

Minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting of the Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild.

There were approximately 27 participants attending the meeting at the Bozeman High School Woodshop when the meeting was called to order after 6:30 PM by John Morrision. President Susan Razzano was unable to attend due to a personal commitment.

Old Business

The upcoming demonstration by Anthony Harris was discussed. Action items were discussed and assigned/volunteered. An attached spreadsheet details the discussion outcome.

A discussion of the club liability during demonstrations was held. Susan Razzano has a letter from AAW concerning the issue, but was not in attendance. It will be further investigated and clarified at a future meeting.

The Webmaster, Treasurer and Secretary will provide an up to date copy of the membership list with addresses and phone numbers available to the board members on the Web.

New Business

A new member, Jim Olsen introduced himself to the meeting participants. Visitors, Cliff Hizle (sp?), Roy Morris (from Washington) and a student were noted by the meeting.

Tom Robinson received a reminder from Hartville Tool that we hadn't sent in a list of members who would like to receive a club discount. A list was created for those wanting to be shown as club members. Dan Olsen will collect the list and send it to Hartville tool.

Tom Robinson also received an update from a couple of woodturning artists whom he had contacted several years ago. They are Todd Hoyer and Haley Smith (?) from Busby Arizona. Haley does mostly platter work and Todd is a artistic explorer of new woodturning techniques. They are now booking demonstrations for late 2008 and 2009. They charge \$600 per day + expenses for both artists with a minimum of 2 days of classes.

Monthly Meeting Demonstrators

The Vice President John Morrision wants people to sign up to be presenters at the upcoming NRWG monthly meetings. Next Month's presentation will be Gene Dusenberry, presenting his techniques and tricks for creating turned segmented bracelets. The May presentation will be by Ed Rampy, who will demonstrate making bandsawed boxes.

Treasurer's Report

The NRWG bank account currently has a about a \$ 1900.00 balance. Membership for 2008 currently stands at 21 members

The monthly, "Bring Back" Raffle of Threaded Box with Rose Engine Detailed Lid was donated by Gordon McMullen, the previous month's winner. In this meeting's drawing,

the winner was _____. _____ will bring a Raffle prize donation to next month's meeting.

In the monthly "Show & Tell" participant's drawing, _____ won a _____ Gift Certificate.

Gordon McMullen was this month's presenter following the business meeting. Gordon presented a demonstration of how he creates his own tools from new and "recycled" steel. He explained some of the basics that he uses to create tools from concrete nails, torsion bars from snow cats, allen wrenches and drill rod. He showed how to soften the steel to make it easier to bend and form into the desired shape. Then re-heating it and hardening it so that it will keep a sharp edge longer.