



Sawdust and Shavings

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I would like to first say a big “THANK YOU” to Mark Kielpinski for the awesome job as our President for the past two years. Through Mark’s leadership, the Dakota Woodturners has evolved into a new normal after Covid and our chapter is as strong as ever. Mark has helped DWT to deliver great educational programs and most importantly keep the social side of our chapter thriving. Thank You Mark for your time and commitment to the DWT (Sorry Mark, you are still on the hook as Past President).

On to the business at hand, it is time to start thinking about the Dakota Woodturners Spring Symposium. The Symposium is scheduled for April 19, 20, and 21, 2024. The symposium program will be the same as past years with three instructors and three hands-on rotations. The demonstrators for this year are Kirk DeHeer, Steve Prichard, and Rebecca Kielpinski. Our unique symposium provides an opportunity for participants of all skill levels to enhance their turning ability and to work with nationally recognized woodturners. Over the next several meetings, we will be reviewing the symposium program and the projects that each of the demonstrators will be presenting. We hope you will consider attending and please bring your questions so we can get them answered.

As a reminder, Saturday, February 10, 2024, is the DWT Holiday Party at the Mandan Eagles for you and your “Sweetheart”. We will kick off the evening with a 5:30 social and then dinner at 6:00. There will be a gift exchange, everyone that brings a gift will get a gift in return. Dust off one of those turnings around the house, put it in a bag and call it the best gift anyone could receive. Hope to see you all Saturday evening.

KEY DATES COMING UP:

-Next DWT meeting: Saturday, Feb 10
-DWT Holiday party Saturday, Feb 10
Spring Symposium April 19-21

Thanks to all that helped mentor at the Bismarck Career Academy this past week. Through your time and commitment as mentors the word is out about the classes and the students are excited to have the opportunity to have one-on-one instruction in woodturning. It is a fact that the instructors would not be able to provide the level of instruction in the art of woodturning. The instructors very much appreciate your time and commitment to helping the kids. It is such a special program and I’m looking forward to the next sessions.

I’m not sure what the February meeting demonstration will be, but I guarantee you don’t want to miss it. Hope to see you at the meeting. As my old mentor would say “Keep the Chips & Ribbons Flying” and let’s do it Safely.
Ron Day

DWT Meeting Minutes

January 20 meeting minutes were not available at ‘press time’ for the newsletter this month. We’ll get them out in next month’s newsletter.

Show and Share, January 20th







Member Vetted Videos:

No videos were submitted for this month's newsletter.

If you have a video (YouTube, Vimeo, etc...) that you have watched and believe that other DWT turners could benefit from watching it, send Mark K 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.

Women in Turning (WIT) news:

WIT met in January with Becca Kiepinski teaching members how to turn a spatula/kitchen utensil. The group will meet on Thursday, February 15 for a class to help improve skills needed for the Spring Symposium. More information will be emailed to WIT members. DWT members are encouraged to send potential DWT/WIT members to this class as it will include skills for all levels- novice to expert.



For Sale: Trend Air Shield Pro , complete, in very good condition. Keith 701-391-8874, asking \$250

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

