



# Sawdust and Shavings

## Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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### Prez Sez

December 2024

Wow! Thanksgiving has come and gone. Christmas and the yearend are just around the corner. I hope you all are having better luck getting all your holiday gift projects completed. It's fun to be in the shop on these cold winter days, but it never seems like I get as much accomplished as I think I will each day. At the November meeting, I missed asking for a Nominating Committee to search for candidates for the board election that will happen at the December meeting. Everyone should have received an email letting you know about the opportunity to volunteer to run for a board position. The positions that are up for renewal are the Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. We have had a couple of members step forward and agree to run for one of the positions. We will also take nominations at the December meeting. If you would like to be placed on the ballot, please let Kleber or myself know at the meeting or you can self-nominate at the meeting prior to the actual election. The only requirement to run for a board position is that you must be a member of the AAW. Please consider running for a position, it is great to have members that are willing to serve the Chapter.

At the November meeting, we discussed the details of a December demo/hands-on program. The number of members wanting to participate in hands-on program was short of what we need to justify the effort that goes into setting this up, so we will not have a formal hands-on program in December. Instead, I will be opening my shop for the next few weeks to do some informal hands-on turning. The plan will be for those interested is to have a two- or

#### KEY DATES COMING UP:

December DWT meeting: Sat 12/14

Hands-on Turning: Sun/Mon, 12/15-16

three-hour session to turn the eight-pointed star (demo at the meeting on 12/14) or another turning project. We will ask that you sign-up for a time slot. I will have several time slots available starting the afternoon of Sunday, December 15 and the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday, December 21 and 22. There will be no cost for the sessions, and I can easily manage up to four folks each afternoon. Also, if there is a desire for an evening session, we can work that into the schedule as well. I will have a sign-up sheet at the December meeting.

It is time for me to get back in the shop and get going on that Christmas list. I wonder if Santa Claus ever feels pressure during the Holiday Season. I hope to see you at the December meeting. In the meantime, "Keep the Chips & Ribbons Flying" and let's do it Safely.

Ron Day

# DWT Meeting Minutes

11/09/2024

Recorded by Kleber Hadsell

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am. Steve Wolf gave a quick treasurer's report and noted that out only near-term would be paying the premium on our liability insurance and license fees.

Ron discussed the possibility of a December hands-on session including two demos at the monthly meeting followed by hands on sessions with lunch provided. A show of hands for this concept was pretty meager so we might plan for something else....stay tuned.

The 2025 spring symposium is taking shape with demonstrators Kyle Bosch, Laurent Niclet, and Mark Kielpinski. We'll be looking for about 10 students per class.

There is the possibility of a mid-summer demo by Emma Cook or Pat Carroll. Although both are kind of long-shots pending travel schedules, either would be fun to have here.

Jim Papacek reminded the group that Dec 4 is the deadline for Christmas ornaments for the ND state Christmas tree this year.

John Warren summarized the BSC Career Academy activities. We had 130 students this fall and the plan is for another 100 during the spring semester in 2025. Only two weeks of classes this spring.

There was a short discussion on tool sharpening, but the secretary must have fallen asleep cuz that's all I had on that.

The deadline for the DWT grant (3, at \$500 each) for 2025 are due at the December meeting. Forms were passed out, but members can see Kleber, Ron, or John if they need a form. Stan will compile the forms and pick the winners.

The club honored Dale Hoerauf with a platter thanking Dale for his efforts to get and keep the

Career Academy program going this last several years. John Warren presented Dale with the platter that Mark Kielpinski made.

John W noted that the Xmas party would be held at the Mandan Eagles this year. More to come here regarding time/date, etc. We're planning to do a bring-a-gift, get-a-gift again.

The ND Council of the Arts application is due Dec 6 this year.

Sgt Hahne from the ND National Guard attended the meeting to receive the Freedom Pens for 2024. Thanks to Dolly for keeping this going.

Nothing near-term planned for the WIT group.

The business part of the meeting was closed at 9:45am.

After a short break, Ron Day demonstrated a cool way to make a kitchen scoop using multi axis turning.

## **November 9 Mtg Show and Share:**

Kleber showed two salad bowls. Alan Welde showed a commissioned bowl for a traveling trophy. Peggy Ruddick shared a standard bowl and also a segmented bowl. Jim Ruddick showed two lidded boxes, one with multi layered woods and a Russian "box-in-a-box". He also had a mesquite vase. Larry Nelson brought a maple and cherry covered bowl with a rim cut on his rose machine. Wayne Peterson brought in 10 tops and a deep, thin-walled birch vase. He also told a cautionary tale about losing his safety ring on his hollowing tool (yikes).

Doug Alm had a nice ash bowl and Dale Sauer a 20-ring 10" segmented bowl. The group had a discussion around "glue-slip" and glue-type along with waiting 1-2 weeks before final sanding on pieces where the "slip" might occur. Marlene Role showed an angel with delicate pierced lace wings from bleached maple. George Scholl showed a birch spoon turned using off-axis turning.

Stan Z, Becca K, and Doug A won the mystery prizes. George S won the Presidents' challenge prize.

11/09/2024 Demo:



Dale's Platter:



Show and Share 11/9:







Freedom Pens 2024



## Member Vetted Videos:

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

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

