



Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

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Next Meeting
May 14, Hollowing
demo & hands on
+
Gordon's last bowl
special raffle



The June meeting will
be a picnic at Ron
Lerner's cabin, date
and time to be
determined, no
business meeting.

Minutes from the April Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Jim Larson.
We had no guests and no corrections to the minutes for the March Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

We have 1 new member. Nick reports we have \$1540.02 in the bank, after paying the annual bill for our web site and for raffle tickets.

Bylaws

In advance of this meeting, members received a copy of the proposed by-laws with the e-mailed Newsletter. A motion was made to delete the word "unincorporated" at the beginning of the Bylaws, but the motion was tabled in favor of a discussion on whether to become incorporated. Ron explained that as a corporation, the officers and members would be shielded from liabilities incurred by the club. A motion was made and seconded to become a corporation/Limited Liability Company, and the motion passed.

The By-laws were then brought back off the table, and members decided to remove "incorporated" from the description of the club. There was a discussion on the terms of officers, and the consensus seemed to be that we wanted the language to be clear that we allow for repeat terms by officers. No vote on this was taken. The consensus also seemed to be that we should put the discussion on the By-laws on hold until we have become an LLC. Jane Lerner has agreed to file the required paperwork for us. (Jane has done a terrifically helpful job for us, well below her deserved pay scale, and she deserves our thanks, when the opportunity arises.)

May Meeting

The May meeting will be the last business meeting of the year and we will start the process of obtaining nominations for next year's officers, to be elected at the September meeting. In June, there will be a picnic meeting with no business meeting, probably on a Saturday, with the date yet to be determined.

The meeting will feature a special raffle of Gordon McMullen's last bowl. Proceeds will be used to help support the Student Turner's group. When deciding on how many tickets you want to purchase, keep in mind the rarity of this artistic piece and both its monetary and sentimental values.

The demo for May will once again be a "demo by participation", with Hollowing as the topic. Wayne Hansen, Tom Robinson, Tony Huckert, Ron Lerner, and possibly George Stanislaw, will bring their hollowing tools and supports, set them up on the school lathes so members can learn and practice on some green wood. They will probably start the session with each one briefly doing a demo of a different stage in the process, and then you can have at it, with 1:1 expert tutelage.

Educational Opportunities Grant

We just received a check from the AAW for a \$1500 EOG for our Trent Bosch workshop. Yay!

BHS Student Turner Group

Over the last couple of months, we've noticed a major change in who's coming on Thursday after school. 4 of our regulars from last semester are still coming, but most of the group have moved on to other things. We have had 1-2 new students each week for about a month, so we're talking safety and working on basic skills all over again. With a little extra free time each week, we have managed to repair the spindle lock on the club lathe and the speed controllers on the Jet 1442 lathes, so they should be ready for the hollowing 'demo' at the May meeting.

Demo

The 'demo' for this meeting was a demo by participation called the Skew Rodeo.

Dean made some introductory remarks about skew chisels, including their anatomy, their use, and their predisposition to cause mischief. He advises the bevel angle should be 30-40 degrees viewed from the side and the skew or radius angle should be 60-70 degrees from long point to short point. A radiused grind seemed to help him reduce catches, which he has found occur when the edge contacts the wood without the bevel in contact, or while shearing/planing with the short point down, when the upper half/long point contacts the wood. Remembering A-B-C (Anchor-Bevel-then Cut) is essential with the skew chisel. Slightly rounding the corners on the short point side can help when rolling the skew.

After spending a little time at the grinder, members spread out on the 5 high school lathes to try out the various skew cuts on lumber spindle blanks. Tony, Tom, and Jess and nearby helpful club members provided feedback. Several members commented that they were able to address their concerns or problems with the skew chisel and increase their confidence. Later comments suggested this format of 'demo' was very successful.

Announcements

Ted Newman heartily recommends the Center for Furniture Craftmanship in Rockport Maine. They have 1-2 week workshops in both turning and furniture making, as well as a full 12 week course in furniture making. In 2014, they will also have a 12 week course in turning.
www.woodschoo.org

Yellowstone Turners is holding their annual symposium September 28-29, featuring Rex Burningham. Register anytime. www.yellowstoneturners.org.

Great Falls Woodturners will also have a symposium in the fall, with Mike Mahoney teaching 9/21-22. They now has a nice web site (www.gfturners.org). The Great Falls club seems to feature a lot of segmented work, a novelty for us, and have roughly monthly 'workshops' in addition to their club meetings.



Skew Rodeo

