



Sawdust and Shavings

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The first two months of the 2026 have been busy! Planning continues for our spring symposium in April. Blanks are being prepared by Ron Day now that we've heard from the presenters as to what they will need for the participants to work with. Mark K has the electronic sign-up for our symposium up and running and ready for us to use.

The DWT mentors at the Career Academy mentored 120+ students who turned more than 500 items over the course of two weeks. Much thanks to all the mentors who were able to volunteer their time and talent (and sometimes patience) for these sessions. Ron and Spud gave some great demos to get the classes started. We received several nice notes from the kids thanking all the mentors for teaching up at Career Academy.

The club holiday party (set up for us by the Warrens) was fun as usual and a great time to get together for all who attended.

Let's all try to get our DWT raffle commitments to Peggy Rudick by the March meeting (this Saturday's meeting would be even better). Please consider donating more than one item if you can. Peggy will have the sign-up sheets at the February meeting. All right then, 'hope to see you all soon. Until then, keep those shavings flying.

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KEY UPCOMING DATES:

February DWT meeting: Sat, Feb 14

Spring Symposium April 17, 18, 19.

Mandan Band Blast: April 11 (see note below)

DWT Meeting Minutes

1/10/2026

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order 9:00 by President Kleber. Introduction of guests: Lacy Yokum, Representative of the Mandan Band Boosters spoke on behalf of the Band Blast taking place on April 11 th . Requesting woodturned items as donations for the fundraiser. Next Dolly introduced two members of the ND National Guard and spoke about the Freedom Pen Project. To date the club has produced 1250 pens since 2014 for the project including the 100 presented that day. Dean Oye from the Bellfield area stopped by looking to learn woodturning. Mitch McKay is a new woodturner in Bismarck looking to join. Mitch brought a friend, Dave Soma, a metal lathe operator. Minutes from the December Meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Motion by Stan Zalumskis and seconded by John Howe. Motion Carried. Steve Wolff gave the Treasurer's report and the 2025 Year End Report. A motion was made to accept the reports by Dolly and seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

2026 Dues are Due. The BPS High School Career Academy Mentorship program dates are available. The schedule was given, signups were passed around, and an update on available blanks. Mentors must fill out the annual background check form. Newsletters are up to date on the website. Educational Incentive forms were due at midnight!

New Business:

Sharpen your tools because registration for the spring symposium begins in February. Mystery Prize was lucky number 7, with Stan Zalumskis as our winner. The Summer Raffle was discussed. We're now accepting donation commitments for the club's largest fundraiser. I decided to donate a faceted hollow form. It will probably have some feathers sticking out.

Show and share:

Peggy Rudick brought in some nice natural edge bowls and large segmented platters. Larry Nelson brought in a mind-bending cube made of walnut and beach. This had wormholes, but not the kind you fill with epoxy and powders. The piece had wormholes to another dimension. Speaking of 'out of this world' projects, Doug Alm presented the UFO Bowl. A flying saucer shaped hollowform of black walnut.

Mark Kielpinski brought forth a zentangled coffee scoop and presented the valentines' theme egg. I am excited to see the St. Patrick's egg next wink wink nudge nudge. Jon Schuck brought forth a shaving brush and a walnut candlestick. Dave Malarkey presented a cottonwood platter and a lighthouse of walnut. Jeremy Guinn made a snowman ornament and a coffee mug of cedar. Jim Rudick brought in quite the haul. Boxelder bowl, 4x Plates of white oak with laser work and CNC. He

brought in a Gavel and Striking pad he made for the disabled veteran's group, as well as a tiny joke sized one to tease a friend.

Jim Porter made a box out of Douglas fir. Greg Pollert made a cedar bowl with a cool natural edge. George Scholl made an elm bowl. Mitch brought in a box of boxelder, a birch goblet, a cedar vase, a black walnut bowl, a snowman, and lastly a black walnut pot. Wayne Peterson got out his tinkering tools and made a bed leveler and an amplitude adjustment tool for rose engine lathes. Kleber worked on the Celtic knot, bowls with paint blasting, 6x spheres, and a bowl. For the president's challenge, Mitch won a pizza cutter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 and followed by Mark's Kielpinski's eggcellent demonstration on pierced hollowed out eggs. No yoke!

Mark Kielpinski Demo:



2026 Freedom Pens:



Mandan Band Blast:

Donation commitments for the Mandan Band Blast are due to Becky Warren by Monday, February 16. She needs to have an item description and value. Items must be turned in by the March meeting, if not before.

Dinner order for the April 11 Band Blast held at the Mandan Eagles is due by March 1. Turner and guest. Prime Rib or Shrimp.

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Text- 256-996-3252 (Please include your name in text or email.) Members are encouraged to donate multiple items since it takes up shop space, and your wife is tired of dusting them. LOL

Top Jar Inventory Update:



We're up to half-full on one of our two top jars. Please keep up the good work as we work to fill both our jars before the Art In the Park and Capitol Affair weekends!

Show and Share January 10:





Spring Semester Career Academy:



Videos to check out:

George Scholl submitted a video on turning heart-shaped bowls. Here's the link:

<https://youtu.be/WVvlxwmbvE>

Feel free to submit a link to a turning video you run across that the rest of us might enjoy and/or be inspired by.

Items for Sale:

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

