



Sawdust and Shavings

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December 2025

The end of the year is approaching fast, and we are gearing up for the Christmas Holiday at the Day house. It has been a full and rewarding year of activities for the Dakota Woodturners and all I can say is "Thank You" for all your support and time that you have given our club. I very much appreciate each you, "Thank You." It is amazing how time moves so quickly. The Dakota Woodturners are starting to plan their Spring Symposium, which will take place in April. Following the New Year, we will finalize plans for the next mentoring sessions with the high school students at the Bismarck Career Academy. However, we do have a bit of time before jumping into those activities.

That is about it for me and I hope to see you at the December meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, Happy Holidays to you and your family. I need to head to the workshop and keep making more off-center Christmas trees until I finish the Christmas orders. As always "Keep the Chips and Ribbons Flying" and do it safely.

Ron

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

December DWT meeting: Sat, 12/12

DWT Meeting Minutes

10/11/2025

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order 9:00 by VP Kleber
Introduction of guests: Travis S. recently moved to Bismarck. September Minutes from the September Meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Motion by Alan Welte and seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion Carried. Steve Wolff gave the Treasurer's report. We are up to date on outstanding bills. The report included our CD rollover, savings information, and the PO box

Old Business:

The Career Academy mentorship had the highest attendance yet. A request was made to help manufacture the blanks for upcoming programs. Blanks for pens, bowls, handles and other projects are needed.

Items for the November display at BAGA can be turned in through Ron or Kleber during the month of October. The traveling exhibit was moving to BAGA as well. Nominating Committee looking for a VP candidate.

New Business:

Dolly thanked the club for responding to her call for completed pens. The current need is for

new pen kits. Mark Kielpinski made a motion to order 300 pen kits for use with the freedom pen project and the youth turning events. Second by John Warren. Motion Carried.

Show and share:

Kleber brought in deformed vases made with wood from a limb. He discussed the wobbly nature of using this unstable wood and the need for the steady rest. Additionally, Kleber drilled out the pith to prevent cracking and increase stability. Doug Alm brought in an applewood natural edge bowl. Peggy Rudick brought in two segmented bowls and a natural edge piece. Mark Kielpinski showed us his black ash burl bowl, spheres with cup burrs and carvings, zentangle eggs, and a 'Mini Singi' – a smaller scale Singapore sphere.

Alan Welte displayed his naturel edge box elder bowl and a fancy 2-axis turning cup. Well done! Jon Schuck brought in a walnut bowl with crotch figure and a stone inlay. He warned about a shower of sparks while turning items loaded with quartz. Also, he showed a threaded box. Jim Rudick has been working on a series of vases. He brought in three and has seven more in progress. Larry Nelson talked about and displayed a modified router bit for the rose engine lathe and used it to make a walnut dish decorated with chromacolor. Jeremy Guinn brought in some football shaped keychains 5x and discussed the process. Additionally, he made an acorn keychain.

Dolly brought in two platters. The first one was a mahogany that included a tree of life woodburning. The second platter was a big aspen platter – BIG! This thing would hold many pieces of cheese! Dolly also displayed the woodburning she completed on a new cowboy hat.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 and followed by George Scholl's demonstration on turning pens.

DWT Meeting Minutes

11/8/2025

Recorded by Rebecca Kielpinski

Meeting called to order 9:00am.

Steve Wolff gave the treasurer's report. Stan Zalumskis motioned to accept the report, seconded by George Scholl. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Bismarck High School Career Academy Virtual class recap by Ron Day. Had 7 students plus 1 instructor, the kids are from all over the state. Kids turned beads and cove, pens, screw driver handle, and weed pots. Thanks everyone for volunteering to do the event. The kids were proud of what they accomplished.

Bismarck Art and Gallery Display had an open house November 7 th . Kleber took pictures. Ron reported that we had an outstanding display of items and wanted to say Thank you for adding our stuff to the exhibit. On Display until November 21 st , some of the items had a star, marking them as sold, on opening night. The traveling display items are going to get back to the original owners at end of show someone will bring items to the December meeting.

New Business:

Rebecca Kielpinski gave an update on the progress of the nominating committee. At the meeting in December, we will be voting on positions for President, Vice President, and Member at Large. Currently we have Kleber for President, John Warren for Vice President and George Scholl for Member at Large.

Dolly gave an update on the Freedom Pen presentation. Due to the government shutdown, the Guard is working with a limited staff. We are going to hold our presentation of 100 pens until we can present the pens in person. Thank you to all our Veterans! All present veterans stood to be recognized. Stan Zalumskis had a pen for all veterans present. Ron recognized and

thanked Stan for representing us well in the community. Wednesday, November 12 th from 5:30-8:00pm we will host a turn-in. From the Mandan Moose event we had 5 people sign up, John and Becky Warren had 3 more people contact them to sign up. Currently we have 8 turners. Encourage friends or neighbors to come. Please call Ron Day or John Warren to let them know so they can have enough supplies for everyone. We also need mentors for that night if you are available.

Mark Kielpinski made a motion to have a raffle for 2026 with a drawing on August 7th in Pat Schweitzer's garage. Jim Rudick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Peggy Rudick was volunteered to get permit and tickets printed. Peggy will bring slips for December meeting, we need commitments by April to get tickets out by the May meeting. Dave Malarkey has volunteered to collect items again.

Reminder that 2026 dues are currently being collected. Please talk to Steve Wolff to pay your \$20 for 2026.

Show and Share:

Peggy Rudick brought in a segmented bowl and small natural edge bowl. Doug Alm shared the third light house he has made, his wife keeps selling them. The lighthouse has a shellac finish. Jim Rudick had a series of vases, he used a large burrowing bar to hollow the bottom. Vases were in a variety of woods. George Scholl shared his pick-up sticks game. He watched a Richard Raffan video the box was birch, and sticks out of elm.

Steve Hamar is back in the shop! Kitchen tools with a cocobolo handle for pizza cutter, he likes the new plastic cover for the pizza cutters. He recommends buying spectraply in sheets for pepper and salt mills. Larry Nelson brought in a maple bowl with five layers of wood thru myrtle and 2 mystery with layer of walnut

veneer between each layer. Larry put whole thing together when a rectangle then turned. Dave Malarkey shared a cedar vase that he got from the silent auction and the wood was from the capital grounds. The tool he used to hollow were from former woodturner, Louis Pittman.

Mark Kielpinski had a lace hollowed egg and small spalted tamarind sphere for a Singapore ball. Jerry Duppong had an apple root hollow form that he had to pick dirt out of wood to turn. He also had a birch hollow form that was really punky, used steady rest to hollow and finished with poly. Marlene Roles shared the top she turned and pierced. She decorated with paint from Emma Cook demo. Kleber Hadsell turned a pen inspired by George Scholls demo last month. The mystery prize was drawn, the winner was Pete Glueckert. The president's challenge was awarded to Jerry Duppong.

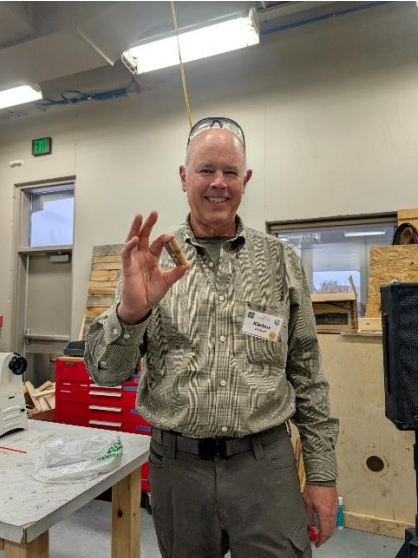
The meeting adjournment motioned by George Scholl and seconded by Dolly Erickson. To fulfill the educational incentive requirements Jon Schuck did a wonderful demo on pen finishes.

Jon Schuck's Pen Finishing Demo Nov. 8



Show and Share November 8:







DWT Items shown at BAGA Dec 2025:







Gary Stende Wood Art Examples:



Videos to check out:

George Scholl suggested this one for texturing tops. Lot's of ideas here on improving your top's appearance.

<https://youtu.be/tFDj1xeNBUE>

Items for Sale: nothing this month



Career Academy &
Technical Center

