



# Sawdust and Shavings

## Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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### The Prez Sez

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I'd like to thank those that helped this second semester with the Bismarck Career Academy turning classes this year. I'm noticing a great deal of interest in CTE (Career and Technical Education) classes and providing students with those experiences. I'm excited that we've been able to contribute some of our expertise and experience to this equation and look forward to seeing this grow in our community and across the state. Thank you for the quality time you have given to the kids at the Career Academy.

Another thank you to those who contributed to the Mandan Band Boosters. According to Becky, it was a record setting year. Again, another great way to contribute and be recognized in our community. I'm already thinking about what I want to make for next year. Set a goal for yourself and get something made. Put it on the shelf until it's needed for next year's Band Blast and you're all set.

On the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of April we return to our normal Spring Symposium format. Please be involved by donating items to the silent auction (or buying from the silent auction) and helping where needed. It should be a great time to do some turning and forgetting about the weather for a while. I know you're not going

#### KEY DATES COMING UP:

DWT General Meeting: April 15

Spring Symposium: April 21, 22, 23

to do any yard work yet so put the symposium on your agenda. Those that have signed up for the symposium can find the tool list on the webpage at [www.dakotawoodturners.com](http://www.dakotawoodturners.com) under the EVENTS tab, then SYMPOSIUM 2023 and SYMPOSIUM SPECIFICS. Members of the Dakota Woodturners are encouraged to bring items to display in the lobby at the DWT Instant Gallery. If you have registered for the symposium there will be a NAME TENT already created for you. If you would still like to display your items but are not registered, just let me know and I will get one made for you.

Our next big event is the DWT Raffle. Please be involved with this by choosing to donate an item, sell (or buy) raffle tickets and helping with some portion of the administration of the raffle (pass out tickets, collect items, bring items to Art InThe Park or Capital A'Fair, sell tickets at events, etc....) Thank you to those that have already pledged an item to the raffle. I look forward to several more commitments.

While the weather is still iffy, get out and practice, practice, practice.

mk

# DWT Meeting Minutes

3/18/2023 (Rescheduled due to storm)

Recorded by Rebecca Kielpinski

9:02 am Meeting called to order.

One guest was present – Elliot Carvel from Bismarck, he owns a sawmill outside of town. Stan Zalumskis motioned for approval of February minutes as published in newsletter. Seconded by George Scholl. Motion passed.

A treasurer's report was given by Steve Wolff. A motion was made by Steve Wolff to add the Vice President, Ron Day, as a signer on the checking account along with the Treasurer. This was seconded by Becky Warren. Members discussed if we had anything in by-laws about signers. Becky Warren will look at the by-laws to check into bank signees. Motion passed.

Becky Warren will be collecting items for the Band Blast. Becky has a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in Band Blast tickets.

Career Academy Mentor dates were discussed by John Warren. Next week is the last week at the career academy. We appreciate all the help. An email with information will be send out via email. 2023 Spring Symposium is April 21-23, 2023. Ron reported we are getting close to 30 people; spots are still available. Pat volunteered to man the instant gallery at the symposium. Please bring some items to display in the instant gallery. Please bring items to donate to the silent auction. Ron reported that Dale Larson sent a care package with “good” wood which will be part of the silent auction. What to bring if you are participating; standard turning tools, face shield, light source over lathe, and an extension cord if you have one. A list of supplies will be posted on our website.

Ron reported on the United Tribes grant that involved kids for Standing Rock at the Career Academy. This was an outstanding event with lots

of smiles. The club will be getting a check from UTTC for materials and instruction. Ron will write an article for AAW, he already sent photos. The AAW is impressed with what we have been able to do here in North Dakota.

Mark Kielpinski discussed that our next meeting date in April falls on Easter Saturday. We will check into the availability of the career academy for the next weekend April 15. An email will be sent out about April meeting date.

The annual raffle was discussed by Mark Kielpinski. The raffle is our primary source of funding for the club, and all are encouraged to participate. Please turn in a pledge sheet to be entered into a drawing to win a \$40 gift certificate form Woodturners Wonders. *\*Note – It does not need to be completed at this time, only pledged\*.*

Mark Kielpinski also discussed website updates, he asked for suggestions, take a look at the website and please note things that need to be corrected. Mark will be correcting lifetime member page. Larry Nelson suggested a webmaster position to maintain website.

WIT will not be meeting in April because of the symposium. Becky Warren reported that they met last week to finish bowls. Thank you to all that helped.

*W.I.T. Women In Turning*

No WIT meeting in April.

Show & Share Saturday March 18 Pics:



Show & Share Saturday March 18 Pics (cont):



**Mandan Band-Blasters with DWT Pieces:**



**\$2700 Bid for the band due to DWT Donations!**

## **DWT April 2023 - My 2¢**

Wooden bowls are a beautiful and functional addition to any home. They can be used for serving food, holding decorative items, or simply as a statement piece. However, creating a wooden bowl requires more than just turning the wood on a lathe. Proper sanding is essential to achieving a smooth and polished finish. In this My 2¢, we will discuss how to properly sand wooden bowls when woodturning.

The first step in sanding a wooden bowl is to remove any tool marks left from the turning process. This can be done using a coarse grit sandpaper, such as 100 or 120 grit. It is important to sand with the grain of the wood, and to apply even pressure to avoid creating low spots or uneven areas. Once the tool marks have been removed, it is time to move on to finer grits of sandpaper.

A general rule of thumb for increasing the grit of your sandpaper is to limit your jump to 1.5 x the current paper. For example, if you are using 120 grit sandpaper, you would move to 180 grit. Standard grits are as follows: 80, 120, 150, 180, 220, 320, and 400. It is important to work through each grit of sandpaper, starting with the coarsest and working your way up to the finest. This will ensure that the surface of the bowl is smooth and free of scratches. Most of your work will be with your coarsest grit. I typically use a power sander for both the outside and inside of the bowl.

When sanding the inside of a bowl, it can be difficult to reach all areas with traditional sandpaper. This is where bowl sanding tools come in handy. These tools are designed to fit inside the bowl and allow for even sanding of all areas. Some popular bowl sanding tools include the Sanding Pad, the Sanding Disc, and the Sanding Ball.

In addition to using sandpaper and bowl sanding tools, some woodturners also use a friction bowl sander. This tool uses a spinning disc to sand the surface of the bowl, and can be a quick and efficient way to achieve a smooth finish.

Once the sanding process is complete, it is important to apply a finish to protect the wood and enhance its natural beauty. Some popular finishes for wooden bowls include mineral oil, wipe on poly, beeswax, and shellac. It is important to follow the manufacturer's instructions when applying a finish, and to allow ample drying time before using the bowl.

Sanding wooden bowls is an essential part of the woodturning process. By following the proper techniques and using the right tools, woodturners can achieve a smooth and polished finish that will enhance the beauty and functionality of their creations.

**MK**

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

