



Sawdust and Shavings

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Expecting spring temperatures this week, I'm hopeful for the start of spring showers soon. The Spring Symposium is approaching, and registration is closing soon. You don't want to miss this opportunity to improve your turning skills and to learn the techniques of very skilled demonstrators.

I would like to provide you with a list of items that will be used during the symposium (if you have these items, please bring them, we will have extras to share):

- ☐ Standard Turning Tools: Bowl Gouge, Spindle Gouge, Parting Tool, Roughing Gouge, Small Hollowing Tools, etc.
- ☐ Drill Chuck
- ☐ 4-jaw Chuck and key (2" jaws preferred)
- ☐ Pair of scissors
- ☐ Outside Calipers
- ☐ Extension Cord
- ☐ Power strip
- ☐ Work light

I'm excited for everyone taking part in the symposium. I know it will be a great weekend filled with fun, sharing of ideas and great snacks.

I would like to thank everyone that took part in the State Capital Turning event. There was a great turnout, and you got the Governor of North Dakota behind a lathe. Well done guys and a "Thank You" to John Warren for setting this up.

Just a quick reminder that the Mandan "Band Blast" is Saturday, April 12. You can still bring your donations to the meeting and Becky Warren will be there to collect them.

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

April DWT meeting: Sat April 12

DWT Spring Symposium: Fri/Sat/Sun 4/25-4/27

Mandan Band Blast: Sat 4/12

DWT summer workshop:

--Demo at Career Acad: Sat June 7

--Hands-on at John's Shop: Sun/Mon 6/8-6/9

As we have done prior to past symposiums, the April meeting will be dedicated to getting your tools tuned up and sharpened. Please bring your turning tools to the meeting and we will help you get them ready for the symposium.

In addition to the sharpening session there will be a demo on turning a whistle. Kleber saw a video on turning whistles and then challenged me to see if I could turn a whistle. You will have to come to the meeting to see if I'm up to the challenge. Enjoy the warm spring like weather and hope to see you at Saturday's meeting. Keep the Chips and Ribbons Flying and do it Safely.

Ron

DWT Meeting Minutes

3/08/2025 Chapter Meeting
Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order 8:55

Guests included Aiden, a BHS student who attended career academy events and wanted to learn more. Stan made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting as published in the newsletter. Peggy seconded. Motion Carried. Steve Wolff gave the treasurer's report and discussed the details of the bank account transfer. Accepting dues and symposium registration fees. Mandan Band Boosters is April 12 at the Mandan Eagles. Info is needed by April 1st for anyone who wants to attend. The demonstration at the capital is March 26th. Spring Symposium registration is now available on the website. The projects will include brush handles, platters, and miniature hollowing. Bring snacks and items for the silent auction. Summer Demo is June 7-9th with Emma Cook. The 8th and 9th are hands-on classes. Register right away if interested. This is in lieu of the normal fall demonstrators.

Members are encouraged to sign up more items for the Summer raffle. The Mystery prize went to Rebecca, congrats.

Show & Share:

Mark Kielpinski brought in an apricot bowl that was treated with citrus and tung oil. He had a wood-burned sphere with leaf textures, paint, and drybrush work. Jon Schuck brought in a goblet for his brother and a figured maple bowl. Compliments were given to the improved quality of his finish. Brendan Kunz brought in a flower pot and a bowl. Doug Alm brought in a bowl and the story of the four-year journey it has taken, It currently leaks coleslaw juice so it took it back from the owner to make some repairs. Peggy Rudick brought in a segmented mahogany and maple piece. She had live edge bowls and some work doing captive rings. Bill Baer arrived with a killer ambrosia maple bowl and an elm platter. Jim Rudick had tops with captive rings he's been working on with the skew.

He also brought in four vases of various woods: mahogany, walnut, spalted birch, and red oak. Becky Warren showed off an open segmented vase that Steve Wolff had made. Aiden brought in some pens done in middle school.

9:55 The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting followed by Kleber's Flame Finial demonstration.

March 8 Mtg Show and Share:







Member Vetted Videos:

Here's the video of the flame finial I mentioned at our meeting last month. The turner's name is Alan Stratton.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5jBAD1q-Cg>

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.

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



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