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The Prez Sez

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It is hard to believe that it is already October. Fall weather is starting to set in, pumpkin spice is the flavor of the season and it's time to start getting ready for what we all know comes next. One of those things that comes next is our Fall Hands-On Symposium. It features Nick Agar and should be a real treat to have him here for a club demonstration and a few days of hands-on instruction. If you are already on the list, great, if you are still considering it, this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to be turning with one of the great turners of our time. The club demonstration will be Saturday, October 22nd at 9am at the Bismarck Career Academy. We will break for lunch and continue the demonstration in the afternoon and plan to finish around 4pm.

Speaking of great turners. Thank you to all of our great turners that have helped out with the first two weeks at the Bismarck Career Academy. From what I've heard, we've had good numbers and super experiences with the kids turning. One more week this calendar year (next week) and at some point we will need to plan for the three weeks in the Spring. I encourage those of you that have not had a chance to mentor to give it a try for a week. Ask anyone that has helped about their experience and I am sure they will suggest you give it a try. The majority of the kids have never turned before and are just looking for a little guidance and advice from

KEY DATES COMING UP:

DWT General Meeting: Saturday October 8

DWT Fall Symposium: October 22-24

someone that has been behind a lathe before. I think most of us qualify for that task.

It seems like this past year we have had a new member or guest every month. I started to wonder about some of the more popular hobbies so I decided to do a Google search for the most popular hobbies. I think that woodturning would fall into the "Arts and Crafts" category. I was surprised by some of the other "hobbies" listed and I think that many of the hobbies are part of my Woodturning. I'm always reading about new techniques and projects. I travel to symposiums to see demonstrations and learn about the craft. While turning I am always listening to a variety of music. Both video games and television are included in my process as I watch YouTube videos of other turners. I know I am constantly collecting (just look at the wood collected in my shop and the collection of turned items in the house). There are other hobbies, there's no doubt about that, but I think woodturning encompasses a wide variety of tasks that keep me occupied and happy.

Remember, practice, practice, practice...

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General Meeting Minutes – Sept 10, 2022

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Guests: Steve Hamell and Ed Penrey

There were no minutes for August 2022 as there was no meeting.

Treasurer gave a report.

Old Business:

DWT Raffle – all 2700 tickets were sold.

Discussion asked for written timeline and steps to take during the raffle process, which is already in progress of being completed. A request was made that the monies be counted by two people at each event and/or meeting. A request was made to post the names of the winners to our website. The estimated profit is about \$6,300. The group approach worked well to overseeing the raffle process.

Picnic – we made \$1,871 from the silent auction.

Summer Event summary – the lathes are still being repaired by Ron Day from the 4th of July storm. The tent was not salvageable. We still need to send a thank you to the Boy Scouts who helped clean up the mess from the storm. It was suggested that we only do minimal set-up the night before to try to avoid damage as much as possible, then complete set-up in the morning.

New Business:

Ron Day was elected to the AAW Board (American Association of Woodturners)

Nick Agar event – Saturday, October 22nd will be a free demonstration day at the Career Academy. Sunday and Monday, the 23rd and 24th will be hands on days at Ron Day's at a cost of \$100. New turners are encouraged to sign up for these sessions. The project will be bowl turning and embellishments. Nick is a 30 year experienced turner. A link to his website was sent out previously.

Member Directory and new member intake – the members name, email address and phone number, along with a photo of the member (if available) would be sent to members who are current with their dues. Sheets with member

information and photos were sent around to be proofed by the members at the meeting. If a member chooses not to be included in the information sent to the members should "X" out their information and/or let Mark Kielpinski know you want to be excluded. The club is looking for someone to take new member info and a photo and get that data to the people in the club needing the information.

Career Academy mentors – mentors are needed to help with the wood turnings classes. Times are Sept. 19-23 from 1:45 – 3:20, Oct. 3-7 from 11:45-1:25 and 1:55 -3:20 and Oct. 10-14 from 9:20 – 10:55 or 9:40 – 11:30 depending on day of the week. Sign-up sheets were passed around. Mentors are reminded that they need to sign a new security check form for this upcoming year before helping. Complete and give to Ron Day or John Warren. Freedom pens – 170 have been completed, 82 pens are currently checked out to be turned and 100 new kits have arrived. Contact Dolly Erickson to turn pens in or to check some out. Guard members will be returning and leaving in October.

Spring Symposium update – the symposium will be held April 21-23, 2023. Sally Ault and Mark Kielpinski are confirmed instructors. A third person is still being sought. Registration will start in December.

Discussion was held on the amount of interest from other clubs on our symposium and fund raising raffle.

Ron Day discussed a hybrid zoom meeting for those who might want to watch the meetings remotely if unable to attend in person. He is trying to determine if there is an interest by the members.

There was discussion held to determine if there is an interest in holding a second, more casual gathering to share turning information and tips, with no business being conducted.

Cancer Center Foundation is looking for donations for their raffle.

Some members have items for sale inside and out in vehicles. Anchor Seal is available to buy – ½ gallon for \$7.50 by Steve Hamar.

President's Challenge – was won by Larry Nelson who chose the "Take" option and received a golf ball on a tee inside a jar.

Mystery Prize was won by Doug Alm.

WIT – next meeting is this coming Thursday at 6:00 and will cover tool sharpening. New members of either gender is welcome to this meeting.

Today's demo by Mark Kielpinski is on miniature turnings and tools.

Show & Share –

Doug Alm – Carob bowl

Alan Welte – Crabapple screwdriver handle and cereal bowl

Mike Orgaard – set of pens, asst. woods and turned styles

Wayne Peterson – honey locust urn with threaded lid

Larry Nelson – segmented walnut blatter (bowl/platter) and a maple bowl with trig inlays

George Scholl – chokecherry bangles and 101 tops

Steve Hamar – myrtlewood shallow bowl, elm bowl with golden acrylic accents & giant gnome

Mark Kielpinski – several bowls of various sizes, sphere with zentangles burn and color pencil details

Kleber Hadsell – elm hollow-form and maple vase with natural edge

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Show & Share Saturday Sep 10 Pics





Career Academy, Oct 2022



“My 2 Cents”:

We’re taking a break from the My 2-cents column this month. If you’re willing to put together a quick column containing advise or turning experiences that might help others, let Mark Kielpinski know and we’ll get you into the next newsletter.

W.I.T.

Women In Turning

The next WIT meeting is scheduled for October 20th from 5:30-9:00pm at the career academy shop.

Topic is expected to be turning some holiday ornaments. Details will be sent out a little closer to the meeting date.

Some of the local businesses and organizations that support DWT via discounts, donations, places to meet etc.



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