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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 17

7 pm

Bozeman High
Wood Shop

Topic

Hollow Forms with
Boyd Carson

Minutes of the February Meeting

Meeting called to order on time by President George Stanislao. 38 people attending, including guests Jim Francis, Al McSween, and David Renner. George introduced himself to a few folks who have recently started attending.

Treasurer's Report. After paying several larger periodic expenses, we have a balance of \$1953.25.

Old Business

Tom reports nothing new on the plan to hold a workshop with Rudy Lopez October 2-4, 2015.

Bob Taylor would like to do the May demo on using the One Way coring tool; Tony is scheduled in April.

New Business was mostly announcements.

1. The Utah Symposium is coming up in May, and there is a workshop in Olympia this Summer.
2. Our March meeting has been moved to Tuesday, March 17, due to Spring Break in the schools.
3. We have traditionally made gavels for the Rotary Club and we could use a few more. There are some modest design requirements, with instructions on our web site or you can contact Dan Olsen or George.
4. The AAW is sponsoring a couple of charitable projects as part of the annual symposium in Pittsburgh this year. One is Beads of Courage. The attendees agreed this is a worthwhile project for us to join. Jim Larson volunteered to be the project leader on this. Details will be provided in an soon email and additionally in the next newsletter.
5. Dean suggested it would be nice to enhance our cooperative relationship with the city forestry department by provided a turned object for each of the 4 arborists. Jess has generously donated turned work to them in the past. Ron, George, and Jay volunteered to make something, as will Dean and he'll take them to the city arborists. No specific deadline for this project, but it would be nice to get done before the busy tree trimming season starts in late Spring.

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Announcements

Woodturners of Olympia Washington are hosting Richard Raffan on Saturday July 25, with workshops to follow on July 26-29, and August 1-2. (woodturnersofolympia.org)

Utah Woodturning Symposium, May 14-16, featuring 23 demonstrators! Super Wednesday May 13.

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, September 18-21, with a very different group of demonstrators this year.

[Note the changed date for the March NRWG meeting—Tuesday, March 17, 2015.](#)

Beads of Courage

Jim Larson will be the project leader for our Beads of Courage project. He would like to have our submissions turned in by the next meeting, as we will need to ship them to AAW Headquarters in St. Paul.

Here are the original specifications:

In order to sufficiently hold beads, turned boxes need to be no smaller than 6" (15cm) in diameter. Larger is okay.

- *If possible, engrave, or burn "Beads of Courage" on the lid.*
- *Make sure lids are easily removable.*
Finials or knobs should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate or pointed.
- *Sign your name or write "American Association of Woodturners" on the bottom.*
- *If you would like to use an official Beads of Courage ceramic logo bead in your design, visit [Beads of Courage](#) to place an order.*

There is one new aspect to the specs. The AAW has apparently had problems with the paint chipping off painted bowls and stickers not staying stuck. These could pose a risk to very young recipients or the younger siblings of recipients. Jim Larson can be reached at papasal@bresnan.net or 581-4916

Three Forks Elm Tree Harvesting

The elm trees in Three Forks were eventually felled by the professional arborist and NRWG members descended like locusts! The wood was gorgeous. The trees proved to be huge, so some of the wood was unmanageable, but on my count, 8 members took some home over the following 4 days. Thanks to Jay Stanley for coordinating the project.

As a result of this effort, I have compiled a list of members who have said they want to be notified when wood harvesting opportunities arise in the future. We realize that everyone won't have an interest in every tree variety or have a need (or space) every time. It should be easy to send a broadcast email announcement to the members on the list, and they can respond as they want. If you want to be dropped from the list, or added to the list, please let me know. Dean—Secretary@NRWG.org.

Shop Tours

The Shop Tour planned for March 21 may need to be rescheduled. We will discuss at the March 17 meeting.



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6. We will be kicking off the Shop Tours we have been discussing for years. This is an opportunity for members to spend time in another member's shop, seeing how he or she has things set up, ask questions, and have a brief demo on a topic of the host's choosing. It does not take the place of the regular meetings, but is an added and different benefit for those interested. We will try for 3 shops, about an hour at each one, and a little time for the groups to rotate to the next one. First Shop Tour is planned for Saturday, March 21. Tom, Jess, George and Tony volunteered to host that day. We will plan a Shop Tour some time in the future for Park County.
7. Bob asked if we couldn't get a light for the lathe used in club demos. He was advised that we have an LED light available that Dean donated after mounting on magnets. These lights are cheap (<\$20) and sold by Ikea at their stores. After the Utah Symposium last year, there was a herd of cars with Montana plates in the parking lot, being loaded with multiple lights.
8. There has been an ad in the Chronicle about free for the cutting elm trees in Three Forks. Jay is taking the lead in a group harvesting of the wood for anyone interested.
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Show and Tell overflowed the one big table. There were numerous impressive pieces, including a trio of very creative furniture pieces from John Deerman, an unusual platter from Tony, and an elaborate car from Al McSween.

The lucky **raffle** winner selected a real nice piece of cocobolo for his prize. Don't forget to bring in your contributions so we can keep the raffle prizes desirable and plentiful.

The **Demo** for the night featured Ivan Flock showing us how he makes pens. He has a couple of specialized tools, since he makes quite a few. The audience was very interested in his tips and comments. I'm not sure but it seemed to me that interest peaked when he mentioned how much he sells them for. Thank you, Ivan.

Dean Center
Secretary

