



Sawdust and Shavings

Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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Well, that sure went fast! 2025 is officially in the books and we're off to 2026! We've got Career Academy mentoring starting this month and our April Symposium will be here before we know it. Thanks to Ex-Prez Ron Day, we have our April symposium presenters lined up and more details regarding specific projects and timing to come in the next month or so. For now, just know that the presenters will be Pat Scott, Jessica Edwards, and our very own Mark Kielpinski. I've been admiring Mark's stuff for years, and after looking at the things Pat and Jessica do, I'm excited to get them here also for our symposium....should be a blast! Put Friday Feb 6 on your calendar for the DWT Winter Dinner (see details at right), and thank John and Becky for getting this rolling. I'll stop blathering now, and tie this up, and plan on seeing you at Saturday's meeting! Until then, keep spinning.

Kleber

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

January DWT meeting: Sat, 1/0
Career Academy Mentoring (TBD soon)
Spring Symposium April 17, 18, 19.
DWT Holiday Party: Fri, Feb 6

Here's a quick preview of the upcoming class schedules for the Career Academy this semester. 'Looking forward to seeing many of you there as we continue to work with the kids and in return get a place to meet and have our symposia.

Week 1 (Jan 26-29)
Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs
7:25A, 9:35A, 11:55A, 1:55P

Week 2 (Feb 2-6)
Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri
9:50A/11:55A/1:55P

Dakota Woodturners
Winter Celebration Dinner
Friday, February 6
Mandan Eagles
Social 5:30, Dinner 6:00
\$25 per person, payable that night.
Entrée choices:
Stuffed Pork Chop OR Chicken
Includes salad bar, potato, dinner roll

Members are welcome to bring a dessert.,
We will do our traditional "bring a gift, get a gift".

Deadline for reservation is January 27th.

Please email or text Name and entrée choice to:
Becky Warren 256-996-3252
beckyroddgerswarren@gmail.com

DWT Meeting Minutes

12/13/2025

Recorded by Rebecca Kielpinski

Meeting called to order 8:57am.

Introduction of guests Leanne and Ben, they saw Ron, John and Mark's booth at the Big One vendor show. Ben has a lathe and is just starting to turn. Marvin Preszler was a guest who attended the would you like to turn event that the club hosted in November.

Approval of the October and November minutes as posted in the December newsletter. Alan Erickson motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion Carried.

Steve Wolff gave the treasurer's report that he had nothing new to report. Alan Welte motioned to accept the report, seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Bismarck Art and Gallery Display items are back on the table, please pick-up your items from the gallery. Traveling display items are also on the back table.

New Business:

For the election of officers, we have Kleber Hadsell for President, Mark Kielpinski for Vice President and George Scholl for Member at Large. Ron opened the floor for any nominations from the floor, he asked 3 times if we had any nominations from the floor. Dolly Erickson motioned to close nominations, seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion Carried. A motion to cast a unanimous ballot was made by Dolly Erickson and seconded by Alan Erickson. Motion Carried. Congratulations to our new officers, Kleber Hadsell, Mark Kielpinski and George Scholl!

DWT Holiday Party will be discussed at the January meeting. John Warren or Becky Warren will give us more information then.

2026 Symposium is April 17-19, 2026. The presenters are Pat Scott from Colorado, Jessica Edwards from Detroit Lakes and Past President Ron Day. Pat Scott will be presenting the "perfect peppermill" an 8" peppermill. Jessica Edwards will be bowl turning in the style of Stuart Batty. Ron Day was open for discussion on this project, a Christmas ornament was suggested by Mark Kielpinski. He said it was the perfect time to start working on getting ornaments turned in time for the holidays. Ron asked for a show of hands of who was interested in attending the symposium, he encouraged new turners to participate in the symposium. The club will take care of all blanks and supplies needed for each rotation. Might include a shop fee, if needed a tool list will be supplied in the next couple of months. Motion to have a Spring Symposium April 17-19, 2026 was made by George Scholl and seconded by Al Klein. Motion Carried.

John Warren added that looking ahead we have turning with the kids at the Career Academy the last two weeks of January or the first week of February. John will check on dates and send out information for mentors. Kleber has screwdriver handle blanks, he got the blanks from Elliot at Flatbed Firewood.

Peggy has raffle pledge sheets on back table, we need commitments by April to get tickets out by May meeting. Dave Malarkey has volunteered to collect items again.

Dolly brought pens for National Guard if anyone is interested in looking at them. They are in the back of the room.

Educational incentive is available again, there are 3 grants available each is \$500. The Application is available on the DWT website,

please send to Stan Zalumskis by the January Meeting.

Gary Nagel has a 42X24 lathe for sale sitting in Bowman. The club will take it back to Bismarck. Gary also has a Nova DBR lathe for sale.

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 mahogany and maple bowl and natural edge bowl.

Larry Nelson brought in an ambrosia maple bowl with Emma Cook inspired embellishment. Lacquer finish over top.

Doug Alm shared a disk vase he made for his brother who recently turned 89. The wood was from this brother's land and he got the pheasant feathers and ears of corn from his brother as well. This is a birthday gift.

Marlene Roles painted a Christmas ornament and Angel with lace wings. She asked the best way to package and send the angel. Some suggestions were tubes to protect the wings. She didn't bleach the wings on this angel.

Jon Schuck shared a lidded box that he took to Wayne's Shop and used the rose engine to add texture to the box. Threaded box had rosewood threads with pattern on top.

Alan Welte made a pin cushion Christmas tree. He used a skew to turn the tree and cut off pins for the ornaments. Alan makes an ornament every year this was one his wife saw from AAW article. The challenge was finding proportional bird and seeds for the inside.

Mark Kielpinski had a wormy ash bowl from Rocky Mountain Symposium. A lace sphere hollowed from the outside there is more cleanup on sphere than on an egg. He also shared a zentangled egg that took about 3 hours.

Jim Rudick busy making bowls, pens, and spalted birch hollow form.

Jim Porter had an elm burl he got from his sister. Filled the voids with resin that was colored so not clear and see thru.

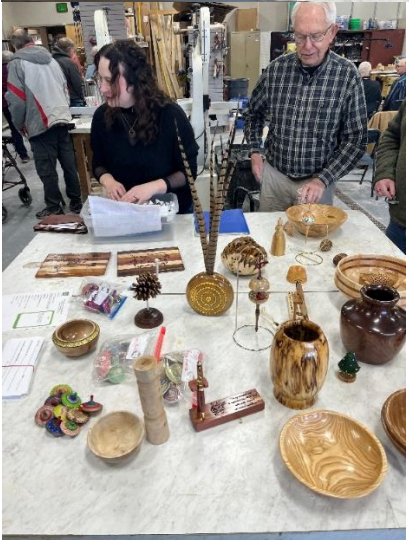
Jim Miller shared the first two things he has actually turned. The first was learning to use the tools, he tried lots of tools. The second was an authentic "goblet" done at Ron's shop. George Scholl shared punky birch that almost didn't make it. Finished with wipe on poly it started to crack, and he needs to refinish. Dolly Erickson got her trusty assistant out to the shop and made Christmas gifts for the girls. She woodburned to add more interest. Spud Gruman was inspired by little Jon's polishes last month. Spud brought in a maple bowl

The mystery prize was drawn, the winner was Mark Schwarnowske. The president's challenge was awarded to Marlene Roles, a wine stopper and blank.

Motion to adjourn at 9:52am.

Show and Share December 13:







Videos to check out:

George Scholl suggested a couple of video's recently. Here they are:

<https://youtu.be/c71s3KxbOTE>

<https://youtu.be/NCVlrOT2QPY>

Items for Sale:

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In Memoriam:

Long time DWT member Twig Zahn passed away this last weekend. His funeral is this Thursday in Dickinson.



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