



Sawdust and Shavings

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The Prez Sez

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Well, I guess this is the final Prez Sez for this term. Two years has gone by very quickly. I want to thank those that have helped out the club these past two year (and more). Some of you have been doing this for a long time, some since the club began 25 years ago and some of you have just recently started taking a more active role in the club and it is greatly appreciated. I keep thinking of an old saying that says "no one person can do everything but everyone can do something". I hope that everyone feels they have a place in the club. Whether it is helping at Art In The Park or Capital A'Fair, setting up chairs for the meeting and cleaning up after the demo, doing a demonstration, sharing your talent and experience, taking on a role for the raffle, helping as a mentor at the Career Academy, helping another turner at the meeting or outside of the meeting time, attending the Annual DWT Picnic and so many other tasks associated with our club. It's because everyone chips in that allows us to be successful. It's YOU that make us successful. Thank you for being a part of DWT! I'm looking forward to three different things as I transition to the role of Past-President. The first is to be able to walk and get around in my shop independently. Second is to

KEY DATES COMING UP:

- Next DWT meeting: December 11
- 2024 DWT dues paid up by December meeting
- DWT educational incentive applications due on Dec 31 (see DWT website for details)

learn more turning and embellishment techniques. We see a lot of presentations, demonstrations or YouTube videos but never follow up on making something. I want to make something and try these techniques. The third thing I want to do is to share the small amount that I feel I have learned. I realize how much I don't know. I need to get better. I want to get better. There is only one way that happens, practice and doing. I want to share what I know with others. When there is an opportunity to step up and help, jump in there. Let's see what we can do for the next 25 years. I wonder if the group that started this club 25 years ago ever imagined that we would still be around today? I'd be happy to see where the club is in 10 years, 25 would be outstanding. If I could turn for the next 25 years, I might even use up most of the wood in my shop. Maybe. Thank you for a great two years, looking forward to the future...

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DWT Meeting Minutes

11/04/2023

Recorded by Todd Richardson

9:03am Meeting Called to Order.

One Guest Present – Lt Anne Willoughby joined us to accept the freedom pens and discuss their impact. Kleber Hadsell motioned to approve the October minutes. Stan Zalumskis seconded. Motion carried. Treasurer's report indicated we are up to date on all bills, including that for Helen Baily's visit.

Old Business

John Warren gave a summary of Helen's visit and led a discussion on the projects. The consensus is that Helen did a fantastic job and her visit was much appreciated. Excitement was noted for the next hands-on training at our spring symposium.

Mark Kielpinski spoke on the raffle and offered incentives to pledge early and bring in your turnings early. 25th Anniversary t-shirts were passed out to those that ordered them.

New Business

Dues for the year 2024 are now due. The membership rate remains at \$20.

Peggy Jim Rask will be taking over nametag duties. Thank you to Stan for working so hard on this over the past years. John Warren gave the upcoming dates for the career academy.

Mark Kielpinski is on a mission to update a directory and get pictures taken for it. Dolly Erickson had freedom pen kits available for those who wanted to start building for next year.

The search is on to find a suitable location for a holiday party.

December will feature a woodturning wood exchange. Bring something, get something.

A break was taken to purchase timbers from the local sawyer who brought in pallets of blanks.

The educational incentive is due at the end of December.

Becky Warren discussed WIT's upcoming class to turn smalls with Spud. Marlene spoke on the recent tree turning class and really appreciated the techniques shown by Doug Alm. There were 7 attendees.

Upcoming election in December for club president, VP, and member at large.

Mystery prize went to Al Klein.

Available tools are available for sale. Welde has a large lathe, drill press, and jointer. Ron Day offered to help you load up the large lathe and haul it into your basement workshop. DeWayne had a lathe with duplicator and many attachments for sale. Ron Day also has a Jet mini for sale.

Show & Share:

George Scholl George brought in 2 large cottonwood platters. He explained the grain pattern being different as it was compression wood from a large stump. Dolly Erickson brought in 4 miniature trees made from Russian olive, cedar, and juniper Peggy Rudick brought in 4 cedar trees Larry Nelson Larry created the kingwood bowl. He had a pierced practice piece that involved using a Dremel tool and airbrushed coloring.

Alan Welte showed two hollow forms were created by Alan with lids of walnut. Alan discussed some of the difficulties with using abrasive wax paste on one that messed up his polyurethane finish. A discussion was had on the process.

John Warren showed a natural edge platter made from box elder wood. Then he showed and discussed 4 bowls with colored rims. He discussed the techniques and showed the aggressive power grinding texture on one of the rims.

A discussion was had on keeping fingerprints off the glossy finish. Multiple members vouched for the using Renaissance wax in this situation.

Mark Kielpinski Mark created three large elm bowls. He also had two cherry bowls. Mark stated his bowl goal was to make 'Good Bowls' and offered some musings as to what that actually means. He also offered up some holy bowls, that is bowls with piercing techniques.

Rebecca Kielpinski expanded on the piercing techniques giving information demonstrating the taping pattern and layout methods.

Next month the presidents challenge is to bring in a Christmas present.

Meeting ended at 10:32

Mark Kielpinski demonstrated making a 'roped bowl' after the meeting.



Fall Semester Career Academy Mentoring:



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 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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DWT December 2023 My 2¢

It has been brought to our attention that some members have not been getting their DWT Newsletter. From what we can tell, most (okay, ALL) of these members have had a Midco email address. They would get all of the basic text emails about updates to the Career Academy schedule, basic changes and so on but not the newsletter.

The newsletter is sent as a pdf attachment. Usually to a group of about 75 people which puts it on the radar by a filter to be marked as SPAM. Typically, you could look in your JUNK mail or SPAM folder and find it there. What one of our members found out is that Midco is filtering your newsletter out before it even gets delivered to your email address. He contacted Midco and told them not to apply that filter to his email. He now gets the newsletter in his INBOX. I'm sure there are some other things that now make it through to his mailbox but he has chosen to sort through them. If you have a Midco email address and haven't seen a newsletter for the last three or four months, call Midco and have them WHITELIST the dakotawoodturners@gmail.com for your account. This should allow the newsletter to get delivered to your INBOX again.

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

