



# Sawdust and Shavings

## Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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### The Prez Sez

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It seems as though there are some new lathes in the club. Ron was able to work with Powermatic and get us a deal on the Powermatic 2014 lathe. Congratulations to those that were able to take advantage of the deal the weekend of the AAW Symposium. I have heard that the 2014 lathe works very well, has many features that my lathe does not have and has a smaller footprint and adjustable height. Hopefully these lathes will be rock solid for many years to come.

I'm in limbo right now because I still have the splint on and will not get my cast until next week. I'd love to get to the shop and start burning on some of the spheres and eggs that I had prepped prior to surgery. I guess that I'll need to be a bit more patient. Just one more week. One of the things that I did sign up for was the Virtual AAW Symposium. I have access to 20+ demonstrations from the Symposium. I have almost gone through all of them one time. Now I need to decide which ones to watch a second time or which ones to take notes on. It is nice that I can pause the video whenever I want, something that can't be done during a live demonstration or during an Interactive Remote Demonstration. From those 20 demonstrations there is a wide variety of

#### KEY DATES COMING UP:

Art In the Park Demos: July 3-4  
DWT General Meeting: July 8  
Capital A'Fair Demos: August 5-6  
DWT Picnic at Pat's: August 12

topics covered. For me, the one thing I'm missing is the ability to have the presenter come over to my lathe and give me advice on how I can make a better cut or to show me what the next step in the project is. I miss the personalization. When we have our symposium, you get personalized attention. The "hands-on" approach allows you to learn how to make the cuts, to learn why you are making a particular cut and you get to develop your skills. I think I have a few favorites from the list. Some of them use an item I already make (like a sphere, egg or bowl) and now I just need to add some additional steps, some fairly time consuming steps. The skill I learn can then be applied to whatever other turning I do.

Thanks to all that are out there selling raffle tickets and assisting in the process!!

Remember, practice, practice, practice...

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# DWT Meeting Minutes

6/10/2023

Recorded by Todd Richardson

8:57am Meeting Called to Order.

No guests present.

A motion to approve the minutes from May meeting was made by Dale Sauer and seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion passed.

A treasurer's report was given by Steve Wolff.

Motion to accept by Dolly Erickson and seconded by Kleber Hadsell. Motion passed.

## Old Business

Ron Day discussed the 2024 spring symposium for the club and the potential presenters. The local demonstrator will be Rebecca Kielpinski.

National AAW Symposium was mentioned and discussion was held until after the formal meeting to go along with a slideshow.

Discussion was held in regards to the practicality of the physical DWT Library in a digital world. Books and DVDs will be placed on the upcoming silent auction at the August picnic. A discussion was also held in regards to the content found online and how to look for good safety practices and good form. Members are encouraged to pick up more raffle tickets. Nine of the items have been turned in so far with an additional amount brought in to today's meeting. John Warren encourages people to turn in items before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event for display at our booth.

## New Business

Al Prom is no longer able to turn for health concerns and invited members out to his place on Wednesday to sell his supplies.

The July Meeting will take place at the Career Academy.

One of our late founding members Bryce Hill and his wife Maxine had left an endowment to AAW. AAW reached out to Ron to learn more about Bryce.

Ralph Feland and Ron Day shared some memories about Bryce.

The Fall Hands on Symposium will occur in Mid to Late October. John Warren gave an update on possible presenters. None have been booked yet. Flickertail woodcarving group is presenting at the Senior Center on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Our club had agreed previously and sanctioned a woodturning demonstration.

Tops – We don't have enough! Bring in spinning tops. Who will be the tip-top top turner?

Becky Warren wanted more details on the pieces submitted to the traveling exhibit. She collected information on the pieces such as wood types and descriptions.

Mystery prize drawing went to Jim Porter.

President's Challenge drawing went to Dale Sauer. Both declined to give a speech. The July challenge is to bring in spinning tops.

Steve Hamar mentioned he might have more time to turn as he invited everyone to his upcoming retirement party. Congrats.

## Show & Share:

Mark Van Hout	Mark brought in two bowls made from laminated woods including purpleheart. He thanked Ron for the help with sharpening.
Doug Alm	Doug brought in a birch vessel that was inspired by old world works of pottery. He also brought in spinning tops.
John Schuck	John worked on spheres and brought in a finely crafted sphere made from laminated woods. He also brought in a bowl he made so the sphere wouldn't roll away.
Jim Porter	Jim worked on a large box elder bowl and experimented with resins for crack repair.
Wayne Petersen	Wayne brought in a Russian olive hollow form vase. The grain was textured and accentuated.

George Scholl	George brought in a giant bowl with huge red flames of box elder. It was very dramatic. He also had tops.
Dolly Erickson	Dolly brought in a “Pondering Ball” for when you need to sit and ponder life’s mysteries. It was laminated. Dolly also emphatically declared “I do not like spheres!”  Dolly was also wielding a small platter and plenty of spinning tops.
Mike Orgaard	Mike meticulously manufactured multiple motion-manipulated mechanical marvels, magnificently meant for merriment maximization midst munchkins.
Kleber Hadsell	Kleber brought is a natural edge burl vase made of big leaf maple.

Show & Share Saturday June 10 Pics:

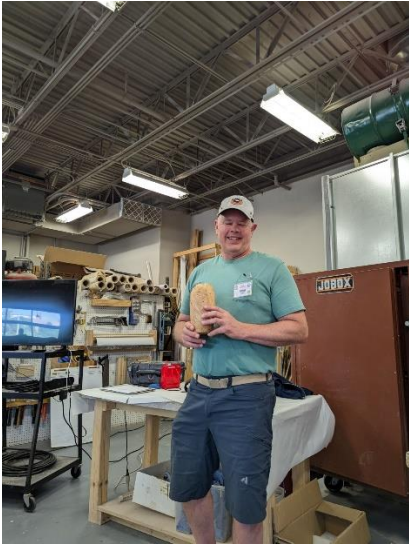


Meeting ended at 9:52

A slideshow was presented by Ron Day and John Warren. Additional insights and discussion topics provided by Steve Hamar. It sounds like it was a fantastic trip and many people in our club picked up new lathes from some of the offered deals.



Show & Share June 10 Pics (cont):



## Member Vetted Videos:

At our last meeting we had discussed our DWT library and in that discussion we came up with the idea of having videos that are recommended by our members posted in both the newsletter and on the website. This month we are sharing a YouTube video of Dixie Biggs doing a relief carving demonstration. There are two parts to the demonstration.

### Dixie Biggs Carving Tutorial Part 1

<https://youtu.be/ucqe2PtkrK4>

### Dixie Biggs Carving Tutorial Part 2

<https://youtu.be/XNj73bH6uHI>

If you have a video (YouTube, Vimeo, etc...) that you have watched and believe that other DWT turners could benefit from watching it, send me the link. This could be a video related to something that we are working on or interested in, a demonstration of a project (making a bowl, pens, hollow form, etc...) or a related skill (applying finish, sanding, lathe maintenance, etc...). Please include a quick description of what the video is about.

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## Spring Symposium Follow Up:

Dolly received a nice note from Sally Ault after her visit here for our spring symposium. Here it is:

Dear North Dakota Woodturners,  
I was really honored to be invited to be an instructor at your 2023 hands on symposium. When it was cancelled in 2020 I was hoping I'd get another chance.

The Hands-on format of your symposium is the absolutely best way for any turner to improve their tool skills and hopefully learn some new techniques or try a new project.

I'm not sure why there aren't more hands on symposia offered. I am working on my club to do one. It beats watching a lot of demonstrators showing skills that you have forgotten by the time you get home to your lathe or really didn't learn because no one was showing you as you made the cuts.

I so enjoyed the people in your club. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming.

The sideways snow and the amazing Northern Lights were icing on the cake for this Southern California native. I loved it...but my host John didn't understand why I wasn't interested in learning how to shovel snow.

The facility at the Career Academy is first class. I'm so glad you are mentoring the next generation of woodturners! We need them.

I hope to see you all again, somewhere, sometime. (and I would love to see some photos of the pieces you made...my email is [sallyault@cox.net](mailto:sallyault@cox.net) )

Sally Ault

**Items For Sale:**

Rikon Midi lathe for sale. \$690.00 lathe and stand in like new condition! Contact John Warren 701-220-6259



Al Prom is also selling a Rikon Midi 70-220 (same as above picture) including the stand for \$700. Al's number is (701) 516-7846.

**WIT (Women In Turning) News:** W.I.T. Women in Turning will resume their classes in the fall. Upcoming projects will include items to be turned for the Christmas season. We encourage WIT to sell DWT raffle tickets and attend the DWT booth at Art in the Park as well as Capital A'Fair. See you in the Fall!!

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

