



Sawdust and Shavings

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Wow, summer is flying by as we finished up with Art in the Park on July 3 and 4. It was HOT, HOT couple of days, but it was great to turn tops for the kids and the raffle tickets were hot sellers as well, thanks to John Warren's excellent sales pitch. Now we will be shifting our attention to preparing for the Capital Affair event on August 2nd & third at the State Capital grounds. The Capital Affair event will be as usual, and we will be setting the site up on Friday August 1 and turning on that Saturday and Sunday. There will be a signup sheet for the event at the July meeting.

We are currently working with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction on the details for hosting a Tech Ed Teacher session on August 4th at the Bismarck Career Academy and a day of demonstration at the Bismarck Event Center on August 5, this will follow the same format that we did last year. We hope to have more details on the event at the July meeting.

Switching gears a bit, I hope that everyone that had a chance to attend the AAW International Symposium in St. Paul, MN, had a wonderful experience and I hope they take the opportunity to share with the club members their experiences and what they learned. From my small sampling, it sounded like everyone that attended had a great time, but a little lighter in the pocketbook due to the great deals in the trade show.

I want to give John and Becky Warren a big "Thank You" for hosting Emma Cook and allowing us to invade their shop for Emma's Hands-On classes. Based on the feedback that I received, everyone enjoyed Emma's demonstrations and classes.

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

July Meeting: Saturday, July 12
State Teacher Turning: Mon Aug 4, Tue Aug 5
Capital Affair: Sat Aug 2 and Sun Aug 3
Raffle Drawing: Fri Aug 8
DWT Picnic: Sat Aug 9

During the St. Paul symposium we had a chance to chat with Emma, and she really enjoyed North Dakota and the time that she got to spend with all of us. Emma was also a big hit at the National Symposium as well. We were incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to have her make a stop here in North Dakota. I had best get back to the shop and finish my summer raffle items, so as always "Keep the Chips and Ribbon Flying" and do it safely.

Ron Day

DWT Meeting Minutes

May meeting minutes:

5/10/2025

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order 9:05. No new guests in attendance. Peggy made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting as published in the newsletter. Stan seconded. Motion Carried.

Steve Wolff gave the treasurer's report and discussed the final costs of the spring symposium and gave an update on the interest rate of the bank. Kleber made a motion to accept the report. Denise Seconded. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

In lieu of a fall demonstrator, Emma Cook will be visiting us June 7th and hosting one day workshops on the 8th and 9th.

Members are asked to be on tree patrol. We need to stock up for our events and classes. Elm, maple, and boxelder are preferred. Ash is okay for club members with more experience. A possible lead was given at the Golf Course. Rebecca K made a motion to reimburse ron for the wood prep materials, seconded by John Warren. John Warren discussed the need for a plan for future wood prep and procurement. Motion Carried.

AAW Symposium in St Paul from the 13-15th.

Members were encouraged to talk to turners and demonstrators. Possible discussion about supporting cancer centers with the Bowls of Courage and Chemo wig stands.

Summer raffle updates. Please bring donation items in for the summer displays.

Summer events. Art in the Park on the 3rd and 4th of July with setup on the 2nd. Capital Affair in August. Stan Z made a motion to sanction the events, Jim Rudick seconded. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A discussion was held on the spring symposium. The auction had a lower turnout than anticipated and of previous years. Discussion was held around having some incentive built into donations. We also discussed the need to increase attendance all around at the event. We had less members attend than we had capacity for. Visitor attendance in the instant gallery was low. Members were asked to

brainstorm ideas to increase turnout. It was mentioned to focus on building membership at the summer events. A wood-you-like-to-turn even was discussed for September or October.

There is an opportunity to add work to a Dakota Wood Arts show at BAGA in October for a November opening.

Dale Sauer informed us about his health concerns and will be retiring from woodturning and has some tools available for sale.

Show & Share:

Jon Shuck brought in brushes, platters, bowls, and hollow forms from the symposium.

Larry Nelson showed his walnut lidded pot with lacewood. He had a segmented pecan piece with a feature ring.

Pat Schweitzer completed the planter stand after coloring and woodburning collaboration.

Peggy Rask brought in the symposium pieces.

Mark Kielpinski brought in a bowl.

Bill Baer brought in a cedar bowl, a platter, and a live edge ash platter.

Jim Ruddick brought in his symposium pieces and some cnc pieces.

Spud brought in some segmented pieces and some chess pawns.

Peggy Ruddick brought in segmented bowls and her symposium pieces.

10:32 The meeting was adjourned.

June meeting minutes:
6/7/2025

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order 9:00

Two guests were welcomed. Jim Papacek brought Mike Murphy. TJ Schmidt also came to check out the club.

Logistics and signups for the Art in the Park were discussed.

Equipment for the Sunday and Monday workshops was discussed.

Congrats to John Schuck for on his high school graduation.

Emma Cook was welcomed and began her demo at 9:20.

“If it looks wrong, it is wrong. We need to fix it” - Emma Cook on design.

Art in the Park:



Misc Notes:

From John Warren: We are scheduled to teach the teachers on Monday, August 4 from 9-12 at the Career Academy. We are also scheduled to demo/display at the CTE Convention exhibits on Tuesday, August 5th at the Event Center. More to come on this as it gets closer.

From Dave Malarkey: I only have 21 out of 51 raffle items as of July 1. 'Really could use some more for the table to look good at art in the park and capital affair events.

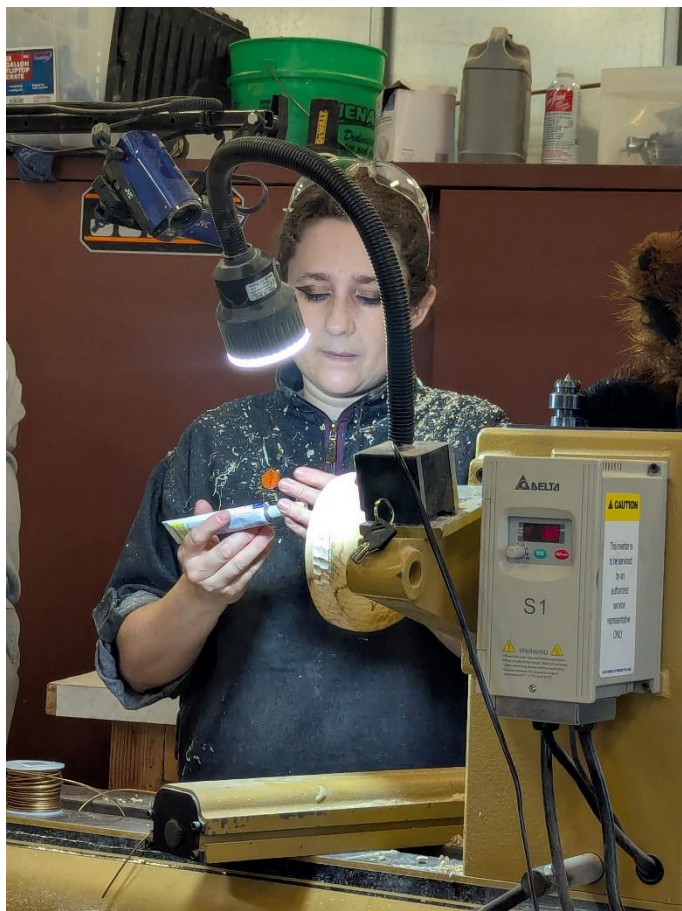
From Jim Rask: Steffes auction has auction on Minot July 15-22. mixed in with welders, milling machines, etc. are: woodworking tools, guitar workbenches & tools, specialty woods (for making guitars) stickled & clamped for straightness), etc

From Kleber H: We have only about one-half of a top jar of tops left after the Art in the Park. That will likely get us through the Capitol Affair, but just barely. More tops to the July meeting would help ensure we don't run out.



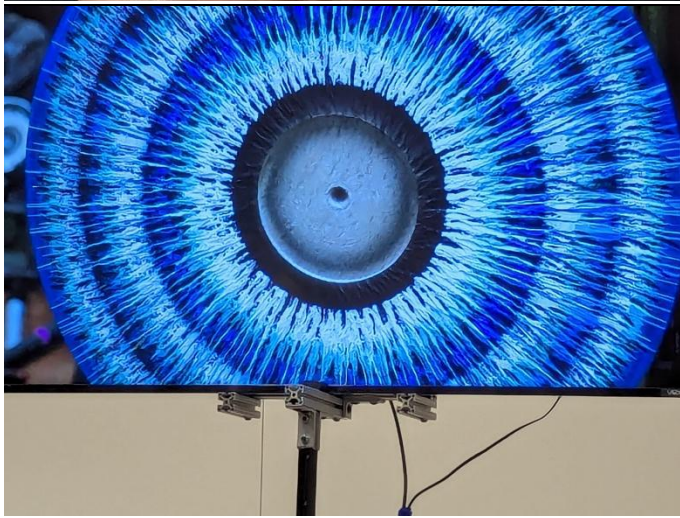
Show and Share (none for June):

Emma Cook Demonstrations:



Misc Shots from that MSP AAW Symposium:





Security Escorts Rowdy Woodturner Out at AAW:



Collecting Some Boxelder for Future Career Academy Classes:



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

