



Sawdust and Shavings

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Man, the summer is just blazing by! Art in the Park went really well over July 4th holiday. Thanks to everyone who was able to help with the booth over in Mandan, and a special thanks for whoever was responsible for the weather.... we've had far worse for that event!

Next, we're moving briskly on to the Capitol 'Afair the first two days of August. Right after that we've got the North Dakota Tech Ed Teacher training up at the Career Academy on Monday 8/3 and then demonstrating for the teachers the next day (8/4) down at the Bismarck event Center. We can catch our breath for a day or two then until the following Friday when we have our raffle drawing, followed by the DWT picnic and shop crawl the very next day. Instead of trying to verbalize (and maybe confuse folks) with all the details here, just see the next section (below) where the schedules are laid out in a better format. I hope you've all able to get out in your shops this summer to do some turning. 'Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming activities!

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KEY UPCOMING DATES:

DWT meeting: No meeting in August
Capitol 'Afair: August 1, 2
Tech Ed Teachers: August 3, 4
DWT Raffle Drawing: Fri, August 7
DWT Picnic: Sat, August 8
Shop Crawl: Sat, August 8

UPCOMING DWT ACTIVITIES:

Capitol 'Afair:

Sat, 8/1: Set-up 9AM, Booth hours: 10AM-6PM

Sun, 8/2: Set-up 9AM, Booth hours: 10AM-4PM

We will need help with set-up, tear-down and staffing the both days, if you can help we usually start tearing down 30 min before the end of booth hours. Our booth will be in the same place we've had for the last few years: Outside of the oval, west side of the Capitol, just south of the food court.

ND Vo-Tech Teachers Conference:

Mon, 8/3: Set up lathes at the Career Academy at 8:30AM, mentoring for the teachers from 9-noon.

Tue, 8/4: 7:30AM unload trailer on the East side the Bismarck Event Center and set up lathes/display. If you have an interesting smaller item to turn, feel free to turn it there.

Also, please bring a couple finished items for display. Hours: 9AM-5PM. Tear-down nominally 4:30-5:30 if you can help us get the trailer reloaded.

DWT 2026 Raffle Drawings:

Fri, 8/7 at Pat Schweitzer's at 4PM. We don't need a ton of help with the drawings, but you're welcome to join in.

DWT Shop-Crawl:

Sat, 8/8, 10AM- 3PM. See the PDF file attached at the end of the newsletter for map and addresses of the shops we'll be visiting.

DWT Picnic:

Set-up: Sat, 8/8 9AM at Pat's. Typically, only need 4-5 of us.

4-5PM: socializing at set up for silent auction

6PM: Dinner is served

7PM: Silent auction ends.

We will have a actual auction for a few nicer finished pieces by some very well know turners that were donated to the club by Gary Nagle.

Not sure when exactly this will be, but let's say 7PM.

Meeting Minutes

DWT Meeting Minutes

July meeting minutes to be published next month.

Show and Share July 11:





Art in the Park:



Mark K's Sphere Jig Demo July 11:



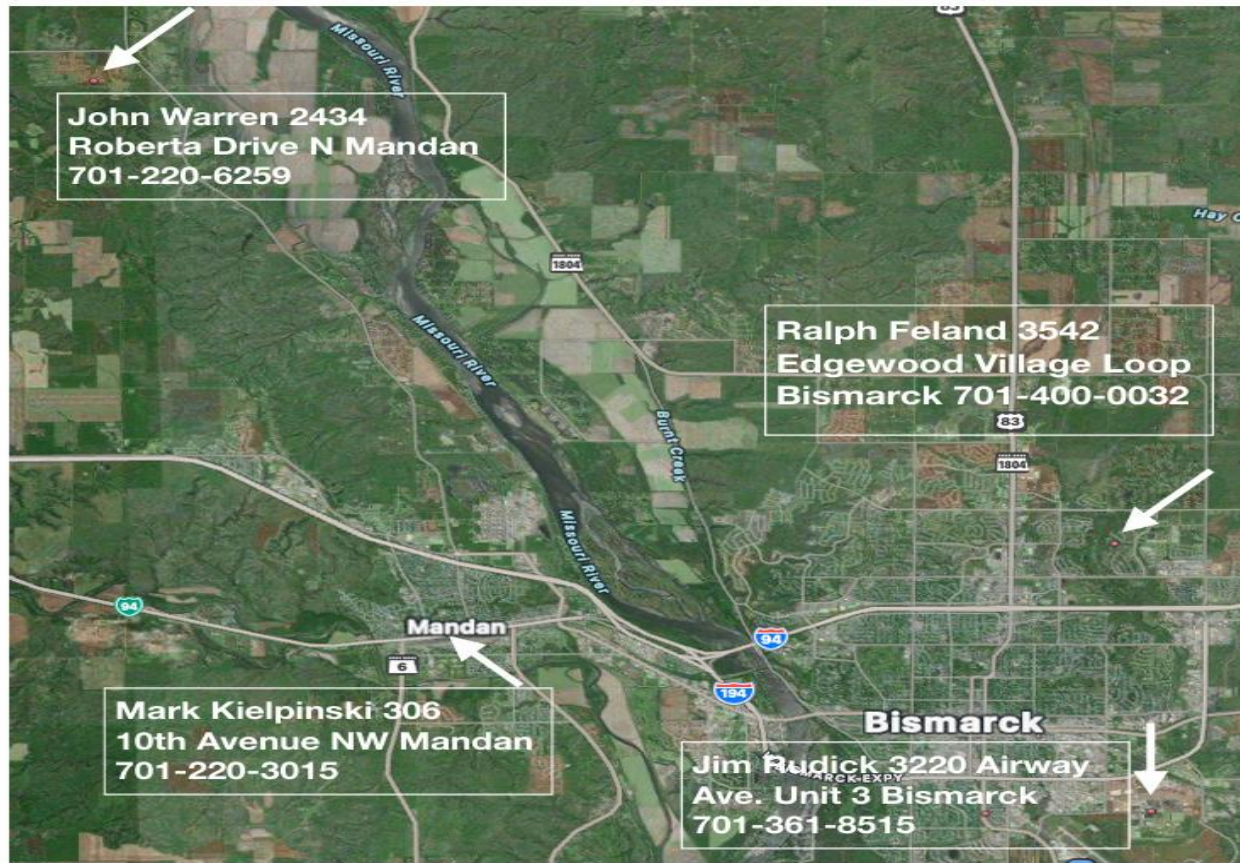
Videos to check out:

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:

No items for sale this month.

SHOP-CRAWL 2026:



Dakota Woodturners Shop Crawl 2026

Will occur August 8th 2026 from 10 am until 3 pm.

On this document are the addresses of the DWT members that have volunteered to open their shops to the club. You are welcome to make one shop visit, two, or as many as you are up to within the scheduled time. You may want to carpool with a friend to take the tour. Remember that the picnic is at Pat's (check your newsletter for details) and that RAFFLE tickets are due the day prior to the picnic.

Ralph Feland 3542 Edgewood Village Loop Bismarck

John Warren 2434 Roberta Drive N Mandan

Jim Rudick 3220 Airway Ave. Unit 3 Bismarck - East on Bismarck Expressway to Sam's Club. On east end of Sam's Club take a right on Burlington and go South across Morrison Ave (stop sign) and at the 2nd stop sign (Airway Ave) take a left (east). Take a left at the second driveway on the left. Follow drive to the very end and it's the last unit on the right. Grey Chevy Colorado out front.

Mark Kielpinski 306 10th Avenue NW Mandan - Shop is in the back of the house.

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Career Academy &
Technical Center

