



# Sawdust and Shavings

## Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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### Prez Sez May 2025

I hope everyone that took part in the 2025 DWT Spring Symposium enjoyed it and took away a new turning tip or two. It was great to see everyone intently focused on the projects and not wanting to leave their lathe until they completed the projects at hand. I know the three demonstrators did an excellent job and they gave us a full weekend of skills building projects. At the May meeting, please bring in your symposium project pieces for the "Show and Share". During the May meeting, we will do an evaluation of the symposium and discuss future symposiums.

With the 2025 Spring Symposium behind us, it is time to complete the preparations for Emma Cook's Demo and Hands-on workshop. Emma's demonstration will be at a special meeting on Saturday June 7th at the Bismarck Career Academy. On Sunday and Monday, June 8th and 9th, Emma will hold two-one day hands-on workshops hosted at John Warren's shop. The cost to attend the one-day workshop will be \$100. We will review the details of Emma's demo and workshop at the regular May meeting. Please come prepared to sign up for the workshop, as there will only be eight slots available for each day.

I have received an inquiry from the Bismarck Arts Galleries Association (BAGA) asking if we would like to have our turnings on display at the gallery during the month of November. BAGA has a featured wood artist that will be on display at that time, and they are looking to us to help fill the gallery with wood art during that show. We will talk

#### KEY UPCOMING DATES:

May: Next DWT meeting: Sat May 10

DWT summer workshop:

--Demo at Career Academy: Sat June 7

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

AAW National Meeting (St Paul) 6/12-6/15

about how we will put together a set of turnings for the event.

Several members of DWT will be traveling to St. Paul, MN in June to attend the AAW Symposium. The AAW Symposium has put together a great line-up of demonstrators and a full woodturning tool vendor show. I'm excited for each of you that are planning to attend the symposium as it is always an excellent opportunity to see new techniques and what is possible in the woodturning world.

Time to get back to the shop and complete a project or two and as always "Keep the chips and Ribbons Flying and do it Safely.

Ron Day

# DWT Meeting Minutes

Chapter Meeting

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order 9:00

One guest was in attendance, Jake Mattson, recently retired and wanted to learn woodturning.

Peggy made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting as published in the newsletter.

Stan seconded. Motion Carried. Steve Wolff gave the treasurer's report and discussed the details of the bank account transfer. The task has been completed with the new checking and savings accounts as well as a CD setup.

## **Old Business:**

Mandan Band Boosters event tonight. Capital Demo had a very nice turnout and discussions.

Spud turned the Governor's Cup.

Spring Symposium is coming up April 25-27. A discussion of tools and items to bring was had, as well as a general reminder to label everything. The silent auction was discussed as well. George Scholl made a motion to authorize the purchase of a door prize. Peggy Rask made a second. Motion Carried – Kleber to pick up the tools.

There is a summer demo in lieu of a fall demonstrator, Emma Cook will be visiting us June 7<sup>th</sup> and hosting one day workshops on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Summer raffle is coming up and we currently have 46 items pledged. Members are asked to sell 4 books each to raise club funds.

## **New Business:**

Ron discussed a possible opportunity for next March where he will be teaching 500 pen turners.

## **Show & Share:**

Mark Kielpinski brought in a carved sphere, the fall ball. Additionally, he had a music themed zentangle sphere, three pendant necklaces, and an ash bowl with a wood burned weave pattern.

Ralph Feland displayed a bowling pin turning, a lidded box with walnut caps.

Dave Malarkey brought forth some gnome dudes – graduation theme and a snowboarder. Additionally, he brought in pens and whistles. John Schuck brought a cherry vase and two whistles.

Doug Alm displayed a cannon lamp.

Jerry Dupong shared a large white oak bowl and a plum tree root vase. Mike Orgaard worked on walnut / maple matching vase. Pat Schweitzer brought in a geriatric wine glass. He demonstrated the use and showed how you could fall asleep without spilling your cup. He also brought in a casting rod for fishing. Jim Ruddick brought forth a cedar epoxy pot and practice pieces for hollowing and platters. Additionally, Jim created some one-off pen stands. Wayne Petersen worked on metal hollowing tools and described the process of heat bending them and the tempering process. The handles were made of aluminum.

Peggy Rudick practiced segmented bowls and displayed a variety of small items. John Warren brought in a music stand and talked about the construction and how he got involved in creating them. He detailed everything starting with the frame and brass pins with knobs. He demonstrated the height adjustment and challenges to alignment in creating. The feet with the cove cut and dowel alignment is particularly tricky. George Scholl showed off his latest cottonwood vase.

Spud Gruman talked about a gavel and board he had commissioned and showed pictures.

9:55 The meeting was adjourned.

Ron's Whistle Demo 4/12/25

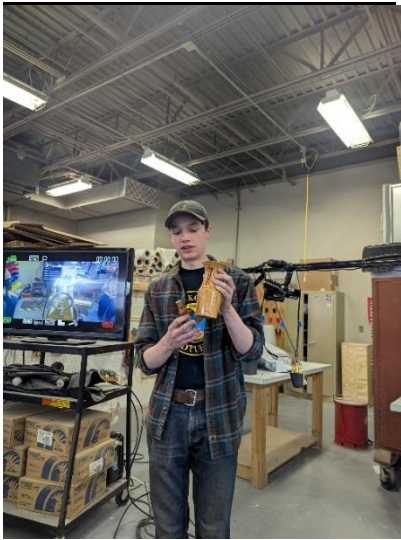


April 12 Mtg Show and Share:





Show and Share cont.



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**Dave Malarky is collecting our completed items for the DWT raffle this summer.** He has asked that to the extent possible we try get our items in by our June meeting. While (in theory) we have until just before the drawing is held in August, keeping track of items brought to the Art in the Park and the Capital Affaire creates extra work and coordination. Not a huge deal, but if you (like me) could use a little extra motivation to get your item(s) done early, there it is.

Also, Dave is still “workin’ for a livin’” so feel free to drop your items at my place when they’re ready if that’s more convenient for you....hopefully I’ll have mine already done. 😊

Kleber

## Member Vetted Videos:

A thank-you note from the Mandan Band Blast group:

Dear Dakota Woodturners:

Thank you for your donations to the Mandan Band Boosters Band Blast event! As always, this event was a big hit for our evening! We so enjoy your hard work and willingness to share your talents with our community while supporting our band students.

We were able to bring in \$2,400 from ticket sales for the Woodturner items in the choice raffle! That is absolutely fantastic! We also had two pieces that went into our Live Auction for the evening. The segmented vase went home with a winning bid of \$300, and the music stand went home with a winning bid of \$470!

Again, we thank you for your generosity and support of our Mandan band students, and we look forward to visiting with you again for next year’s event!  
Sincerely,

Lacey Jochim, President  
Mandan Band Boosters

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.



## March 26 Turning at the Capital:



## Spring DWTSymposium Apr 25-27:





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For Sale:



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