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I would like to start off by saying “Thank You” to all that helped with the Bismarck Career Academy turning. We had two busy weeks with full classes. While I could not attend all the classes, I knew the classes were in the very capable hands of the mentors. I know the instructors very much appreciate our efforts and I know the kids enjoyed the time spent turning. Well done.

I would also like to thank Mark Keilpinski for an excellent instruction demonstration on carving and wood burning 3-D patterns on eggs. I gained valuable insights from the experience and received several favorable remarks from members regarding their enjoyment of the demonstration. Thanks again Mark.

Just a quick reminder, please bring your turnings that you would like to have displayed at the Bismarck Arts Gallery. The items you submitted for the traveling display will also be available for exhibition. You are more than welcome to bring in three or four items. We will leave it to BAGA to choose what they want to put on display. To sell your item, please include your name and the price on it. I hope we can have a strong representation at the BAGA display in November. I know our nominating committee is working hard to find volunteers to stand for election. If you haven't received a request to volunteer but are interested, simply speak with any of the club officers. I had best get this wrapped-up and get ready for my tuna fishing trip. You will be in the capable hands of your Vice President- Kleber Hadsell for the October meeting. Do not get too easy on him,

KEY UPCOMING DATES:
Next Club meeting: Sat Oct 12

he needs practice for next year. As always “Keep the Ribbons and Chips Flying” and do it Safely.

Ron Day

DWT Meeting Minutes

9/13/2025

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order 9:00.
Introduction of guests: Tom S – new member, welcome. Minutes from the July Meeting were approved as published in the August newsletter. Motion by Stan Zalumskis and seconded by Wayne Petersen. Motion Carried. There was no August meeting and therefore no minutes were created. Steve Wolff gave the Treasurer's report. We are up to date on outstanding bills. The report included expenses and incomes from the picnic. We got a report on the results from the raffle results and shipping costs. Steve discussed the club's CD that is maturing. With no foreseen upcoming expenses, it was recommended to extend the CD for another 7-month term, or other term with a higher rate at Steve's discretion. Peggy Rask Motioned to accept the

report and extend the CD, Kleber Hadsell seconded. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

With the conclusion of the 2025 DWT Summer raffle, much thanks were given out. Thank you to Peggy Rudick for her leadership, work, and organization. Thank you to Dave Malarkey for his work collecting and protecting the wood turned pieces. Thanks to everyone who made donations, sold tickets, distributed tickets, and delivered the prizes. The raffle fundraiser really helps to make our organization strong and affords us opportunities.

New Business:

John Warren gave the dates for the Career Academy mentorships. Signups were passed around and instructions given for the school's background check. Ron Day discussed a virtual classroom request for 9 distance students. They would do some remote learning, followed up by a mentored day at the Career Academy. Additionally, schools from Center and New Salem are interested in hosting a hands-on day for their students as well. More details to come.

In November we have the opportunity to exhibit our work with a wood artist at Bismarck Arts Gallery Association (BAGA). Each member is invited to bring in two or three pieces for the event. They must be listed as for sale. Bring finished pieces to the October Meeting or otherwise contact Ron Day. The opening is on November 4th, and all members are encouraged to attend. A motion was requested to suspend the dues for 2025 and apply any dues collected to 2026. Motion by Peggy Rudick and seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion carried.

Todd Richardson gave an update on the website's hosting. Our previous webhost company was

acquired and is no longer offering hosting services that fit our needs. Our contract ends on September 25. Todd gave additional options for potential hosts to switch to, their relative rates and terms. Todd will be willing to migrate the database and content to a new server and provide support. Mark Kielpinski suggested giving Todd a craft supply gift card as a thank you for addressing the issue and configuring a new server. (Todd's Note – Not necessary, but appreciated!) Spud Gruman made a motion to let Todd select the service and migrate the site. Dolly Erickson seconded. Motion carried. Lastly with the website, members are asked to review and look for opportunities to update. Next we addressed forming a nominating committee for the upcoming club board elections. It takes many people to pull off our events, raffles, training, and more. DWT is always looking for leadership and members willing to step into those roles. At the meeting in December, we will be voting on positions for President, Vice President, and Member at Large. Rebecca Kielpinski and Mike Orgaard formed up the nominating committee to talk to potential candidates. If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to either of these two or a current board member.

John Warren spoke to us about the importance of building membership. John spoke about doing demonstrations at various area clubs and tying that into hands-on "Would You Like To Turn" events. John had some preliminary discussions with contacts at the Moose club to explore possibilities and interest levels. The club was very enthusiastic about driving additional membership through these types of events. Ron mentioned a concern around available time over the next couple of months. John will research possible dates and details. Freedom Pens – Dolly spoke about the Freedom Pen Project and her desire to continue with the project in Alan's honor. Dolly asked the individuals with outstanding pen kits to bring in finished pens (or the

kits so others could finish them). Dolly had 25 pen kits on hand to be passed out to anyone willing to work on the project. She currently needs an additional 50 pens before we can make a donation. Dave turned in a pen, so we only need 49 more. Steve Wolff turned in 11 pens, so we only need 38 more. Ron Day committed to making 20 pens for the project and recommitted to the program.

Kleber has access to birch wood if anyone is looking for turning material. Additionally, Ron offered wood to anyone needing turning stock. Ron has a contact with a 6" jointer for sale. Doug Alm is the contact for Al Prom who is retiring from woodturning and has machinery and tools available.

Show and Share

Peggy Rudick brought in some bowls. Segmented hickory, A birch bowl, and a natural edge piece. Doug Alm had a miserable punky plum vase that took over 30 hellish hours (His words, not mine!). He recommends kerosine and matches over this nightmare of a piece of wood. He used epoxy to fill the many voids. Gorilla tape supported and made dams to help control the endless supply of epoxy needed. While he did not recommend working on something like this, the piece was beautiful. Dave Malarkey completed his bowl from the Emma Cook Demo. It had great colors and a nice shape.

Jon Schuck brought in a handful of pieces including a burl bowl and an open rosewood platter. The rosewood came from Guy's neighbor who gave it to Guy who gave it to Kleber who laminated and rough turned the wood before getting tired of sharpening his tools nonstop and gave it to Jon who happily spent three hours sharpening his tools and cutting the wood and sharpening his tools and cutting and so on. The piece looked cool, but I also recommend having Kleber do the roughing out. It looked harder than a rock.

Jon also brought in a mandrel that he made to turn acorn bodies and fit them with caps from actual acorns. Mark Kielpinski has been busy and presented box elder balls and eggs with zentangle work, carvings, burnings, and some paint from his artistic collaborator. Mark had 6 bowls of spalted birch and maple with 7 more on the way. Jim Rudick made a stand with 8 pendants and necklaces. He spoke of the soft jaws used to turn such delicate pieces on both sides. He also answered many questions about his epoxy work and the process used to create the blanks. Greg Pollert brought in a cedar bowl with great looking grain. The bowl can hold a LOT of cereal.

George Scholl brought in a birch platter and loads of spinning tops. The top collection was wiped out at the Capital A'Fair event, thanks for getting us started on reloading it. John Warren just returned from vacation and brought a handful of kits from Chestnut Products that includes coloring tools, pearlescent powders, and other goodies. He offered them for sale to members, they're harder to get stateside. John also showed a large platter that he had laser engraved for an upcoming anniversary gift. (Note: I hope it wasn't his anniversary because it had someone else's picture on there.) John also showed the recent copy of Woodturning magazine that featured work by our own internationally recognized woodturning extraordinaire Mark Kielpinski. Kleber Hadsell showed a butternut vase accented with chromatic colors. The combination looked great, it was very well done. He also showed another hollow form that he worked on. The president's challenge was awarded to Jim Rudick. The mystery prize was drawn, the winner was Jim Rudick who deferred on account of just winning the president's challenge. The next winner drawn was Dale Sauer who deferred on account of retiring from woodturning. The next winner drawn was Pat Schweitzer who passed it onto Jon "The Youth" Schuck. Jon reached into the bag and pulled

out a wine bottle stopper kit. The club members collectively put their faces into their palms.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 and was followed by internationally recognized woodturning extraordinaire Mark Kielpinski's demo on burning, carving, and creative embellishment.

Show and Share Sept 13:



Career Academy Mentoring Sept-Oct:





