



Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

November 2004 Meeting

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be at Jess Tode's shop
- Demonstration on picture frame making
- Elections
- Tuesday December 14th, 2004 @ 7:00 P.M.
- 1146 North Cedarview Bozeman



Diamond Willow Root by Susan Razzano

<http://www.engr.usask.ca/~req772/whatis.html>



Egg by Alan Lacer

The October meeting was held at Tom Robinson's shop on 10/16/04.

- A short business meeting was held before the Alan Lacer demo. We discussed the upcoming elections.
- Officer elections: We will be holding elections in December for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to help please toss your hat into the ring. Jim Palakovich will advance from Vice President to President per the bylaws upon the vote. Ken has offered to stay on as Treasurer but he would like to get the other officers on as able to sign checks. Another offer was put out looking for participants.
- A vote was passed to raise the dues to \$20/year. Dues need to be collected by the first of the year.
- The Craft Supplies discount certificates continue to be sent to Ken as he is our AAW listed contact person. Ken would like to have these directed to someone else for distribution.
- Ken reported on the Graeme Priddle event costs. Our total outgo for the event was \$1422.82 with this offset by admissions fees of over \$1000. The event cost the group \$362.32 from the bank account. All agreed that this was money well spent.
- Ken reported the current balance at \$1442.93 before paying Alan Lacer for his demo.
- The bylaws will need to be amended to reflect the raised dues prices.

Alan Lacer Demo

Alan Lacer gave us a great demonstration on the 16th. The meeting started early to make sure we could get the most out of Alan's visit. The majority of the demo was related to skew chisel work. His work can be seen at <http://www.alanlacer.com/>

Tom's new shop made a great location for this demo.

Thanks to Tom for the great space and use of his lathe. Also thanks to Tony and Ken for bringing in some stock. Also thanks to Gordon for Alan's accommodations that night.



Rescued from the firewood pile by Tony Huckert

Web Site

- Some comments have been received about the web site and more comments are encouraged.
- The address is WWW.NRWG.ORG
- This web site should be a useful tool for all of us so any suggestions on how to improve it will be welcome.
- I have heard back from Graeme Priddle with some updates that have been posted to the web site.
- Tom has received some updates from Clay Foster and these have been posted to the web site.
- With the web site we now have the opportunity to step up the quality of the pictures also. To this end we need to come up with some kind of a portable back drop so individual pictures can be taken of the show and tell items.
- We are looking for more content for the web site so if your woodworking efforts are shown in a publication, send the info to the web lackey to have it posted on the web.
- Don't forget the for-sale section also

Guests

Oliver Steele (who signed up for membership once we set the dues price for next year)

Thanks to Dan and Oliver for making the trek from Butte.

Demonstration

During our November meeting, Alan Lacer gave us a great demonstration. The focus of the demo was the use of the skew chisel. He also touched on end grain hollowing techniques. The first part of the demo covered sharpening techniques for skew chisels. Alan is a big believer in using a hone between trips to the grinder to keep the edge in good form.



Alan sells diamond honing steels for keeping an edge on his gouges and skewers. The hone is kept in the front pocket of his apron for frequent use. He explained that he can hone to a finer edge than he can grind to and he can hone several times before it is necessary to return to the grinder



Alan brought a honing wheel that was mounted on a #2 Morse taper spindle. This honing wheel is one that he made from MDF that is cut in a circle and turned. Inexpensive honing compound purchased from Ace Hardware is applied to the face of the wheel. The black on the

wheel face is steel that has been removed as part of the honing process. Alan referred to the finished tool as 'Scary sharp'. He has a dedicated arbor in his shop for this. He was very careful to demonstrate that you move to the back side of the lathe for this step to assure the wheel is turning away from you. The honing wheel should be slightly smaller in diameter than your grinding wheel to fit within the hollow grind left by the grinding wheel.



After Alan demonstrated the proper sharpening technique he then put in some stock between centers and showed the various skew chisel cutting techniques. He explained that there are 4 faces on a skew that need to be sharpened.

Alan demonstrated that a dead center in the head stock is a great way to go when learning the skew chisel when turning between centers. The tail stock can be kept loose so any catches just result in the stock stopping. He also demonstrated that small tools are not needed to turn small items.



It does work. Anyone with small enough fingers could make it spin.

Alan also demonstrated various techniques for end grain hollowing with his preference being the hook tool. Check out the rest of his work at his web site.
<http://www.alanlacer.com/index.html>



Gallery



Many items were brought for show and tell. Check out the web site more pictures.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at Jess Tode's shop at 1146 North Cedarview in Bozeman on 12/14 at the normal starting time of 7:00. The demonstration will show one way to make picture frames (non-round items)

Directions are East Main Street to Highland Blvd heading South past the hospital. North Cedarview is on the left and is the first Cedarview you run into as you travel south. If you get to a house with the correct number but has sagebrush in front you are on South Cedarview (wrong house) and you need to go around the loop. Come in the back door down to the basement.

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