. Usually we run one or the other depending on what we are doing. The other items we have are a couple of dust respirators to prevent our lungs from being the dust filtration system. When power sanding I always wear the dust respirator. When there is a lot of dust going into the air it will be the respirator and the Powermatic Collector.

A couple of years ago I had a bowl tenon break and the bowl proceeded to roll across my left hand. Not a big deal, some sawdust and chips across my hand, the worst thing was that I had to rechuck or figure out how to finish this bowl. Then I started cleaning off the sawdust and saw this cut from the razor sharp edge of the bowl. It was one of the cleanest cuts I've seen. I now wear a glove on my left hand. If I can, I'd rather not have that happen again.

There are so many areas we could continue on for lathe safety. Having a basic first aid kit, having someone check on you periodically, what to wear and not to wear, etc... hopefully someone else will pick up where I've left off. Please give us your 2¢.

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