



# Sawdust and Shavings

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### **Prez Sez** March 2026

'Hope you are all enjoying the season while winter continues to hang on before yielding to spring! Thanks to the members that helped with the demonstration and hands-on turning with the high-school students up at the Silver Ridge Career Academy last month. The students had a great time (mentors too) and we got to take a look at their (really) nice new facility.

Planning and preparation for our upcoming spring symposium continues. There is still room for another 10 turners so let us know you'll be there and get registered soon. The symposium sign-up Mark K installed on our web page is easy to use....even I was able to sign up in just a couple of minutes.

Our March meeting would be a great time to bring any completed items you have been working on for the summer raffle. Peggy Rudick mentioned that so far we have just 10 members who have pledged 20 pieces. The usual target for total pieces historically has been from 45-50 so please get your raffle item commitment sheet(s) to Peggy soon. The items don't have to be completed until July, but we do need to know what you're going to be contributing soon so the process of getting the raffle approved by the county and the tickets printed moving.

#### KEY UPCOMING DATES:

March DWT meeting: Sat, March 14

Spring Symposium April 17, 18, 19.

Mandan Band Blast: April 11 (see note below)

'Looking forward to seeing you all this Saturday! Mark K's been working on a Singapore ball demo I'm looking forward to watching with you all. Until then, keep those shavings flying.

Kleber

# DWT Meeting Minutes

02/14/2026

Recorded by Todd Richardson

Meeting called to order 9:00 by President Kleber  
Introduction of guests: No guests present. Bring a friend next time. Minutes from the January Meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Motion by Peggy Rask and seconded by Alan Welte. Motion Carried. Steve Wolff gave the Treasurer's Report. All taxes have been completed for 2025.

## Old Business:

2026 Dues are Due.

The BPS High School Career Academy Mentorship program was a success, and we used a large amount of prepared wood. We received notes of thanks. There is a demonstration at the Silver Ranch Academy on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. The Winter Social was a success. Kleber needed more butter on his biscuits and pork.

## New Business:

Spring Symposium registration is now open. Be sure to register ASAP. We went through the schedule for the event and logistics. Ron Day is doing blank production and DWT will be paying him a small fee for tool wear and tear. We reviewed the schedule. Lunches will be ordered in. Bring Snacks for the snack table. I like cookies and oranges, but not orange cookies. If anyone has any ideas for advertising and promoting the event, talk to John Warren. Pat Schweitzer will run the instant gallery. We're looking for one mentor for each room. John Warren will check with the Moose for an evening social location. Lastly the silent auction was discussed. Bring in goods and materials of interest to a crowd of hungry woodworkers and woodworking appreciators. This can include items the shop such as wood, tools, and finished work. Fall Symposium will feature Mike Mahoney. A discussion was held about an 80 grit CBN wheel for school use. There wasn't a lot of enthusiasm and concerns were raised about frequency to reshape tools vs the benefits. No motion was made.

Our summer raffle is coming up, please commit to donating an item.

Some photos from Welde about the early days of DWT were shared. Additionally older magazines, DVDs, books, and VHS tapes were given away. Does anyone have a VCR I can use?

The club currently needs a ton of tops made for our summer demonstrations.

John Warren made a motion to formally sanction our summer raffle, attendance at the Art in the Park, and the Capital A'fair. Stan seconded. Motion carried.

Mystery Prize was awarded

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 and followed by Show and share and Mark's Kielpinski's demonstration on zentangle spheres.

Peggy Rudick brought 2x segmented bowls of walnut, maple, and birch. She also had a pierced bowl and the club discussed the wedgie sled for cutting segmented parts. There was enough interest to plan a future demonstration and discussion about the wedgie sled and segmenting methods.

Mark Kielpinski brought in 2x high gloss spheres. Jim Rudick brought in a bowl with burning, a pierced box, a box of cedar & turquoise, as well as a pierced rimmed bowl. Alan Welte brought in 3x bowls of cottonwood. Dave Malarkey brought in a large walnut platter and a cool maple stand to rest it in. Ben brought in 3x candle holders and talked about the lessons he learned in workholding. Leann Leonard made 2x decorative mushrooms. Jeremy Guinn worked on a set of UFO flying saucers for a mobile. Additionally, Jeremy made some earrings. John Warren brought in a platter as a tribute to his folks. Additionally, he brought in a puppy urn of big leaf maple.

Next Mark Kielpinski gave a great demonstration on zentangle spheres and the design process.

Mark Kielpinski Zentangle Demo:



Show and Share February 14:



Mandan Band Blast (Becky Warren):  
THANK YOU to those that have donated to the Mandan Band Blast. A few promised items still need to be turned in. Our donations are a little light so if anyone has a dust collector item that they want to get rid of please bring it to the meeting. All donations are greatly appreciated. Don't forget that donation of an item/items gets you and a guest a dinner at the band blast.

Top Jar Inventory Update:



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



**Videos to check out:**

George Scholl submitted a nice video on making tops. Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=js-KHguooLY>

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.

Weldee Baetsch has some remaining items in his shop he is looking to sell. Rather than try to list them, please just reference the following pictures and give Weldee a call to follow up if you see something interesting. Weldee can be reached at 700.471.1008 (afternoons only please)





