



# Sawdust and Shavings

## Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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### Prez Sez

May 2024

The Dakota Woodturners Spring Symposium is now in the books. Thank you to everyone that had a hand in making it a success. Also, thank you to everyone that was able to participate. We will do a post evaluation of the spring symposium and what the club preferences are for future events. The planning process for our fall event has begun. If you are unable to make the meeting, please reach out to an E-board member and give your input and ideas for future events. A special thank you to the Bismarck Career Academy staff. Having such an amazing facility to hold our meetings and symposiums is a significant cost savings for the club and the support we receive from the staff of the Bismarck Career Academy is priceless. It is a special relationship that each of you has helped us build and we can only hope that the relationship continues for many years to come.

The weather is starting to resemble spring, indicating that our summer events are just around the corner. We will reach out to the Mandan Art in the Park organization and determine if they would like to have DWT set up a demo booth again this year. If they want a DWT booth, we will ask if you are willing and available to staff the booth over the 4th of July holiday. If there is a sufficient level of volunteers, we will move forward with Art in the Park planning. Other summer events are the Capital Affair in early August, then the closing of our annual raffle, and our summer picnic. It seems like these events are down the road, but they always seem to sneak up on us.

#### KEY DATES COMING UP:

- Next DWT meeting: Saturday, May 11
- Art in the Park July 3 and 4 (if approved)

June and July. Historically, we have had to find a summer meeting location; however, this year the Bismarck Career Academy has agreed to allow us to use the facility this summer.

For the May meeting, please bring in your symposium projects for show and share. I'm excited to see your special Gonks, snap fit boxes and unique layered bowls. Sharing your symposium items will get you entered in the President's Monthly Challenge prize drawing.

This month's demo will be the turning of a Richard Raffan inspired four corner bowl. The project is based on a Richard Raffan video that is now available on You-tube. The project intrigued me to give it a go. It is a quick project, and it goes from a wood blank to a finished bowl in one turning session.

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

04/13/2024

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order at 8:57AM

Introduction of Guests – None present

Treasurer's Report – all outstanding bills are up to date.

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

## Old Business

2024 Dues are due. 80% of members are up to date.

Final notes were made in regards to Mandan Band Blast and how to get tickets.

Spring Symposium assignments were finalized.

Headcount and dinner signup was done. Room assignments were to be mailed out later in the week. Attendees are reminded to mark and label their tools to avoid confusion. The attendee list and required tools were reviewed. Participants are encouraged to ask many questions. The Sunday demos are scheduled from 12:30 to 2:00.

Ron Day reported that a large silver maple tree was collected for blanks. Keep on the lookout for wood supplies but the immediate need has been alleviated. We're looking for project requests for monthly demonstrations. Additionally, members are encouraged to demonstrate projects or skills. Speak with any board member for more details and scheduling.

## New Business

John Warren discussed the potential for the Career and Technical Teacher Convention on August 6 and 7. We have been asked to host two hands on woodturning sessions. Additionally, we have the opportunity to demonstrate at the conference. Summer Events include the Art in the Park, Capital Affair, and the Career and Technical Teacher Convention.

A discussion was had on the summer raffle items and dates. A motion was made by Mark Kielpinski to sanction the club raffle, Art in the Park, Capital A'Fair and the Career and Technical Teacher Convention. Seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion Carried.

Members will have the opportunity to order t-shirts and sweatshirts in May.

## Show and Share

Doug Alm – Doug brought in a 57 year old project that he made, a walnut closed form bowl. He thanked his industrial arts teacher from the days of yore. Doug also showed a natural edge cottonwood burl bowl.

Jerry Duppong brought in some pieces made of white oak. He had a bowl and a platter.

Wayne Petersen made a new pen with his rose engine lathe.

Jon Schuck brought in a spalted maple bowl.

Jim Ruddick worked on inside out ornaments and brought in a veneer accented bowl.

Becky Weisgerber created a Scottish style drop spindle out of mimosa wood. A mimosa does sound pretty good.

Greg Pollert used cedar to create a yarn bowl and a closed form bowl. He also made a natural edge bowl using plum.

Marlene Roles brought in a burl bowl with turquoise accents.

Steve Wolf created a new version of the cherry red segmented vase that he showed in February. Again he used aniline dyes and building up layer by layer of lacquer. This time he segmented the bottom piece as well. The height was 1 ½ inch taller than the previous one and passed inspection by his wife.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20AM

Meeting was followed by hands-on tool sharpening demonstrations.

## **Show and Share, April 13, 2024**



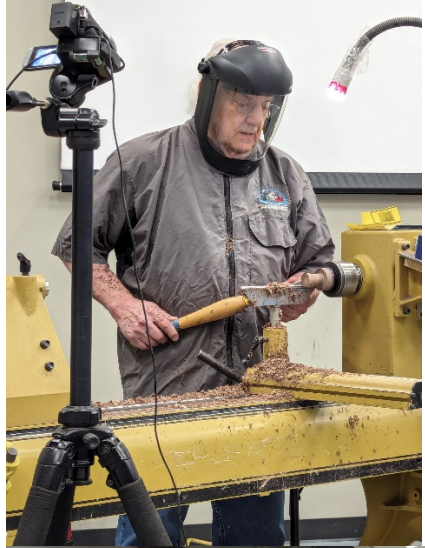


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Here are some of the local businesses and organizations that support DWT via discounts, donations, places to meet etc.



### **Member Vetted Videos:**

There were two suggested videos submitted this month: First, go to YouTube and search for "[Richard Raffan turns a square dish](#)".

That'll take you right to the demo topic Ron mentioned in the Prez Sez section for the upcoming May meeting. Secondly, George Scholl recommended members interested in using the McNaughton center coring tool go to youtube.com and look for "Mike Mahoney and the McNaughton center saver". Alternatively, the shortcut for this video should is:

<https://youtu.be/vNz9Wh1lbpk?feature=shared>

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.

