



# Sawdust and Shavings

## Dakota Woodturners Newsletter

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### Prez Sez May 2026

Hello All! Looking out the shop window this morning, a few flakes of snow were falling. While winter hasn't quite given up its grip yet, it's not too early to be thinking about our club's upcoming summer activities. But first, I'd like to thank everyone involved for the many contributions made to ensure our spring symposium was a success. One of the best parts of being in the DWT is all of the energy that so many members put into our events, and the symposium really highlights this. Between planning, securing guest presenters, setting up, tearing down, taking care of the guest turners, monitoring the money and gallery and the auction(s)... the list just goes on. Both of our guest turners mentioned they would come back again sometime and that they really enjoyed their weekend with us. We will have a chance at our next meeting to solicit suggestions to improve future symposia so bring your ideas. Finally on this topic, the symposium goes on for one more day as Ron Day will be demonstrating his birdhouse ornaments at the club meeting Saturday...the good times just keep rollin'!

OK, on to this summer: We will be starting to sell our 2026 DWT raffle tickets at the meeting this Saturday so bring some cash, take some tickets and help get us off to a great start again this year. Whether you're buying tickets yourself or selling to others, a successful raffle

#### KEY UPCOMING DATES:

May DWT meeting: Sat, May 9

Art in the Park: July 3, 4

Capitol 'Afair: August 1, 2

DWT Picnic: Sat, August 8

enables the club the flexibility do the extras like the symposium, fall turning sessions, and others that help keep us all challenged and growing as turners. Thanks in advance for your help with this. Beyond the raffle, there's the Art in the Park, Capital 'Afair, and our picnic to close out the summer. 'Should be a great year!

See you this Saturday, and until then, keep the shavings flying!

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### DWT Meeting Minutes 04/11/2026

Recorded by Todd Richardson

9:00 Meeting Called to Order

One Guest present. Dan Brown who is new to woodturning stopped by to check out the club.

Stan Zalumskis motioned for approval of March minutes as published in newsletter. Seconded by Dolly Erickson. Motion passed.

A treasurer's report was given by Mark Kielpinski on behalf of Steve Wolff. Our CDs auto renewed.

Motion to accept the report by Ron Day and seconded by John Howe. Motion Passed.  
Band Blast at 5:00, thanks to all who donated workpieces.

John Howe had printed stickers of the club logo and made them available.

The DWT raffle is coming up and we're currently at 48 items with 21 of them turned in. We will be printing 2500 tickets. Each member is asked to take and sell three books of tickets.

Discussion about the upcoming spring symposium was had. Almost done producing greenwood blanks. Dolly will run the silent auction. A door prize will be a pair of gouges. We discussed the room layout and lathe placement. Couple of spots remaining at time of meeting. Ron ordered lunches and checked for any dietary restrictions.

Refreshments were discussed, as were the instant gallery. Tools, drill bits, extension cords, and other miscellaneous bit and bobs should be labeled and brought with you.

A shop crawl was discussed for the summer. If you are interested in showing off your workshop, Ralph Feland is the contact. The idea is set hours for an open house where members will stop in, sample some lemonade and share ideas, layouts, fixtures, jigs, and tell tall tales. The past ~~pub~~ **shop** crawl was a great experience.

Steve Hamar is the contact for some of Sister Karen's tools. Some was available now for sale and some would be at the silent auction.

John Warren spoke of the Tech Ed Mentorship and Demos.

Mark Carey brought in large beeswax chunks for club members. Much appreciated.

Sphere compass plans were passed out and are available on the website with the Singapore Ball handout.

John Warren is looking for some missing texturing tools. If you have them, please contact John Warren. Spud mentioned that he is looking for his missing marbles. If you have them, please contact Spud.

Dolly has freedom pen kits available.

Mystery Prize went to lucky number 27 which was Greg Pollart. Greg won a fabulous new car... I

mean a bottle of walnut oil, a block of bubinga wood, and a vegie peeler kit. Greg then mentioned that Bubinga is Sheldon's wood of choice.

At 9:49 The meeting was adjourned. The meeting was followed by show & share and a demonstration of segmenting with the wedgie sled by Ron Day.

#### **Show & Share:**

Ben from Bismarck brought in a small platter and bowl. They were dyed with a wood stain and fixed with polyurethane. LeAnn showed off a jar with a brass inlay. She mentioned the fit and finish was much better than her last one and was pleased about that improvement.

Jon Schuck did some metalwork to make an offset mandrel for screwdriver handles or other off-axis turnings. Bill Baer brought in a cherry platter for the Band Blast. Doug Alm brought in a donut shaped vase out of cottonwood burl.

Alan Welte made a sphere making jig and a peppermill. We had a discussion on holding narrow pieces securely with specific chuck jaw profiles.

Dave Malarkey has started coring and brought in some nested bowls out of elm wood. Greg Pollert brought in a black walnut bowl.

Peggy Rudick brought in two small bowl and two cedar and maple bowls. Mike Orregard brought in a segmented vase with a thunderbird feature ring.

Made from ambrosia maple and cedar. Spud brought in 2 bowls, Alan's nightlight, and a large urn of maple wood with epoxy and brass accents.

John Warren strained his back bringing in this haul of bowls with features, colors, and other embellishments. Including a maple bowl with frayed edge rose gold, a boxelder bowl with chromacraft blue and yellow color blend, a glossy bowl with ebonizing lacquer and an emerald rim, An ash bowl with grain filling waxes and dyes, another ash bowl this time with iridescent red and blue paint with titanium white accents that took 6 coats of lacquer. Did I get them all? Probably not, but the carpal tunnel is setting in from trying to keep up.

Next Wayne Peterson brought in some hollowing tools he made and talked a bit about the process. Then Todd showed up (hey, that's me!) with a hollowform vase, dyed with jet black leather dye and blue alcohol based dyes and accented with silver

guilting cream. It was accented with some flowers and feathers – donated to the band blast. Mark Kielpinski also brought in a back breaking amount of pieces. Zentangle sphere after Zentangle sphere was produced. One was turned in for the summer raffle. Then it was on to the bowls, four bowls of ash and elm. Then back to the spheres, this time a carved sphere described as having ‘major texture’. But the bowls weren’t going to give up that easy, no no no – ANOTHER BOWL CAME OUT!! This one had piano keys woodburned onto the rim and was donated to the band blast. Then Mark said he likes to buy bowl blanks in 20# bags, they deliver them to his house like Santa Clause! That’s it for show and share. The show and share turning challenge was won by Dave Malarkey. Dave gave a heartfelt gracious acceptance speech as he was awarded a peppermill kit. Thus concludes the minutes.

#### Top Jar Inventory Update:



We now have one of the jars about 3/4 full, so we’re making progress. Art In the Park will be here before we know it, so please keep the tops coming!

#### Show and Share April 11:







Spring Symposium:







### **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:**

Gary Nagle is going to be selling his Powermatic 4224 (Big) lathe along with a mid-sized Nova lathe and some miscellaneous tools as well. He's asking 3500\$ for the Powermatic. A few of us are going to go get the lathes next weekend to bring them to Bismarck. Contact Ron Day if you have an interest.

Local Supporters of DWT:

