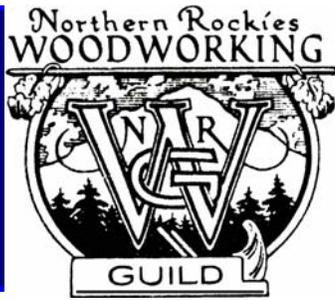


May 2005



Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

April 2005 Minutes

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be at the Bozeman High School wood shop
- Tuesday May 3rd, 2005 @ 7:00 P.M. (Note 1 week early because of Clewes demo)
- 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.

- The April meeting was held at the Bozeman High School wood shop on April 12th. The main topic of discussion was planning for the upcoming Jimmy Clewes demonstration that will be held on May 6th and 7th (Friday and Saturday). The demonstrations will be held at the High School shop and on Friday the High School students will have an opportunity to watch the demos during their normal class time. Gary Corneer says we can expect a rotation of fresh students about every hour.
- The May meeting will be held early on May 3rd so we can take care of the last minute details for the demonstration. We need to decide on starting times and finish times for the various events.
- We will need more chairs as we can expect up to 50 people with the students in attendance.
- The admission fees for two days of demonstrations is \$50 and preferably you need to get your money into Ken before or during the May 3rd meeting. It has been decided the price is the same if you attend one day or both days.
- The hands on sessions have 12 people currently signed up. The sessions will be 6 people on Sunday and 6 on Monday. The hands on sessions will be held at the High School also. Even if the list is full, it does not hurt to express your desires to participate in the hands on sessions in case there is a cancellation.
- Check out Jimmy's web site at www.jimmyclewes.com to review the items he may be teaching. Jimmy has updated his web site so it is worth another look. Jimmy makes his living teaching woodturning.
- The High School originally offered to provide a video camera and a monitor but it was decided in the meeting to go ahead with the purchase of some cameras that are specialized for this use. <http://www.woodchuckers.com/Minicams.htm> Jim Palakovich has ordered 2 of these cameras. The plan is to use these cameras for future demonstrations also.
- The current plan is use the 3 lathes that the school currently has for the hands on sessions, Tom will bring his lathe for Jimmy to use for the demo. Gordon McMullen, Ken Emerson and Jim Larson have all offered to loan their lathes for the remaining hands on lathes. Move day is Thursday morning. We can get students to help unload when we get to the High School and help load on Tuesday. Volunteers are lined up to help with the pickup of the lathes but if you have time more help is appreciated.
- As noted to the left, that weekend is graduation weekend in Bozeman. If you have room for an out of town guest that cannot find a hotel room, please let Tom Robinson know.
- Gordon offered to gather the wood that would be needed for the demonstration as well as the hands on sessions. Subsequent to the meeting, Tom has managed to gather some extra wood also.
- It will be necessary to run 240V power for Tom's lathe to the front of the shop area. Tom and Gordon have identified a breaker panel and have a cord lined up.
- More discussion were about getting coffee and doughnuts lined up for the participants. The current plan is everyone is on their own for lunch. Ken Emerson will canvas the local area and make a list of available eating establishments.



- Gordon has been making some faceplates and donating them to the school.
- The shop area looks like a great place for a demonstration like this and for subsequent meetings as the group grows.
- More discussion were held on the possibility of purchasing a lathe and donating to the school for their continuing use and for our use during meetings and demonstrations.
- Anyone that is bringing their own tools for the hands on session, be sure to clearly mark your tools for later identification.
- The May meeting will be for more planning for the demonstration and to wrap up the details. No demonstration is planned for this meeting.

- The High School teachers are very enthusiastic about this opportunity for their kids. This will be a great chance for us to share our fun with the younger crowd.
- As was mentioned in the last meeting, Tom Reiman from Oregon will to bring wood cut to order. See the web site for details and coordinate with Tom Robinson if you are interested in purchasing some.
- The Guild has a Sears lathe that Tony Tye donated and Gordon McMullen fixed up. Larry Houser has been using this lathe but now it is surplus to his needs so the question is what to do with it. Raffle it off, donate it to the school or keep it as part of our lending library. More discussions at the next meeting.

Demonstration

No demonstration as this was just a business meeting for the upcoming demo.

Tom Robinson is now our primary contact person with the AAW. He recently received this e-mail from the AAW.

Most professional turners know that their homeowner's insurance policy does not cover their private business activities, inventory, teaching, equipment and property. Most of them have either done without insurance at great risk, or at great expense and effort, have found an agent to cover them. On the other hand, most of the rest of us assume that our homeowner's policy insures us even if we do some sales of our work or occasional teaching. Laws that regulate insurance vary from state to state. In North Carolina, it used to be that activities that were occasional in nature and did not amount to a "substantial" amount of income were covered by one's homeowner's policy. A few years ago, it changed to say that "any" activity that was commercial in nature, no matter how few dollars were involved, was not covered. That means that if someone came to my home to buy a piece and was injured, or if my shop burned, or my tools were stolen, or I taught a private class, I would not be covered. Each member should check with your own insurance agent to see if all of your activities are covered by your homeowner's insurance policy.

As a service to our members (no part of the premiums go to AAW), the AAW has sought out a group policy that individual members can purchase at reasonable rates to cover their commercial activities of woodturning. The policy that we have found, can insure AAW members in the USA with the exception of California, Hawaii, Louisiana, and Washington

DC. If someone can recommend insurers that will cover Canadian, foreign, or members in these excluded locations, please let the AAW know.

The Managing Agency Group of Hilb, Rogal and Hobbs, a large and well-respected national firm offers the policy that the AAW is sponsoring. They have been offering a similar policy to members of the American Crafts Council (ACC). The underlying policy is with OCG, the Ohio Casualty Group. This policy includes \$1,000,000 general liability, \$1,000,000 for products liability, \$10,000 medical expense, \$300,000 fire legal liability, and with building and personal property for any amount of your choosing, from \$2,500 up to \$100,000.

Each person's coverage will be the same except for the building and personal property coverage. Your premium will be based on your location and how much building and personal property coverage that you request. To apply and get a premium quote, download an application at http://www.woodturner.org/community/pop/insurance_info.html, print it, fill it out, and mail or fax it to the address on the application. You must be an AAW member to apply.

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While Tom has been helping Gordon round up some wood for the Clewes demo he stopped in at Renneberg Hardwoods, inc. They are at Gallatin Gateway across the highway from the Gateway Inn. The Address is

PO Box 583

Hwy 191 North

Gallatin Gateway 59730

Phone: 763-9950

Tom talked with Kevin O'Brien and Tom reports that Kevin dropped off some wood later as a donation. They are interested in the guild and will offer us a discount. Tom extended an invitation to the Jimmy Clewes demo.

Tony Huckert has started on writing an article to submit to the AAW on spoon turning. He passed a copy to Dan Olsen and me for review and comments. I have promised to help Tony with pictures. Having an article published by a member in the AAW journal would be an excellent accomplishment for the Guild.

Please encourage Tony with his publishing efforts.

Gallery



See the web site for more pictures



Next meeting

The next meeting will be at the Bozeman High School Wood Shop. To get to the Woods Shop, get on 15th Ave either from Durston going south or from Main Street going north. The entrance to the high school is Ruth Thibault Drive which is just north of the Hastings Shopping Center entrance off of 15th Ave. Follow Ruth Thibault in between the track and the playing field past the main parking lot around to the back side of the building. Look for the big dust collector on the side of the building and the entrance is to the right of the collector. There is a map on the web site also.

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

Meeting date and time = Tuesday May 3rd, 2005 @ 7:00 P.M. (One week early from our normal time)

