



Sawdust and Shavings

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I cannot believe that we have now finished Capital Affair, held a special turning session with a group of Career and Technical Educators and demoed at the Bismarck Event Center for the CTE sessions. The completion of these events marks the final stages of our Summer 2025 schedule. The only thing to do now is celebrate with our Summer Picnic.

As a reminder, our picnic will be on Saturday August 9th beginning around 4:00 pm at Pat Schwitzer's home and dinner will begin at 5:00 pm. As always, the picnic is a bit of potluck with the club serving the burgers and brats, and supplying drinks, plates, etc. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. I know there will be plenty of great food. We will also have a silent auction set-up, so bring those turnings that need a new home, tools, wood, garden vegetables, canned pickled beets, etc. for the silent auction.

I know it is a short Prez Sez, but I would like to say a big Thank You to all the Dakota Woodturners. The time and effort that you all have put forward to make our Chapter special does not go unnoticed. During the Capital Affair this past weekend, we had numerous people stop by our booth and complement us on how we give back to our community. You all should be proud of what we have been able to accomplish, and I am looking forward to how we can continue to grow our impact in our community and the woodturning community.

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

Raffle Drawing: Fri Aug 8

DWT Picnic: Sat Aug 9

Next Club meeting: Sat Sept 13

I had best get back to the shop and get busy doing some summer cleaning, unfortunately, it will not be long, and it will be too cold to open all the windows and doors to blow the dust out of the shop. As always "Keep the Chips and Ribbon Flying" and do it safely.

Ron Day

DWT Meeting Minutes

7/12/2025

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order 9:01

Introduction of guests: Matthew from Switzerland.
Grüezi!

Minutes from May and June were approved as published in the July newsletter. Motion by James Rudick and seconded by Kleber Hadsell. Motion Carried. Treasurer's report included the club expense report from the Emma Cook demonstrations and workshops. Peggy Rask Motioned to accept the report, Stan Zalumskis seconded. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on the demonstrator Emma Cook and her workshops. She was very well received by the club. 22 Members from our club went to the AAW national symposium. Reports were good on the event. There were some hotel and convention center logistics that were challenging. Art in the Park event in Mandan was well attended and ticket sales were strong.

August 9th is our summer picnic – 4:00 at Pat's Shack. Be there! Also bring items for the silent auction and cash money to bid on the items in the silent auction. In addition to the usual items, the the summer picnic's silent auction typically contains items crafted from club members. We'll be announcing the raffle results. You are also allowed to bring a pie.

Capital Affair is August 2 and 3. Signups went around to help setup and demonstrate. The Tech Educators conference is August 4-5 with a hands-on event and demos at the Civic Center. Tree donation – Mike, A friend of the club had 2 boxelder trees blow over. Club members helped clear out the trees and gather wood for upcoming workshops. Mike was grateful for the help and made a donation to the club. The meeting then went to the show and share and was adjourned. Note – I had to leave before the show and share, please see the pictures and ask the members for more details on the projects.

Wayne's Demo/Explanation of his Vacuum Kiln:



(Lot's of interest and discussion on the kiln)

Capital Affair:



Show and Share (July 12):







Top Note: Here's the top jar inventory left after finishing a brisk business at the Capital Affair. Time to start rebuilding our stock! Let's see if we can't all bring in a bag (or two) to the Sept (and future) meetings and start rebuilding for next summer!



For Sale:



Larry Heinle has a 12" Craftsman Lathe for sale
701.391.4885

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



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