



Sawdust and Shavings

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Well, we're fully into the swing of summer now, Art in the Park Friday and Saturday of this week, followed by the Capitol 'Afair the first weekend in August. 'Looking forward to seeing, turning and socializing with many of you at those two events.

I thought the "shop-sale" of Gary Nagle's tools and wood after the June meeting went really well. Gary recovered some cash out of the deal and the rest of us got some tools or wood, or both at prices that didn't make our eyes water, so a win all the way around. Thanks to Ron for getting that whole project rolling and to the group of guys that brought everything back from Bowman and then set up and priced the items before the meeting. I hope you all were able to find an item or two to take back to your shops.

We are currently working with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction on the details for hosting a Tech Ed Teacher session on August 3rd at the Bismarck Career Academy and a day of demonstration at the Bismarck Event Center on August 4, this will follow the same format as last year. More on this at the July meeting.

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

May DWT meeting: Sat, June 13

Art in the Park: July 3, 4

Capitol 'Afair: August 1, 2

Tech Ed Teachers: August 3, 4

DWT Picnic: Sat, August 8

Time for me to go and start loading the truck up with items for Art in the Park this weekend. If you have any questions about this event, see the email Mark K sent out earlier this week. 'Hope to see you there. Until then, happy 250th USA, and keep those ribbons flying!

Kleber

Meeting Minutes

(Note: Both May and June Minutes)

DWT Meeting Minutes

5/9/2026

Recorded by Todd Richardson

9:00 Meeting Called to Order

One guest was present: Mark Ressler.

Peggy Rask motioned for approval of the April minutes as published. Seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion passed.

A treasurer's report was given by Steve Wolff, including an update on the club CDs and the Spring Symposium finances. Steve

asked members to submit any outstanding symposium expenses. Current symposium expenses totaled approximately \$6,800, with income of approximately \$5,500, resulting in a net club expense of about \$1,300.

Old Business

Dolly Erickson thanked everyone who helped Sister Karen with her older woodturning equipment. Sister Karen was very appreciative of the assistance.

Ron Day spoke about the remaining equipment from Gary Nagel's shop, including a Powermatic 4224 and a Nova DVR 3000 midi lathe. Additional tools from Gary's collection will be available for sale at the June meeting. Summer raffle tickets are now available. Members are encouraged to get their tickets, and everyone is asked to sell three books of tickets.

The club continues looking for suitable trees for harvesting turning blanks and future blank production.

New Business

Plans are underway for the annual club picnic. A summer Shop Crawl is also being organized. Members with shops of all sizes are encouraged to volunteer. Whether you have a compact shop, a large production space, CNC equipment, coring systems, unique fixtures, or simply an interesting way of organizing your workspace, the goal is to share ideas and learn from one another while enjoying a tour of members' shops.

John Warren spoke about the Tech Ed Mentorship program in August, including the teachers' training day followed by demonstrations over the next two days. John Warren motioned that Dakota Woodturners participate in the conference on August 3rd and 4th. Seconded by John Howe. Motion passed.

Kleber motioned that the club participate in both Capital Fair and Art in the Park. Seconded by Stan Zalumskis. Motion passed.

John Warren also discussed the upcoming Fall Symposium. Presenters are still being sought, and scheduling demonstrators has proven to be a bit more challenging this year. Spud motioned that Dakota Woodturners host the 2027 Spring Symposium. Seconded by Peggy Rask. Motion passed.

The Mystery Prize was won by Jerry DuPong. The President's Challenge was won by Pat Schweitzer. At 9:34, the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was followed by Show & Share and an ornament demonstration.

Show & Share

George S. brought in a polishing mixture consisting of one ounce of grit, one ounce of beeswax, and four parts mineral oil. He passed samples around for interested members to take home.

Jerry DuPong brought in a birch bowl finished with polyurethane along with a Canadian red cherry bowl.

Alan Welte brought in the ornament he completed at the symposium along with a pepper mill. Jon Schuck showed a pepper mill and a small bowl.

Keith brought in two burl bowls along with an African mahogany bowl.

Marlene displayed a bowl along with her symposium ornament.

Dave Malarkey brought in a pepper mill and his symposium ornament.

Al Kline showed a segmented bowl.

Larry Nelson brought in a "bowl in a bowl" turning and discussed some of the challenges involved in making the piece.

Jeremy Harms displayed his symposium projects, including the grinder and ornament, along with a cleverly turned chess rook.

Pat Schweitzer brought in three colorful ornaments featuring decorative strands. He discussed the bending forms and techniques used to create them.

Wayne Peterson demonstrated a vacuum hose holder using some rather magical magnets to keep everything organized.

Doug Alm rounded out Show & Share with a cherry bowl.

The meeting concluded with an ornament demonstration from Ron Day.

6/13/2026

Recorded by Todd Richardson

9:30 Meeting Called to Order

One guest was present. Connie Knutson, an experienced woodturner who spends her summers in the area, stopped by to visit the club. We hope to see her again! A treasurer's report was given by Steve Wolff. There were no significant financial updates to report.

Old Business

Summer raffle tickets are now available.

Dave Malarkey reported that approximately ten raffle items are still outstanding. He has contacted each member on the list and is working to get those items turned in.

For the Career Academy, members are encouraged to keep an eye out for wood suitable for demonstrations and student turning projects. Easier-turning woods are especially appreciated, although any suitable material is welcome. There are no additional updates at this time.

Ron Day gave a brief report on the AAW National Symposium. He mentioned that the event went well and that future symposium organizers are looking at venue and hotel pricing, while also planning to include additional hands-on activities.

Upcoming Events

- Club Picnic: August 8. See the newsletter for additional details.
- Art in the Park: Watch your email for setup information and event details.
- Capital A'Fair: August 1–2.
- Tech Ed Days: August 3–4, featuring instructional sessions and demonstrations.

- Shop Crawl: Scheduled for the same day as the club picnic. Members will visit four participating shops around the area. Please drive safely... and especially remember not to speed through north Mandan!

The Mystery Prize was won by Stan Zalumskis, holding lucky ticket #15.

Show & Share

Kleber brought quite a collection of turnings this month. He demonstrated a lidded box and discussed proper fitting, allowing the wood to dry and move between rough and final turning to achieve a better-fitting lid. He also experimented with brass finials on several pieces.

He also displayed: A black ash burl bowl made from wood obtained from Robin Shears many years ago, An Emma Cook style bowl featuring iridescent paints, A camphor bowl that, according to Kleber, smelled remarkably like a doctor's office, A "baggie of bits" containing small pieces made of Osage orange.

Doug Alm brought in an exceptionally glossy box elder bowl finished with many coats of polyurethane, along with a Badlands vase.

Jon Schuck displayed his symposium ornament along with a circular vase.

Keith brought several pieces, including a French rolling pin made from maple, cherry, and bloodwood; a yarn bowl; and an ash bowl dyed green. Keith also shared a helpful tip about drilling the yarn opening before turning the walls too thin to help prevent blowout.

Peggy Rudick brought in two segmented bowls.

Larry Nelson displayed a walnut and mesquite lidded box along with a quilted maple lidded bowl. The President's Challenge was won by Kleber, who then passed the award along to Jim Porter, the next recipient.

Peggy Rask motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Marlene seconded. Motion passed.

At 10:08, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, we continued the sale of equipment and tools from Gary Nagel's retirement collection.

Show and Share June 13:



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:

Refer to Mark K's note earlier this week regarding Al Klines' (brother's) lathe and misc tools being given away. The note has all the pictures of the lathe and tools and Al's contact information.

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