



# Sawdust and Shavings

## Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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### Prez Sez

April 2024

The Dakota Woodturners Spring Symposium is now less than a couple of weeks away and final preparations are in full swing. At the April meeting, we will be going over a few last-minute details and we will answer your questions so you can get the most out of the symposium weekend.

Just a reminder, please sign-up if you would like to attend the Saturday Night Dinner at the Mandan Moose. We will cover all the dinner details at Saturday's meeting. Also, if you are attending the symposium and would like to bring an item for the snack area that would be great. We will provide bottled water and sodas for the symposium participants, and we will have sandwiches and chips brought in for lunch on Saturday and Sunday. If you have any special soda requests and/or dietary requests, just let me know at the meeting on Saturday. Don't forget to bring items for the instant gallery, please limit it to 4 or 5 items. You can certainly bring a couple of extra items and if we have room they can be displayed as well. Please bring items for the Silent Auction; however, please don't bring broken items and/or your cracked-up firewood. Beyond that, most anything is welcome to be placed in the Silent Auction.

Set-up for the Symposium on Friday, April 19 will begin at 4:00 pm. Please don't come before that time, as there will be kids and school buses leaving the Career Academy and we don't want to cause any issues with traffic flow around the parking lot.

#### KEY DATES COMING UP:

-Next DWT meeting: Saturday, April 9  
Spring Symposium April 19, 20, 21

This month's meeting demo will be tool sharpening. This is designed specifically for you to bring in your tools that you need help with sharpening for use during the symposium. We will have a couple of sharpening stations set up and we will guide and assist you on sharpening, but you will do the actual grinding of your tools.

I'm very excited for each symposium participant as this is a great opportunity to learn from some great woodturners. Classes are small, so there should be plenty of time for one-on-one instruction.

As I close this Prez Sez, it is already time to start planning our Fall Guest Demonstration and begin the search for a demonstrator. If you have a project you would like to see or a demonstrator you would like us to reach out to, please let an E-Board member know.

As my old mentor would say "Keep the Chips & Ribbons Flying" and let's do it Safely.

Ron Day

# DWT Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2024 meeting: Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order at 9:00  
Introduction of Guests – None present  
Treasurer's Report – all outstanding bills are up to date. Party expenses were paid. Report given by Mike Orgaard

Stan Zalumumskis made a motion to accept the January and February minutes as posted in the March newsletter. Seconded by Kleber Hadsell, Motion carried.

## Old Business

2024 Dues are due. \$20 for the year.  
Mark Kielpinski had a proof printed of the directory and had members review their entries.  
Ron Day gave an update on the career academy mentorship program and spoke of the advanced group and their bowls. Ron gave a special thanks to Marlene. He told the story of one of the students who was so excited he bought a lathe. John Warren was also thanked for his leadership. There is a possibility of more lathe opportunities for the students with a dedicated lathe and woodturning room in the future at the Career Academy.

Raffle Incentives update by Mark Kielpinski. We had 36 items pledged and he was looking for four more. Mandan Band Blast items can be brought to the April meeting.

## New Business

Information about the 2024 Symposium was given out we began to cover logistics. Dolly will help with the silent auction and ticketing. Bring your tools, wood, eggs, pickles, etc for the silent auction. Becky Warren will be in charge of liquid refreshments. Ron Day will bring in the lunch sandwiches. You are invited to bring in snacks for the snack-bar. Additionally, bring in showpieces for the instant gallery. Setup begins at 4:00 on Friday. Wood Supply – We are looking for more wood sources for club uses. If you have any leads please contact Ron. Everything from the symposiums, monthly demos, club challenges, and public exhibitions.

Denise Johnson brought up the recent club night at the Mandan public library and recommended DWT get involved next year. Kleber gave an update on the tops and said we're off to a good start for the year and encouraged us to bring in more. Becky Warren thanked Spud and Jim for their help with WIT.

Jim Porter introduced Mike, an instructor at the Career Academy. Todd Richardson encouraged woodturners to apply for the Artist in Residency program in the North Dakota State Parks. The application is due on March 31st . Peggy Ruddick won the mystery prize. Marlene Roles won the raffle incentive drawing. Meeting Adjourned at 9:48

Meeting was followed by show & share and a demo from Ron Day on turning log bowls. Special thanks to Kleber for replacing the video camera cables.

## Show and Share

Doug Alm brought in a Russian Olive Vase, Larry Nelson brought in a Walnut platter, some pieces from his rose engine lathe, and discussed the 'Batik' method which involves a wax resist and dye.

Pat Schweitzer brought in a shelf arrangement with various small hollowforms, weed pots, and lidded boxes. Jon Schuck Jon brought in a case full of fancy pens that he makes and sells.

Mike Scharnowski brought in an angel, a natural edge laced up bowl, and a segmented piece with purpleheart, pine, cherry, and walnut. He discussed some of the trials and tribulations he faced in the bottom of the segmented piece.

Wayne Peterson brought in two pens that he made using his rose engine lathe.

Mike Orgaard had a staved vase out of big leaf maple and walnut. He also showed a maple bowl. Dave Malarky Dave followed the instructions from Kleber's previous demo and showed a bowl he made from laminated board segments.

Dolly Erickson brought in two woodburnings on hat rims and discussed the process she went through. She showed the final commissioned piece

Jim Porter brought in two walking sticks crafted of sunflower stocks with custom handles. He also made a wavy bowl of oak. Lastly, he brought in a fancy cribbage board table he made years back and challenged anyone to a game.

Marlene Roles brought in a thin pierced bowl with beads inlaid into it. She talked about troubleshooting issues with burn marks and the bottom of the piece.

John Warren brought in the completed pieces from his previous demo. He had two rimmed bowls with iridescent paint, one green and the other black and blue. He had a cosmic bowl completed. He showed the cherry red bowl with orange and yellow hues on ash wood. Lastly, he discussed his new fluting jug and showed the ciolet and cobolt blue platter made on it.

Rebecca Kielpinski brought in bowls showing the various veneers and styles that she would be demoing at our upcoming symposium

Mark Kielpinski had a dozen eggs, two spheres, a bowl with a burnt rim, a butter knife, and spatulas.

George Scholl brought in the honeypot, a maple box covered in beads.



**Show and Share, March 9, 2024**











## **Member Vetted Videos:**

No individual 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.

A couple of Editor's Notes:

Current Top Status:



Thanks to all the members who've been bringing in tops every month to replenish the club's supply. Keep 'em comin', and thanks to Dave Malarkey for turning new lids for our two jars.

## **Mandan Band Booster Items:**

John Warren mentioned the Band could still use a few more pieces for their fundraiser dinner coming up in early May. If you find a piece or two around the house before the meeting this Saturday and wanted to donate, just give it/them to John or Becky at the meeting. These don't have to be something new you just finished, could also be something you've displayed around the house for a while and now might be looking for a new home.

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

