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Next Meeting

Tuesday, January
13, 2014

7 pm

Bozeman High
Wood Shop

Topic

Natural Edge
Bowls—Tom
Robinson



Minutes of the December Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President George Stanislao. 28 members and guests were present. John Slay was a new guest.

Minutes of the November meeting as published in the last newsletter were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: we have \$2339.81.

Tom Robinson gave a report on a Fall Workshop with Rudy Lopez. Rudy has agreed to do a workshop between 9/28 and 10/4. Friday 10/2-Sunday 10/4 would be our typical 3 day format and members agreed to pursue this, assuming it fits the school calendar, which is not yet published.

We don't yet have word on Tony's possible AAW Scholarship.

Upcoming demos:

January—Tom on Natural Edge Bowls

February—Ivan on Pens

March—Boyd on Hollow Forms

April—Tony on how to find the blanks in a chunk of burl

Someone raised a turning question and hoped members could help

Q: When do you use a shear scraper?

A: From Tom—Use a shear scraper after your final cut to level out the surface of the bowl, prior to sanding.

The usual raffle was held. Members are asked to bring in donations for the prize box as it is nearly empty.

Show and Tell provided a good variety of pieces to see, touch, smell and learn from.

Small Monthly Flea Market

Don't forget to bring excess or unwanted tools to the meeting if you would like to sell them. You can put them out on one of the tables and see if another member can't live without your stuff.

Announcements

NRWG Shop Tours—Volunteers needed. Sometime in the next couple of months, your club is going to sponsor Shop Tours, in which a member opens his home shop for other members to stop by and visit, see how he or she has things set up, and see a little demo. This will be a Saturday and we expect a just a small group to stop by each shop at one time, and stay 60-90 minutes. Perhaps we would have a no-host lunch or cuppa Joe together sometime during the day, so everyone touring that day could have a visit. We would like to have more volunteers to host in order to keep the groups at each shop small. Please contact Jess (weblackey@nrwg.org) if you would be willing to have a few friends stop by and look in your underwear drawer one of these days.

Northwest Washington Woodturners are hosting A Day with Michael Hosaluk on March 21, 2015 (NWWWT.org)

Oregon Woodturning Symposium, March 6-8, 2015 in Albany, OR.
(oregonwoodturningsymposium.com)

Utah Woodturning Symposium, May 14-16, Orem, UT
(utahwoodturningsymposium.com)

Dean would like those who have attended regional or national symposia, major workshops, or taken a class out of our area to write a brief review of their experience. We'll keep a file of reports online so members who are considering going somewhere to learn can get an idea of what to expect. If this works, we may do the same with tools and supplies.

November Demo

Chris Nelson gave a fascinating discussion on making snowflakes. Chris said he makes hundreds of them and this was a chance to learn how small gift or sale items can be 'mass produced'.

Step one is preparing ~3" lengths of wood with a diamond cross section, and optionally ~ 1/16-1/8" thick rectangles, also 3" long, to use as inserts.

Step two is using a table saw to inlet grooves on the edges of the diamond shaped pieces.

Step three is gluing up the pieces into blocks. If inserts are used, they are glued to a diamond piece. Diamond pieces are glued in pairs, then pairs are glued into the whole.

Step four is cutting, really slicing, snowflakes off the glued up blank.

Step five is loading up a book on tape and sanding the bazillion snowflakes you made so quickly.

Chris demonstrated a couple of jigs he uses to make preparing the stock and slicing the snowflakes easier, more accurate and most importantly, safer.

Great Job Chris—Most impressive system and an excellent presentation. Chris' handout is available on our web site.

