



Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

In place of our regular April meeting, we are providing you with this impoverished substitute. With luck, we will be able to get together again in May, although it is likely to be somewhere other than the high school shop. We are very optimistic we will have Shop Tours this summer.

Message from President Jarred McDaniel

I would like to extend my sincere best wishes to all of our members and hope that they are mentally and physically well in these challenging times.

In the spirit of supporting businesses in this time, the President's Challenge for the coming month will be "Make anything involving a commercial kit" (pen, pepper mill, etc.).

Treasurer's Report

Jim reports that we have \$2519 in the bank.

Accident Report

I was visually evaluating the wall thickness and inadvertently touched the tip of my bowl gouge on the edge of the bowl, causing it to slam down hard on the tool rest, where my hand was resting. Fortunately nothing broken but there is some severe swelling. Lesson: always pay attention to where your tool tip is when the lathe is running!

Evening Program

In place of our regular demonstration, here are some suggestions for online videos that you might find worth your time.

For the round and brown makers in the group, here's something a little different. Eric Lofstrom is a kinesiologist who has worked as a trainer for professional sports teams. In this video, he shows us how to move at the lathe to be most comfortable and most effective. When I first learned to turn, I was told turning was like 'dancing with the lathe'. In this video, Eric shows you how to dance.

<https://vimeo.com/261409643>

For our flat woodworkers and in consideration of our "Make a Box" challenge, here's a nice, brief video on how to make a bandsaw box from Make Something,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtSPLmQicUU>

For both groups, here's an exceptional video on how to set up and tune your band saw. Alex Snodgrass comes across like an infomercial salesman, very polished and facile, but he is actually the son of the man who owns Carter woodworking products and has just given a similar presentation a zillion times.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGbZqWac0jU>

The Annual Club Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 27 in the Clyde Park city park. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

President's Challenge—Make a Box

Stay well and get out in the shop and make shavings. There's a light at the end of the tunnel.

Dean Center
Secretary

President's Challenge—Make a Box



Jim Majxner scored serious points at home with this dresser 'box' of mahogany and pear.



Boyd submitted this fine box of box elder and wipe-on poly.



Jim P. shared this face grain box, made from walnut and maple, 8".



Here's another large box, this one from Jarred, made of ash, 8".



Dean presented a trio: catalpa, spalted maple, spalted apple, all finished with wipe-on poly.