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Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be at Harlan Olsen's shop. Harlan will demonstrate steam bending as part of his work with sleigh and wagon restoration
- Tuesday February 14, 2006 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Guests always welcome
- See last page for directions

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

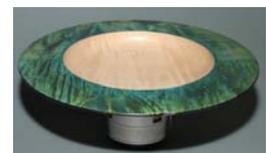
If you are interested in joining the group, please contact one of the officers or come to a meeting. Guests with all levels of woodworking skills and interests are always welcome.

January 2006 Meeting Minutes

- The previous meeting was held at the Bozeman High School Woodshop on January 10th.
- The new officers took their offices and the business meeting was rather short as we had both a guest lecturer and a demonstration
- Time to pay dues for 2006 if you have not yet.
- Desert Woodturning Roundup is February 18 and 19th in Mesa AZ
- No new news on a club lathe as we are waiting for the AAW to announce the awards of the grants.
- A request was made for scraps for the school. They are looking for bowl turning stock 2" thick to make 5 to 6" bowls.
- Dr. Anders Persson gave us an excellent presentation on the respiratory hazards of wood and how it can affect people. The effects can range from irritation to life threats. A Google search shows many places where you can get a chart listing toxic properties of different kinds of wood. Thanks to Dr. Persson.
- In appreciation, Tom Robinson gave Dr. Persson a spalted Hackberry bowl. This is after he told us about the hazards of the spalted woods.



The Jimmy Clewes raffle is over. Gordon McMullen won the final piece, the colored platter.



- Ken Emerson demonstrated how he turns an end grain vase from a wet branch.
- Lots of good gallery items



Demo

Ken Emerson demonstrated how he is turning vases from green branches. The vase is all end grain containing the pith center. It is important to turn the whole vessel within a short period of time as it will be moving as it is drying.



First the wet branch is turned between centers to establish the basic shape and to make a foot to allow for chucking to the bottom.



The vase is then chucked by the foot end to allow access to the top end so it can get hollowed out. The first weapon is a gouge to true up the end. The bark is left on the top end.



Ken's tool of choice for hollowing the inside is a ring tool. There was some debate if it is better to hollow out the inside first or to hollow after the outside shape has been turned. Ken's preferred method is to hollow the center then cut the outside to follow the curve.



Ken will sand to the final sanding then use various drying techniques with newspaper and paper bags to slow down the loss of moisture and potential cracking problems. Thanks Ken for a great demo.



Gallery



Lots of good show and tell items. Check out the web site for all the pictures.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at Harlan Olson's shop February 14th at 7:00. The address is 6350 Heavenly Lane in Bozeman off of Springhill road.

Harlan will demonstrate steam bending that he is using for his sleigh and wagon repair. Are you ready for a 'non-round' demo?

Start at the Blue Basket store where 19th intersects old Highway 10 and head out Springhill road past the golf course for 3.4 miles. Continue until you see Toohey road. Look for grain storage silos and a forest service access sign as you are heading on Springhill. Turn east on Toohey then go 1.1 miles and you should see Heavenly on the right. Turn right on Heavenly then take the first left you see. Continue a short distance then you will see a gradual right hand fork. Take this fork past the horse drawn equipment. We will be meeting in the first shop building that you come to. Parking is somewhat limited so please car pool or you can park up by the house at the top of the hill if there is no room around the shop.

Detailed map on the web site.

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

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Harlan is making new dash support pieces for a sleigh he is rebuilding. The pieces to the left need to be replaced because the tenons are rotted away. Harlan will also show past steam bending project results.

