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CONGRADULATIONS **DAKOTA WOODTURNERS**

The Dakota Woodturners received the first ever “Community Impact Award” presented by the AAW. A big thank you to John and Becky Warren for putting together the application and submitting it on behalf of the DWT. Our Career Academy Student program was one of 19 applications. It was a very proud moment when John and I saw the Dakota Woodturners on the big screen as the winners of the Community Impact Award at the national AAW Symposium Banquet. Thanks to all of you that have supported our student mentoring program. It is great to see that others see the same value in what we have been able to achieve and that AAW chose to shine the spotlight on this program. I had the opportunity to speak with numerous other AAW Chapters that are interested in developing a youth program like ours. We should all be proud of this accomplishment, and I look forward to the continuation of this program and growing the woodturning community here in North Dakota. Having just returned from the National AAW Symposium, I’m still trying to figure out what I should work on for my next woodturning project. Attending the AAW Symposium gets the creative ideas flowing, but almost to the point of overload. To give you a flavor of the symposium, John was able to get some great photos of the instant gallery and a few other shots of the symposium. We will do a slide presentation at our June meeting. Hopefully, the

KEY DATES COMING UP:

- Next DWT meeting: Saturday, June 8
- Art in the Park July 3 and 4
- Capitol Affair: August 3 and 4

presentation will help entice you to consider attending next year’s AAW Symposium in St. Paul, MN. Kleber reached out to the Mandan Art in the Park organization, and they would like us to be a part of the 4 th of July event. We will have the same booth location and will be able to park the trailer in the usual spot. We will need a few volunteers to get the trailer to the park on the evening of July 2 nd and then we will need a few folks to set-up on the morning of July 3 rd . The Art in the Park event is on July 3 rd and 4 th . Please consider volunteering a few hours to turn tops for the kids or sell a few raffle tickets. We will cover the event details during the June meeting. Just a reminder, please turn in your raffle items. As my old mentor would say: “Keep the Chips & Ribbons Flying” and let’s do it Safely.

Ron Day

DWT Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2024

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order at 9:02

Introduction of Guests – Rob Macana joined us. He has some experience in woodturning.

Treasurer's Report – All outstanding bills are up to date. Gave details on the symposium expenses which was a slight financial loss to the club.

Dolly Erickson made a motion to accept the April minutes as posted in the May newsletter. Seconded by Stan Zalumuski. Motion carried.

Old Business

Report was given on the Mandan Band Blast. The steaks were reported to be huge. Additionally, there was a good turnout for their fundraiser.

Additional discussion was had on the August Career and Technical Teachers' convention.

New Business

2700 tickets are available for the summer raffle.

Mike Orgaard has the tickets today. They are two for \$5. Dave Malarkey reported that there are 12 raffle items that still need to be collected.

Mark K gave the contact details for Art in the Park. The event is in the middle of the week this year. A volunteer count was made to ensure coverage. Capital Affaire will be Aug 3rd and 4th .

Discussion was held on the spring symposium. Jim learned a lot and George liked seeing new styles and techniques. Mark K made a motion to host a spring symposium in 2025 and Denise seconded. Motion carried. Possible names for fall and spring events were discussed.

Wood Supply update – Ron has hosted a couple sessions of wood processing for the club. Let him know if you want to be involved in future chop-a-thons. Additionally keep an eye out for more wood sources. A discussion was held on future demos that club members want to see or host. There was a desire for more hollow form techniques and the various captured systems, both commercial and homemade. A request was made for more detailed finishing processes. John Warren offered to host a recap of the AAW national symposium. Additionally, there is interest in demonstrations about rose engine lathes.

Lastly time saving techniques and methods for repeating objects was requested, that could likely be an ornament and final demonstration.

Other

Larry Nelson reported that Bismarck Downtown Artist Collective, or BDAC, showed an interest in the possibility of a month-long display of wood art. There was interest by club members. Larry will continue discussions.

Mark K announced there were additional blanks from the symposium available for sale.

Dolly was the winner of the mystery prize. A sweet ice cream scoop kit. She didn't mention if we were invited to her house for a Sunday though. I assume we all are. John Warren thanked Denise for her work on getting the raffle tickets squared away.

Show and Share

George Scholl brought in a huge 18" maple bowl with crotch figure.

Many members brought in their symposium pieces. Jim Ruddick shared two bowls, two lidded bowls, and two Gonks. Dave Malarkey brought in a lidded box, a bowl, and 20 Gonks. Mike Orgaard brought in two bowls with lids, a top hat Gonk, and a box with a satisfying pop'n snap fit lid. Greg Pollart brought in his bowl and a Gonk. So many Gonks. Wayne Peterson brought in some spinning tops. He also had a platter decorated via the rose engine and first communion cups.

John Warren brought it home with a big burl bowl laced with turquoise accents. He displayed a round bottom bowl as a tribute to Dale Zimmerman. It featured a black rim and green highlights.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55

Meeting was followed by a demonstration on the four cornered bowl.

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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.

