



Sawdust and Shavings

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Hello All! I hope you were all able to get some shop time while the snow was falling outside earlier this last week. We're coming down the home stretch in preparation for our spring symposium. We've had some really healthy interest in folks signing up to attend and are pretty close to full but could take on two or three more so if you've been holding off just let Mark K know at the April meeting this Saturday and we'll find a spot for you. Ron Day put together a good list of recommended tools for the attendees to bring which is shown a few pages further down in this letter.

As of a week ago, Peggy Ruddick counted 35 summer raffle items pledged with 17 of those collected already by Dave Malarkey. We could use another 10-15 items pledged to round-out the list for this year so please let Peggy know if you've got some ideas you'd be willing to pledge this year.

That's about it for now, looking forward to seeing many of you at the symposium! If you have any questions be sure to bring them up at the meeting this Saturday or call Mark or me.

Until then, keep those shavings flying.

Kleber

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

April DWT meeting: Sat, April 11
Spring Symposium April 17, 18, 19.
Mandan Band Blast: April 11

DWT Meeting Minutes

03/14/2026

Recorded by Rebecca Kielpinski and Todd Richardson

9:00 Meeting Called to Order

Three guests present. Noah Douglas, Spud's grandson visited from Fargo. Reese Mason who found us from turning at Silver Ranch. John Lee from Center.

Wayne Petersen motioned for approval of February Minutes as published in newsletter. Seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion passed. A treasurer's report was given by Steve Wolff. No new news to report.

BPS High School Career Academy mentoring at Silver Ranch reported to be a very good event. Band Blast items to be turned in to Becky Warren by April 10 th .

Summer raffle – We still need items to be pledged. Please pledge an item or two by the April Meeting. You can turn in pledges to

Peggy Rudick and the actual items to Dave Malarkey. We need to get items pledged for our raffle application.

Spring symposium spots are going fast. We currently have room for 7 more participants. Mark Kielpinski described the event and the projects. Blank production is on track. Instructor lathes are on track.

Kleber mentioned clamps and other assorted tools are available from Welde.

Jon Schuck won the mystery prize, an ice cream scoop kit. 9:22 meeting adjourned, to be followed by show&share and then a demonstration on the Singapore Ball process by Mark Kielpinski.

Ben shared a keyholder bowl. LeAnn shared a two-part box. Jon Schuck shared a natural edge bowl, a pepper grinder, and a salt cellar. Mark Kielpinski shared his Band Blast Ball, a zentangle burned sphere, and a Singapore Ball, walnut with maple spikes. Ron Day brought in a natural edge boxelder form and discussed crack prevention techniques. Ron also began segmenting with babinga, rosewood, and maple. Alan Welte brought in recipe card holders. Peggy Ruckick brought in a cedar bowl and 2 segmented pieces with hickory and mahogany. Doug Alm brought in a cedar bowl and went over his sanding plans. John Warren brought in a rolling pin. Marlene brought in pierced wing angels and an antler pen stand. Jim Rudick brought in two ornaments, a ring dish with obsidian inlay, a segmented ring scrap turned bowl. Greg Pollard brought in two apple bowls and one ash bowl. Spud brought in a large bowl. This bowl was huge, we're talking about three boxes of cereal huge.

Steve Wolf brought in a red, white and blue diamond art pen and a dizzy bowl. Kleber presented a maple bowl with a turquoise inlay

on the rim and a maple vase. Wayne Petersen won the president's challenge.

Followed by Mark's demonstration on layout and creation for the Singapore ball.

Mark Kielpinski Singapore Ball Demo:





Top Jar Inventory Update:
We now have one or the jars about 2/3 full.

Show and Share March 14:







Items for Spring Symposium Attendees to Bring:

Here is a list of items that will be used during the symposium (if you have these items, please bring them, and if you don't not to worry we will have extras to share):

- Standard Turning Tools: Bowl Gouge, Spindle Gouge, Parting Tool, Roughing Gouge, Small Hollowing Tools, etc.
- Drill Chuck
- 4-jaw Chuck and key
- Pair of scissors
- Inside & Outside Calipers
- Extension Cord
- Power strip
- Work light
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " drill Bit sized for drilling the pepper mill and bit extension
- worm/screw drive and bit to match

Lathe and Stand

Note Pad and Pencil

Snacks to Share!!!

Mandan Band Blast (Becky Warren):
THANK YOU for the amazing donations for the Mandan Band Blast. Saturday, April 11 is the last meeting to turn in donations. John Warren can collect those if you have something to give. A reminder for those that signed up for the dinner- Saturday, April 11. Social begins at 5. Dinner around 6:00. Mandan Eagles downstairs.

Videos to check out:

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:

Nothing this month for sale.

Local Supporters of DWT:

