



Sawdust and Shavings

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As we begin the month of February, it's time to start preparing for our DWT Spring 2025 Symposium. Over the next few weeks, we will be reaching out for volunteers to contribute to the tasks leading up to the symposium. The responsibilities are all very manageable, and by working together, we can ensure another incredibly successful event. At the February meeting, we will be getting a count of participants for the "hands-on" symposium. For those enjoying warmer climates, remember that our online symposium registration form will be available on our DWT website. Please register promptly to secure your spot. Additionally, if you are willing to mentor during the symposium, please contact a Board member. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated!

As a reminder, during the week of February 10th, we are thrilled to kick off the spring semester of mentoring students at the Bismarck Career Academy. We had an overwhelmingly positive response to the mentor sign-up. There is still plenty of room for more volunteers. The sessions start at 9:25 am (please be there 9:00am) on Monday, February 10th. Your involvement will make a significant impact, and we are excited to see the positive influence our mentors will have on the students.

During the January meeting, we discussed a few donation opportunities for turned items. The Mandan Band Boosters are seeking contributions for their Band Blast event in April, and we also need items for our DWT summer raffle. Additional details on these events can be found in

KEY DATES COMING UP:

February DWT meeting: Sat 02/08/25

Holiday Party Sat 02/08/25

Career Academy Mentoring: 2/10-2/13

the January meeting minutes later in the newsletter. We will also cover these topics again at the February meeting. I know it is still winter and according to the Groundhog Day results we still have six more weeks of winter (I hope that is all we have), so now is a great time to turn a donation item or two. Keep the chips and ribbons flying and do it safely.

Ron Day



Band Boosters Holding 2024 Winnings from DWT



Ron's Spoon Demo 1/11/25

DWT Meeting Minutes

01/11/2025

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order at 8:57

Introduction of Guests – Bruce Wilson has recently moved to Bismarck. He primarily does a flat woodworking and is looking for more connections in the craft. Welcome Bruce.

Stan moved to accept the December minutes as published in the January newsletter. Kleber seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wolff gave a comprehensive 2024 financial review and 2025 budget forecast. The primary concerns he presented was improving summer raffle sales and transferring some funds into an interest earning account or into CDs. Steve answered questions and agreed to look into options to present to the e-board. Becky Warren moved to accept the report and recommendations, John Warren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Spring Symposium dates have been set for April 25-27. There is a summer demonstrator opportunity as Emma Cook will be potentially available after the AAW Symposium. Details and dates to follow. AAW Symposium is in St. Paul. All are invited to attend.

New Business

Winter Holiday Party to take place on February 8th at the Mandan Eagles. 5:00 Happy Hour and 6:00 dinner. Summer Raffle was discussed. George Scholl made a motion to hold a raffle with the drawing date of Friday August 8th. Denise seconded the motion. Motion carried. Volunteers assembled to assist. Dave Malarkey will be collecting items. Peggy Rudick will be handling ticketing and permitting. Denise Johnson will be available as a resource.

Educational Incentive Awards Applications are due today. Two members have applied so far.

Mandan HS Band Blast opportunity to donate pieces. Band Booster representatives will be at the February meeting to discuss the April event.

Bismarck Career Academy mentoring will be in February and March. Ideally we will have 1:1 mentorship, but 1:2 is okay as well. If you have the time available, any help teaching the kids is appreciated.

While the legislature is in session, we have the opportunity to present our club and demo in the capital. The current date is slated for March 27, but it is subject to available scheduling. Wayne Peterson made a motion to sanction the event. Stan Zalumskis seconded. Motion Carried.

The Career and Technology Teachers Expo will be the first week of August. We will have additional opportunities to display and demo. Potentially hands on classes as well.

Mark Kielpinski was looking for volunteers to turn some of the pen kits donated by Sagsveen. They included various bushings.

Tops for tots – We currently have one of two jugs full. Ron extended a shop invite to any interested in open turning. He's there and available most days. The mystery drawing was parts for a pizza cutter, won by Jerry Duppong. I might show up at his house to judge both his skills at making pizza cutters and his skills at making pizzas.

Show and Share:

Dave Malarkey made another gnome, this one scuba diving. He also brought in an interesting wooden chain and bookmark. Additionally, he had a black walnut vase with a glass liner.

Peggy Rudick brought in segmented bowls, cedar and honey locust as well as a completed star.

George Scholl brought in a boxelder burl hollow bauble ornament with faint watercolor accents and a pillbox. Jon Schuck brought in a completed star.

Wayne Petersen made a platter full of first communion goblets from apricot.

Doug Alm brought in a vase made of black walnut and CA glue. T'was teardrop shaped.

Mark Kielpinski brought in bowls of boxelder and ash. He discussed form, grain patterns, and sizing.

James Rudick had something pretty cool, but my notes have failed me as to what it actually means. There is a vase, an egg box, and a goblet listed... but it also says "Multi-Axis and CNC". That sounds great, but the context is lost to the ages. Hopefully there are some clues in the attached pictures

(editor's note: somehow we missed Jim's picture also...this was not a conspiracy Jim). Otherwise perhaps you should ask Jim. Bill Baer showed a quarter sawn platter, a black walnut bowl with maple accent, and the completed star project. Greg Pollert made a bowl of Russian olive. He spoke of the unique grain changes and how that altered his turning to adapt.

Jim Porter brought in a big wide spalted cottonwood bowl, a Florida mahogany live edge bowl, and stars.

Pat Schweitzer brought in a pedestal made from mahogany and maple wood. He's sending it off to the world-famous Kielpinski Zentangle and Embelishment workshop. I expect we'll see it again.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:24

Spoon turning demonstration to follow.

January 11 Mtg Show and Share:







DWT E-Board Meeting Minutes

1/28/2025

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting at 12:00 noon at Sickies Garage in Bismarck. Present were Ron Day, Kleber Hadsell, Steve Wolff, George Scholl, Wayne Petersen, and Todd Richardson.

Steve presented his research on CD options, savings accounts, checking, money market accounts, and interest rates. After discussion it was recommended to use FCCU in three different ways. A checking account holding our short term needs, a savings account holding liquid funds for our larger events and operations, and CDs. The CDs would be using staggered start dates so in the event the funds are needed, there is always a CD nearing its maturity date (Also known as a CD Ladder). A motion was made to change banks to FCCU, adopt the three-account system, and add the VP to the account. Second by Kleber. Motion carried. Steve discussed the use of petty cash for small dollar amounts and gave the example of a small postage reimbursement.

Ron presented the nominees and recommendations from the educational committee. George made a motion to approve the recommendations. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

The Spring Symposium rate was discussed. It was agreed to keep it at \$135 for Active members. Kleber made a motion to keep the rate. Steve Wolff seconded. Motion carried. All votes were unanimous.

Meeting ended at 1:00 pm.

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.

