



Sawdust and Shavings

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The Prez Sez

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The end of another year. Wow. I feel like I have many things to be thankful for this year. I know we just passed Thanksgiving but on the day before Thanksgiving we were blessed with our second grandchild. We traveled up to Grand Forks for the holiday and to welcome the new addition. To help at the house, I was also able to walk (like really walk) with Kennedy (first grandchild) around the neighborhood and show her the different types of trees and identify the different bird sounds that we heard. It's another blessing to be able to walk and share some of my interests.

I read a quote a few months ago that I thought was interesting. It was, "The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything they have". When I think of that quote I can apply it to myself and what is going on in my life, but I also applied that thought to my woodturning experience. Replace 'people' with 'woodturners' and read it again. I think making something that I am happy with is a goal of my woodturning. If I'm not happy with a piece I'm reluctant to gift or sell it to someone else. I'm also not sure if there is anyone that has the best of everything. It seems like we all strive or plan for something a

KEY DATES COMING UP:

DWT General Meeting: Saturday December 10
Club Christmas Party: Jan 21, 2023

little better, a way to improve. I have noticed that in the past few years that I have become more appreciative and thankful for what I do have and I believe as a turner that that mindset has made me a better turner. I try to make the best with the tools that I have and I'm happy when I achieve that.

The end of year one as DWT President is here. I'm very appreciative and thankful for all of the work and effort that members of the club have put in to have our meetings, mentor the Career Academy students, mentor the Skills USA Club, promote woodturning in our communities by staffing booths at Art In The Park and Capital A'Fair, donating items to the Mandan Band Boosters and other organizations, attending our meetings and sharing and working with other club members. I don't know what the best club is (I'd vote for us though). One thing you all should be proud of is that you make the best of what the club has to offer. I look forward to this next year.

Remember, practice, practice, practice...

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General Meeting Minutes – Nov 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 8:59 a.m.

Secretary's minutes – Motion by Peggy Rask to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Second by Dale Sauer. Motion passed.

Treasurer gave a report.

Old Business:

Freedom pens – Dolly Erickson gave an explanation of the Freedom pen history going that started in 2014. The original idea was to give pens to National Guard troops deploying to write home. Now they are normally given as a thank you when they return from service. 150 pens were given to the National Guard this year. Lieutenant Colonel Bohl and Major Sargent Zacher were at the meeting to accept the pen donation. Additional pen kits are available to check out to make for next year's presentation.

Nick Agar recap – There were many comments on what a great teacher Nick was and how Nick thought we were a very competent group of turners. Thanks to Ron Day for the use of his shop and all the preparation he did. There were extra rounds available for purchase from Ron.

Travel exhibit – Becky Warren is collecting items to use to display our work at various venues. If you have items you are willing to let the club borrow to display, contact Becky.

Member Directory – the directory was sent out. It will be updated in the future. Discussion was held on information that may be added to the directory in the future.

Dues – 2023 dues are payable now and money should be given to Spud.

Nomination committee – Kleber Hadsell and Mark Kielpinski worked together to get people to run for each of the open offices. Slate will be presented and voted on in December.

New Business:

Spring Symposium – there will be three presenters – Sally Ault, Mark Kielpinski and Eric Lofstrom. the presenters have put in their

orders for wood blanks for the classes.

Attendees will rotate between the presenters with space for 30 attendees.

Chromacraft order – links were sent for members who would like to place an order with Chromacraft. We will receive a 15% discount on our orders. Mark Kieplinski will place the order this Tuesday. Many members have purchased the 6 bottle airbrush set from Harbor Freight.

Holiday party – Steve Hamar will host again this year. After some discussion, January 21, 2023 is the date selected for the party. Additional discussion led to a decision for attendees to bring either an appetizer, dessert or main dish. The club normally pays \$250 to the Hamars for hosting and to help reimburse for alcohol consumed.

WIT (Women in Turning) – the painting of the ornaments recently turned is being postponed. They will assemble the ornaments in December.

On February 2nd, there will a wood turning display and demonstration at the Capital in the Great Hall.

Career Academy – the sessions for the next term will be determined. The goal is 2 classes per week for three weeks.

Skills USA – club competition for 9th – 12th graders from assorted schools. This Wednesday they will be finishing bowls from 6-8 p.m. Mentors are always welcome to help the students. Skills USA started in Utah. North Dakota is the second state to have the program. It is sponsored by the AAR.

President's Challenge – won by Peggy Rask, who chose the Take It option and received a wood burned platter.

Mystery prize – was won by Becky Warren, who got fixings to make a lamp.

Show and Share –

Mark Kielpinski – spalted bowl and natural edge bowl

Rebecca Kieplinski – viking bowl

Al Kline – veggie peeler (which was the Make It project he won last month!)

Wayne Peterson – pepper grinder
Alan Welte - assorted bowls and tools
Doug Alm – viking bowl
Peggy Rask – viking bowl
Mike Orgaard – tops
Larry Nelson – lidded boxes from holly and walnut
John Warren – big leaf maple burl vessel with a lid
Denise Johnson – viking bowl

Larry Nelson informed the group of lathe for sale. Contact him for information.

Motion to adjourn by Al Kline and second by Dolly Erickson. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

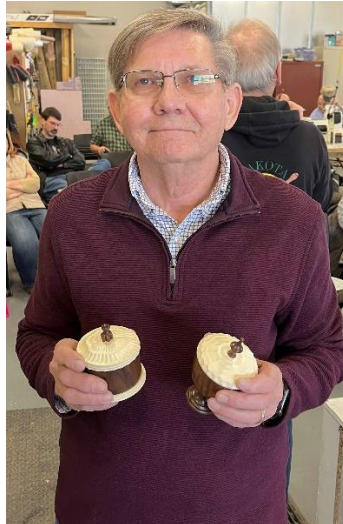
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Women In Turning

The ladies of WIT will meet after the December club meeting to assemble and paint the ornaments they turned in October.

Show & Share Saturday Nov 12 Pics:





2022 Freedom Pen Presentation:



Freedom Pen Project 2022

In Honor of our ND Service Men and Women

The Woodturners of ND present these pens

Hand-turned by our members

Thank you for your service.

DWT My 2¢ - December 2022

I thought that I would try to focus on a few of the texturing tools that Nick Agar had used during the workshop. I have followed up a bit with some of them so not all the information is a repeat.

Let's start off with the mini carving bit he used. It comes from manpausa and can be found at <https://manpausa.com> but I was able to find it cheaper at MDI Woodcarvers. The web address is <https://mdiwoodcarvers.com> and they have the 1/4" and 1/8" Round Carbide Tipped Trim Cutter (44-SCR and 44-DCR) as well as a Triangle Carbide Tipped Trim Cutter (44-SCT and 44-DCT). Do a search for the item number. MDI has a lot of other interesting items as well for carving, sanding and embellishing. I have found that a Dremel tool works well for the carver. I used the 1/8" carver with a collet.

Let's take a look at the larger Robert Sorby texture tools that he had. I saw the large one with one cutter for just under \$100 at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop (<https://www.woodworkingshop.com>). The smaller one was about \$90. Additional cutters can be purchased for either of these. These can also be purchased from Craft Supply also but are a bit pricier (<https://woodturnerscatalog.com>). Something to think about might be to partner up with another turner and each get different complementing tools and share.

Another tool he did not use but had along was the Wagner texturing tool. It's like a knurled surface wheel that is held against the surface of the wood to produce a texture. The texture is similar to the cap of an acorn. Ron Brown also made these for a much lower price and I was unable to find them on his website but was able to find them on the PeachTree site (https://www.ptreeusa.com/turn_tools_specialty

[texturing.html](#)). The Ron Brown are essentially the same as the Wagner for a lower price. The Wagner tools can be found at Craft Supply as well as other woodturning supply companies.

Nick had some background stamps and



punches. suggested to quality items but got the results I for \$20 cheap set. Todd enough to go home and make some of his own by grinding some bolts on the end into an interesting pattern. I browsed eBay for some leather working tools and found a leather pounce wheel other tools for about dollar a piece. They last forever but if I use out of them some variety on then it's a win in found some

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knurling wheels on eBay for about a dollar a piece (I sound really cheap, don't I) and plan to make a couple of my own "Sorby" texture tools on a smaller scale when I get time. That is the key there, "when I get time". It may never happen and I do have the full size version but I'd like to make a few so I can help others make their own or loan out the ones I do get made. It'd make me "happy".

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

