



Sawdust and Shavings

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The Prez Sez

February 2023

What a great way to start the New Year, with a super DWT meeting! Thank you to all that attended and to those that contributed to its success. I know I will miss some people (not planning on it) in this but we need to acknowledge those that make our monthly meetings possible. John Warren has the key to get us in and I suspect gets the coffee started when he arrives. John also makes sure we get the chairs (with helpers) set up for the type of demonstration we are having that day. Alan Welte is picking up donuts for us each month and assisting Kleber and others in moving the lathe into position (not a one person job). Ron Day is either getting ready for the demonstration or getting his computer and monitor ready for your viewing pleasure with his cameras. Stan is there with your name tags and updated stickers (do you have a '23 yet?) laid out so we know who everyone is. Dolly Erickson has library items available for checkout each meeting. Steve Wolff had his little spot set up and was collecting dues and gathering information about our three new members. Todd Richardson was recording the minutes of the meeting and did a great job. Ron's demonstration on basic tools and sharpening was spot on for the newer turners in

KEY DATES COMING UP:

DWT General Meeting: February 11

Spring Symposium: April 21,22&23

the group. We were also able to see the need for the CBN wheels that we will be getting for the club grinder. Thanks Becky Warren for coordinating with the gals from the Mandan Band Boosters and for collecting items for our Traveling Woodturning Exhibit. I also need to mention all of the club members that brought in Show and Share items for the meeting. Having items brought in sparks some conversations and questions for our members. Thanks Kleber for getting the newsletter put together each month. Thank you to all members for attending the meeting. As you can see, there are a lot of people that assist in our monthly meetings and it is all for you, the DWT members. As we get closer to our symposium please take an opportunity to take part in helping out in some way. Every little bit counts and makes our meetings a richer experience for all. This also extends to events like Art In The Park, mentoring at the Bismarck Career Academy, assisting with Skills USA, our annual Raffle, the DWT Picnic and the Capital A'Fair. Thank you all that are part of DWT and enrich our communities with your expertise and dedication. Looking forward to a great 25th Anniversary and 2023!

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DWT Meeting Minutes

1/14/2023

Recorded by Todd Richardson

9:02 Meeting Called to Order. Mark Kielpinski's opening remarks included a general welcome and this is the 25th anniversary of the Dakota Woodturners.

Six guests were present – Donald Waner, Jeremy Guinn, Char Keller, and Jon Schuck have an interest in turning. Nichole Schlosser and Caroline Kuzojed attended on behalf of the Band Boosters. All were welcomed.

Stan Zalumski made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2022 meeting as posted in the newsletter. Al Klein seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A treasurer's update was given by Mark Kielpinski on the transition of the position from Spud Gruman to our new treasurer Steve Wolf. It was also discussed the need for software such as Quicken to keep track of our financials.

Mark Kielpinski welcomed new officers Steve Wolf and Todd Richardson.

Our guests Nichole Schlosser and Caroline Kuzojed presented information on the Mandan Band Blast and the entertainment provided at the event. They are interested in donations by the members which helps support music education for students from 6th grade through high school. They send kids to the International Music Camp and bring in musician clinicians. Donation deadline is the March meeting. Contact Becky Warren for more information.

Becky Warren is establishing a traveling exhibit and wants us to bring in a variety of work. Any skill level and any type is appreciated. A variety of work is needed. Ideally 25 to 30 pieces in the exhibit would be appreciated.

Mark Kielpinski shared the sobering news about Steve Hamar's house fire over Christmas.

Thankfully, Steve and Donna made it out safely, as did their daughter and guest.

Holiday Party is cancelled.

Mark Kielpinski discussed the educational incentive and invited all to apply. The due date is the end of January. Submit applications to Stan Zalumskis or Mark Kielpinski.

Mark Kielpinski did the regulatory filing for the club's 501c3 status. There was an associated \$10 fee.

Mark Kielpinski presented a proposed budget for 2023. Discussion was held around the tax prep, pen kits, library use, and the printing budget lines. Alan Welte motioned to accept the proposed budget which was seconded by Peggy Rask. Motion Passed.

Group order for CBN wheels was discussed. Five individuals had orders ready.

The group is demonstrating Feb 2nd at the capital in the Great Hall. John Warren made a call for turners, display items, and slide show pictures.

The group is teaching UTTC high school students on Feb 4th. Ron Day is looking for volunteers to help mentor the students.

Ron Day thanked Spud and Kleber for assistance with SkillsUSA. Typically they hold meetings for Wednesdays from 4-6. There is a possible spring competition in Wapeton. Volunteers will be needed to mentor the students.

John Warren discussed the upcoming career academy classes. Dates are not set but will be late February and early March. President Kielpinski requested a class syllabus from Mr. Warren. Background checks are required for mentor these students. Volunteers will be needed to mentor the students.

Denise Johnson discussed the upcoming Women in Turning (WIT) project on February 16th. They will be turning bowls in preparation for the spring symposium. The group usually meets on the 3rd Thursday.

Additional Discussion was had on the 25th year anniversary and some way to commemorate it. A promotional shirt order or display banner for events was brought up.

Mark Kielpinski discussed the president's challenge to get everyone pushing their skills over the new year. Complete 10 challenges by the end of the

year. Challenge items can be brought in during any meeting. This month we are challenged to do a project with a captive ring. Additionally, a donation of 10 tops would be appreciated.

The mystery prize was won by Marlene Roles. It was a magnifying glass kit and set of bushings to go along with it.

Ten people brought in items for Show & Share.

Doug Alm showed off a box elder bowl with magnificent figure. Alan Welte brought in some cross drilled ornaments he made and discussed some techniques in making finials with support from a pen mandrel. George Gerhardt brought in a walnut checkers board and some game pieces he made.

Twig Zahn brought in two large segmented bowls with feature rings. Bill Baer created an live edge bowl using ash wood. Wayne Petersen brought in a set of salt and pepper grinders made from spalted maple. Greg Pollert had a bowl made of birch burl.

Dolly Erickson brought in a set of five pens that she turned as well as two hors d'oeuver forks. Mark Kielpinski brought in an ash bowl and a black ash burl bowl with synthetic turquoise and a live edge section. Kleber Hadsell brought in a large elm platter the size of Captain America's Shield.

Motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Rask and seconded by Stanley Zalumskis. Meeting ended at 10:43. Meeting was followed by sharpening demonstration by Ron Day.

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Women In Turning

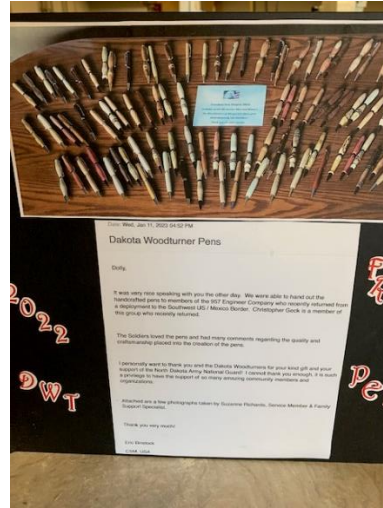
Next meeting is scheduled for Feb 16. The topic will be turning a bowl.

Show & Share Saturday Jan 14 Pics:





Freedom Pens 2022:



Dakota Woodturner Pens

Wed, Jan 11, 2023 04:07 PM

Dakota Woodturner Pens

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It was very nice speaking with you the other day. We were able to hand out the woodturned pens to members of the 501 Engine Company who were in attendance at the Southwest LEO/ Mexico Border. Christopher Gask is a member of the group who recently shared.

The Gaskers loved the pens and had many comments regarding the quality and craftsmanship placed into the creation of the pens.

I personally want to thank you and the Dakota Woodturners for your kind gift and your support of the 501 Engine Company. I cannot thank you enough. It is such an honor to have the support of an organization that is so dedicated to the community.

Attached are a few photographs taken by Suzanne Williams, Service Member & Family Support Specialist.

Thank you very much!

Eric Whitman
501 Engine

DWT February 2023 - My 2¢

My 2¢ - Presidents Challenge 2023

The intent of the Presidents Challenge is to get members of the DWT turning each month. Not once a year when the symposium rolls around or once in the fall when we bring in an outside professional, but each month. I've heard that practice makes perfect. I'll say that "Practice makes better than before". I don't know about perfect, I think better is my goal.

Each month there is a challenge. Occasionally it is related to what we are demonstrating that month or something we have been working on as a group, sometimes not. This year the way we will run the Presidents Challenge has two parts.

The first is **monthly**. Bring in your monthly challenge and you get a checkmark on my chart and you are eligible for the monthly drawing. The challenge was expanded a bit when I was president last time (a lifetime ago). At that time we were in need of tops for our summer events so we added making 10 tops as an acceptable item for the Presidents Challenge. I also recognized that people are busy (pretty smart ha ha). Because of this you could bring in any previous months challenge. I didn't want people to say "Well, I missed that month" and give up on not attempting a challenge. So for the monthly challenge you can:

- The Monthly Presidents Challenge
- 10 tops for our summer events
- A previous months challenge

By completing one of the three items above you get a checkmark on the yearly chart and are eligible for the monthly drawing which is done at the meeting.

The second is the **Presidents Challenge Grand Prize for the year**. In order to be eligible you need 10 checkmarks. Why 10? Well to start with we didn't have a challenge for January and typically we do not have a meeting the month of the picnic.

The Presidents Challenge for February is "an item with a Captive Ring".

So what if I bring in 10 tops and a goblet with a captive ring? 2 checkmarks, one for the 10 tops, one for the goblet.

How about 20 tops and a baby rattle with captive rings? 3 checkmarks, one for each set of 10 tops and one for the rattle.

What if I bring in a captive ring item in April? You get 1 checkmark because it was a previous challenge.

Can I bring in more than one captive ring item this month? Yes, you'll get 1 checkmark for each item.
Why are tops so valuable and each set of 10 is worth a checkmark? Ask me this on July 3rd when you are at the table handing out tops to kids. :)

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

