



# Sawdust and Shavings

## Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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### Prez Sez

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Wow! Happy 2025! The Dakota Woodturners had an exceptional 2024 which was highlighted by receiving AAW's Community Impact Award. Receiving this award was the result of all your time, efforts, commitment, and a bit of fun throughout the year. 2025 will be just as busy, working with the Bismarck Career Academy students, turning demos in the community and our annual spring and fall symposiums.

With the AAW symposium in St. Paul, MN, it will be a great opportunity to observe, learn, and meet some of the best turners in our craft. There is a club discount code for \$40 off the registration cost (the code is AAW25GROUP). Hope you will take advantage of the AAW Symposium.

Our annual Holiday party is currently scheduled for February 8th at the Mandan Eagles. We will be at the lower level of the Mandan Eagles starting with a social hour at 5:00 pm and dinner at approximately 6:00. Please bring a starter salad or dessert to share. As usual tradition we will have our gift exchange. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring in a gift and you will receive a gift. It's always fun to see the gifts that have been created by our members and their significant others. We will have the cost for the dinner at the January meeting and will get a count for the party. If you are unable to attend the January meeting, but would like to attend the party, please reach out to Kleber or myself so we can get you on the list.

KEY DATES COMING UP:  
January DWT meeting: Sat 01/11/25

We will review the details of the spring semester Bismarck Career Academy mentoring session. A sign-up sheet will be passed around to get an idea of who can help with each session. We understand that schedules can change at any time, but if you can help with the sessions, please sign up. The Dakota Woodturners Spring symposium is scheduled for April 25, 26, and 27. We have a great lineup of instructors; Kailee Bosch, Laurent Niclot, and Mark Kielpinski. We will review the symposium details and answer any questions.

I'm looking forward to a fun filled 2025. It is great to be involved with such an awesome group of folks that are willing to freely give their time and talents. I know the local community is becoming aware of the positive impact we are making. It has been impactful for the students at the Bismarck Career Academy. "Keep the Chips & Ribbons Flying" and let's do it Safely.

Ron Day

# DWT Meeting Minutes

12/14/2024

Recorded by Kleber Hadsell

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Guests included Ethan, Drew and Dave Vinchattle and Brandon Kunz. Stan Zalumskis motioned and George Scholl seconded that the minutes from the November meeting be approved, motion carried. Steve Wolff gave the treasurers report and noted that the AAW insurance premium had been paid for 2025.

2025 Officers: Ron Day asked three times if there were other members wanting to run for the open positions of Secretary, Treasurer, or Member at Large. There were none. Wayne Peterson had volunteered in November to serve as the member at large. Steve Wolff was willing to continue for another term as Treasurer. Todd Richardson similarly had volunteered to continue as Secretary if no one else could be arm twisted into the job (sorry Todd, we tried). Alan Welte motioned and Stan seconded that all three members be unanimously approved by the membership, motion carried. So, current officers are:

Ron Day, President \*

Kleber Hadsell, Vice President \*

Steve Wolff, Treasurer \*\*

Todd Richardson, Secretary \*\*

George Scholl, Member at Large \*

Wayne Petersen, Member at Large \*\*

\*term ends YE2025

\*\*term ends YE2026

The Christmas party will be held on February 8 at the Mandan Eagles. Two meal options will be available and we'll have a gift exchange with the same rules (bring one-get one) as previous years. Social starts at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm. More on this next meeting.

There have been no applicants yet for the 2025 Educational Incentives. Stan Zalumskis will accept applications up until the Jan 8, 2025 meeting.

We can get a \$40/person break on the AAW meeting in June 2025 (in St Paul, MN) if we have more than five DWT members attending. The code is "AAW25Group" when you sign up.

The Career Academy sessions next semester will be on the third week in February and the first week in March. Two classes per day. More on this next meeting. Our spring symposium is planned for the last weekend in April and will feature Mark Kielpinski, Kailee Bosch, and Laurent Niclot. Just a reminder to get your 2025 DWT dues (still \$20) paid up.

Mark Scharnowske brought in a BUNCH of beeswax for the members to take home. A free-will donation for the club was suggested. Ron Day mentioned that a 4:1 mixture of the wax in mineral oil worked well. Ron will be keeping the balance of the wax out at his shop so members wanting some/more can find it there. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24am.

Show and share:

Kleber showed and talked about some problems he had turning/sanding/finishing a colored pencil hollow form. Several of our members had suggestions for the next time (if there is one). John Schuck brought in a leather mallet and a bowl. Brandon Vinchuck showed us a screwdriver and some pens. Alan Welte brought in a Christmas ornament he made for his wife. Mike Oragaard showed a nice pair of segmented salt and pepper mills. Jeremy Guinn showed us two bowls and a Teddy bear produced from turned pieces. Larry Nelson showed two maple vases, one using burl. Somehow, I lost his picture. Dave Malarky showed a few turned spatulas. Mark Kielpinski showed a vase with burned zentangle emphasizing forms Becca had demoed for the club in October.

Jerry Dupong brought in and showed a large elm platter. Peggy Ruddick showed a vase and two segmented bowls. Jim Ruddick showed a natural edge bowl and a lidded box with a leather inlay. Steve Wolff brought in a wavy bowl made from three types of wood and cut into 4 layers. Jim Papacek brought in an ornament. Missing (I lost) photos of Jim and Larry, not sure how that happened.

After the meeting, Ron Day put on a demo showing how to make an eight-sided star. He also signed up members to come out to his shop over the next couple of weekends to turn a star hands-on. Thanks Ron!



**December 14 Mtg Show and Share:**









**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.

