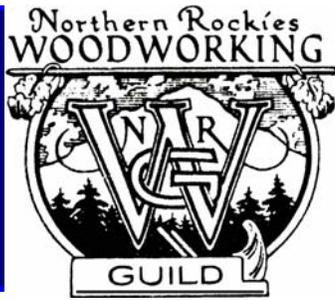


April 2005



Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be at the Bozeman High School wood shop
- Tuesday April 12th, 2005 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Directions will be provided later
- Guests always welcome

The Guild Web Site can be found at WWW.NRWG.ORG

Jimmy Clewes demo accommodations

The demo is the same weekend as graduation in Bozeman so if you need a motel, be sure to get your reservations in ASAP as well as your intent into Ken Emerson. Rooms will fill up fast.

<http://www.bozemanamber.com/accommodations/>

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact one of the officers or come to a meeting. Guests with all levels of woodworking skills and interests are always welcome.

March 2005 Meeting

Minutes

I was absent from the March meeting but Ken Emerson was kind enough to provide minutes from the meeting. Jess.

- The meeting was held in Gordon McMullen's shop on 3/8/05. There were close to 30 people present - standing room only - including 3 high school shop students, and some old friends we hadn't seen for a while.
- The meeting opened with a spirited discussion of the Jimmy Clewes demonstration, now firmly scheduled in May. Jimmy is to arrive Thursday evening May 5th; he can stay through Monday, May 9th, or possibly even Tuesday May 10th, but must be out of here early on Wednesday May 11th. Tuesday is not a firm commitment, and depends on the demand for hands on sessions. Jim Palakovich has offered accommodations to Jimmy.
- The group decided that they would like two days of demonstrations, Friday and Saturday, May 6th and 7th. Sunday and beyond will be hands-on sessions. Initial plans are for five people each day. Two of the high school instructors were present, and indicated both a willingness to host the whole 4-5 days and to make the necessary adjustments in class schedules to accommodate the influx of outsiders. We estimated between 30 and 50 participants; the high school shop is big enough for that number. The April meeting (April 12) will be held in the shop, so that we can have a chance to look at it
- Admission fees for the demonstration days will be \$50 per person; That will cover both days, but it will still be that price even if a person only attends one day. The treasurer would like to have these fees paid by the April 12th meeting, so that we know by then how many to expect. Whether we can allow registration past that point will depend on space. If there is room in the shop for additional participants we can allow late registration, but not if it's already crowded. There will be at least partial refunds for those who develop conflicts in the last month. We expect 12 to 15 people from the Billings group and at least 2 from Kalispell, so there should be room for all the Bozeman members who wish to attend.
- Hands-on sessions will cost \$110 per day, and are limited to five people each day (initial plan). This must be paid in to the treasurer by April 1st, because we need to give Jimmy a firm figure by then, and work out the high school schedules. Mail checks to Ken Emerson, 510 S. Third Ave, Bozeman MT 59715, and be sure and indicate which day or days you would like to do hands on. Choices are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday; please indicate first and a second choice. Your check will not be cashed unless we're sure there is a space for you! One space has already been paid for on Sunday. Spaces are first come, first served; no spaces assigned before the money is in hand!
- Jimmy Clewes teaches turning and finishing as his primary activity - visit his website, www.jimmyclewes.com, to see examples of his work, and possible demonstration topics. If you have a special interest in one or more of those on the website, let Tom Robinson or one of the other officers know, so that your preference gets considered as we firm up the schedule.
- That completed old business - all these arrangements were put in place with an "omnibus" motion, which passed without dissent.
- New business - Tom Robinson announced that AAW is very interested in programs that

connect to secondary school students, and he has recently been getting some emails about new programs with this objective. Since in some ways what we are doing with Jimmy Clewes is trying to make him visible and perhaps available to the high school group, perhaps we should somehow bring it to AAW attention. Tony Huckert volunteered for and was designated as "school programs coordinator".

- Following the business meeting, Gordon McMullen gave a very well organized demonstration of the process of making a large urn, using a round from a large aspen

tree. He had prepared three different blanks at different stages, so that he didn't have to go through the whole process - it would have been much too long and tedious! The emphasis was on things to be careful about as the turning unfolds: where do you need extra strength in the process, what order do you shape parts of the outside and do the hollowing - things like that. Finally he showed and discussed half a dozen or more different hollowing tools. His favorite (homemade) tool attracted a lot of interest, and several people came up afterward to try it out. A very good time was had by all.

Guests

Justin Clark David Rosengren Ian Whorall Glenn Bradbury Rick Hedlund Gary Corneer

Demonstration



Photos by Ken Emerson





Tom Robinson received this e-mail from the AAW concerning youth programs.

Hello Tom,

When thinking about the future of woodturning and wondering if it will survive, you have to wonder how? In most states, school programs no longer have any vocational requirements or programs that introduce the younger generation to woodworking. Some states and programs still have limited programs that serve this function, but most are few and far between.

While doing a survey for an AAW Chapters Best Practice write-up on Youth Programs in AAW Chapters, I found that most members of AAW Chapters were introduced to woodturning in high school shop. This is where the "joys of woodturning seed" was planted and yet it didn't really start to grow or become a reality until their adult years. Around the age of late forties or early fifties is when most people rekindle an interest in woodturning and start researching the requirements of launching a hobby in this activity.

What we decide to do with and for today's youth just possibly may determine the future of woodturning! The schools are failing to provide this introduction, therefore, we have the responsibility to "plant" the woodturning seeds in today's youth. AAW has opened the 2005 Kansas City Symposium up to the youth by giving them a full registration, absolutely free if they are accompanied by a registered adult. 20 of the registered youths will win complete Jet lathe, chuck and tool outfits through a youth only drawing at the banquet. There will be numerous youth activities and there is a move to publicize June 2005 as "Youth Month!"

This leads to my question - do you have a Youth Program in your chapter? If you do, then I would like to hear from you! We at AAW and the Best Practice Committee need help in putting together a "Woodturning Youth Program Guide" that will be made a model for all chapters to follow. You may have had great success in this area and have solved many problems that you would like to share with other chapters. Any and all inputs for a Chapter Youth Activities/Programs will give the AAW insight into what process we need to pursue in the future. Please send information to:

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Tom Robinson has been in contact with a lumber supplier in Billings based upon a recommendation by George Stanislaos. Tom has visited their store and had a favorable report.

A&H Turf & Specialties

468 So. Moore Ln.

Billings

406-245-8466

800- 451-1944

They have a local contact, Gunner Peterson in Livingston. 579-0480. They regularly run trucks through here and could ship with no charges. Mention you are a Guild member for a discount.

Gallery

No gallery pictures this month

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at the Bozeman High School Wood Shop. Specific directions on which entrance to use and where to park will be provided later.

The demo will be techniques for basic cuts turning between centers.

Be sure to bring your show and tell items. Guests are always welcome.

Meeting date and time = Tuesday April 12th, 2005 @ 7:00 P.M.