



Sawdust and Shavings

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The 4th of July has come and gone, along with Art in the Park. Art in the Park was very successful with a bunch of kids walking away with tops and raffle ticket sales were brisk. I think Wanye Peterson is now a master top-turner. Over the two days, Wayne was at the lathe most all day each day and enticing the kids with his noise making chatter tool and brightly colored finished tops. Thanks, Wayne, for your time on the lathe. Thank you to everyone that had a hand in making Art in the Park a success.

Our Summer events are just getting started. We are still working on the North Dakota Vo-tech teachers' program, Capital Affair on August 3rd and 4th, and our annual summer picnic on August 10th. These items will be covered in detail at our July meeting.

I would like to take a minute to highlight the Rocky Mountain Symposium on September 27, 28, and 29 in Loveland Colorado. The Rocky Mountain Symposium is an excellent opportunity to experience a large regional symposium with world class woodturning demonstrators. The Rocky Mountain Symposium is within a day's drive and the all-in cost to attend is manageable. I know several of the Dakota Woodturners are planning to attend and I hope you will consider taking advantage of this learning opportunity. It's a great way to see old friends and make new friends in the woodturning world.

KEY DATES COMING UP:

- Next DWT meeting: Saturday, July 13
- Capitol Affair: Sat/Sun August 3 and 4
- DWT picnic Saturday August 10

We are in for a special treat at the July meeting, Wayne Petterson is planning to bring in his rose engine lathe and demo the operations of the lathe. We have seen the fantastic designs that Larry Nelson and Wayne have created and now we will have an opportunity to see the rose engine lathe in action. I'm very excited for the opportunity to see the set-up, make some notes, and to get some pictures to help me in the building of my rose engine lathe. The rose engine is just another evolution of what can be created in the woodturning world. I hope to see you at the meeting.

We need tops for the Capital Affair. After Art in the Park, we are down to about a half jug. The weather for the next few days is forecasted to be mighty hot, which would be an excellent opportunity to spend some time in the shop making tops.

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

Ron Day

DWT Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2024

Recorded by Todd "Richardson"

Meeting called to order at 8:55

Introduction of Guests – None present

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wolff gave a report. All outstanding bills are up to date.

Mark Kielpinski made a motion to accept the May minutes as posted in the June newsletter. Kleber Hadsell seconded the motion. A correction for the spelling of Stan Zalumskis. Motion carried with the correction. I have spelled my name incorrectly in penance.

Old Business:

Raffle tickets are available and there are ten additional items remaining to turn in. Summertime events include the art in the park on July 3rd and 4th. The capital affair is the following month. With the club's picnic taking the place of an August meeting.

New Business:

Dakota Woodturners won the AAW community Impact Award. Congrats to all members and thanks to all who have mentored, prepared materials, and organized the hands on training. Additionally thank you to John Warren for submitting our group's application. We also received a note of congratulations from the Flickertail woodcarving club. A group photo was taken of all available members who mentored.

Ron Day gave a recap of the national AAW symposium. He said there was good attendance and next year's event will be in St. Paul. We currently have an okay wood supply, but keep an eye out for more sources.

Other:

A discussion was had on possible youth friendly projects. Mallets and leaf bowls are some possible options.

Jim Rask has a contact with diamond willow available. Dolly has freedom pen kits available. The traveling exhibit is looking for a few more items.

We are considering a club tool order in September or October to capitalize on bulk discounts.

The Mystery Prize was won by John Boehm.

Show and Share:

George Scholl brought white oak bowl and some tops. Doug Alm brought in triangular winged bowls of birch. Alan Welte brought in a platter of red oak. He also brought in completed symposium projects, a bowl and an accented bowl. Peggy Rudick brought in two symposium bowls with accented rims. Larry Nelson brought in a pear wood platter with dozens of rose engine flowers of cocobolo. He gave a process overview. Each flower took over 45 minutes. Jon Schuck brought in his symposium rim bowl, a box with a lid, and a ratcheting screwdriver. The screwdriver uses roller bearings with a wedge. James Rudick brought in two birch vases and a bowl. Steve Wolff brought in a segmented vase with open windows. He detailed the process of dying the inside and building the project up in stages. George Scholl was the winner of the presidents challenge.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45

Meeting was followed by a Portland symposium slideshow and discussion.

Show and Share: June 8, 2024





Member Vetted Videos:



<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Resources/AmericanWoodturner/FeaturedVideos/AWVideo2022Aug3704.aspx>

The video I would like to share is Ken Conte's method of making levitating spheres. By cleverly hiding magnets in a sphere and electronics in a base, Conte makes for a seemingly weightless, almost magic orb. The video goes into great depth about placing the hardware for maximum effect. Ron Day mentioned seeing one at the Portland symposium which reminded me of the video. There is also a companion article that Conte wrote "Levitating Spheres" in the August 2022 American Woodturner.
-Todd Richardson

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.

