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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, January  
9

7 pm

Bozeman High  
Wood Shop

## Topic

Creating and  
applying mineral  
inlay materials, by  
Jarred McDaniel



## Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jurgen Weiel. Paul was our guest for the evening.

### Treasurer's Report

Boyd reported we have \$1982 in the bank and 35 paid members. Thanks to all who have paid their dues.

Jarred will present the Demo in January and his topic will be "Creating and applying inlay materials: tips and tricks for success." He will cover mineral type inlay materials.

We are still arranging demo topics for February and March.

There being no additional business, we moved swiftly on to a serious presentation by Jim Rendle on his band saw accident earlier in the year. A summary is attached.

The Raffle was held, as was Show and Tell, which emphasized ornaments, but also included some strangely hard and shiny projects made by David Kletter.

The presentation for the evening included Tony, Jess and Jurgen discussing how they make different types of ornaments.

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## Announcements

Check out David Kletter's Art Showing at the Mall before it's gone. The display is north of the Macy's inside entry, next to LeNails and across from the mall manager's office.

AAW International Symposium, 'nearby' in Portland, June 14-18. Registration is open now at [woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org).  
(Also, it's time to pay AAW dues, if you are or would like to become a member.)

The Great Falls Woodturners will have a 1 day workshop, September 23, 2018 with Kai Muenzer, a Canadian turner.

Since we haven't seen Bob Taylor or Nick Nickelson at a meeting for a while, I contacted both and am pleased to report both are doing well and making shavings. Both have difficulties driving at night, making meeting attendance challenging. At our January meeting, we'll see if other members may have difficulties making our meetings and whether our other members may be able to help out.



## What I Learned by Cutting My Finger Off by Jim Rendle

(Summary of presentation, prepared by Dean)

Jim had a very successful career in industrial safety, which lends a unique authority to his comments.

He was cutting a bowl blank round on his band saw, probably tired, and the band saw blade was not the best kind for green wood and not cutting well. He looked up for a moment and his finger slid into the blade, which he photographically documented. He underwent surgery and was told he would have to learn to live with a straight finger. Stubbornly, he went to work with a therapist, regaining some motion after many months, and hoping for additional improvement.

After much thought about how his accident happened, he developed an ABC mnemonic for woodshop safety:

- A. Attention—as in Pay Attention, you bloody fool
- B. Basics—develop good basics skills and good safety skills
- C1. Consequences—if you don't, there will be consequences, like losing the use of your finger
- C2. Continuous Improvement—The Hungarian Toyota factory implemented a program of continuous process and safety improvement and virtually eliminated time-loss injuries.

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## Christmas Ornaments Presentation



*Homemade Hollowers*



## Jim Rendle's Finger, continued

Additional thoughts and suggestions, from losing use of a finger:

- Take responsibility for yourself.
- Read manuals. How many of us have really read the manual for our lathe or our band saw? Good advice on staying safe is in there, if we are only smart enough to see it.
- Know the best use of the tools. You wouldn't use a spindle roughing gouge on a bowl blank, hopefully, but there are other situations where the right tool is not only more effective but safer. How we set up the lathe, mount the wood, and apply the tool to the wood all have both more and less effective and safer methods.
- Increase your lighting. This makes a huge difference, not only in safety, but in the quality of your work. It's also easy and not expensive.
- Don't work with dull blades in your saw and use the right blade. (for green wood, the best cutting comes with few teeth and large gullets)
- Take time to organize your space. Doing so will make your work more efficient and safer. You don't want to be reaching over a spinning bowl blank for your favorite and most frequently used tool.
- Get and use proper tools; tools that help you work safer. As an example, Jim highly recommends the Jaw Horse. ([www.rockwelltools.com/jawhorse-portable-workstation-rk9003.html](http://www.rockwelltools.com/jawhorse-portable-workstation-rk9003.html))
- Watch out for distractions—Stop working when they occur.