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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

7 pm

Bozeman High Wood
Shop

Topic

Jim Palakavich will demonstrate Surface Decoration Techniques, including the very popular Basket Weave effect and show how he created those beautiful bowls from February's Show & Tell



Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Stanley. We had one guest/immediate new member, Bob Jackson who is a cabinet and furniture maker who wants to learn turning.

Treasurer's Report

Ivan reported we have \$964.08 in the bank and now 32 paid members.

Old Business

Jay reminded everyone that we are still looking into **Remote Demos**. This is a method of attending a learning session with a nationally known turner at a reduced cost, as the expert has no travel expenses. Some other clubs have tried these demos and been quite pleased. We have most of the technology needed to have 2 way audio-video communications with the instructor. At this point, it's a little early to know which experts will offer these sessions, so we're planning to watch and wait for now.

Monthly meeting demos:

March is open. By the end of the evening, Jim Palakavich had agreed to demonstrate his method for producing the very attractive decorated bowls he brought for Show and Tell.

April—this will be a Hands-On at which we take the green turned bowl blanks from the January meeting (and some others) and try our hands at re-turning to finished bowls under the tutelage of Tony, Tom, Jay and Jess.

May is open.

June—this will be our annual picnic. Ron graciously agreed to host again and selected Saturday, June 10, from 11 am to 2 pm as the date and time.

No New Business.

Reminder: the March meeting has been moved from the second Tuesday due to the High School's Spring Break. We will meet next on March 21.

Announcements

Oregon Woodturners Symposium, March 17-19, Albany, OR, \$210 incl. Lunches. Excellent panel of demonstrators, including Al Stirt, Binh Pho, Christian Burchard, Dixie Biggs, Don Ward, Jon Magill, Michael Blankenship, Nick Cook, Stuart Batty, and Stuart Mortimer.

Northwest Washington Woodturners presents **A Day with Trent Bosch**, March 25, 2017, Anacortes, WA, \$55.

AAW Annual International Symposium, June 22-25, Kansas City. And not hard to get to from here!

Henrietta Gale is selling her late husband's woodshop tools and gear. George Stanislaw is assisting and has a price list. George can be reached at 581-3509.

Woodturning Videos

The AAW has developed a one-stop-shopping resource for finding woodturning videos at AAW Video Source

(http://aawvideosource.org/php/video_detail_view.php) The videos go through a screening process to make sure that safe practices are shown.

Tom Robinson recently came across an online video he highly recommends on bandsawing bowl blanks. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yngK-YooAcg>) This very capable turner is Reed Gray, aka Robo Hippy, and he has a series of similar videos on YouTube.

Disclaimer from Dean: Reed is a very capable and experienced professional turner who uses large scrapers for much of his waste wood removal, so his techniques are somewhat different than other expert turners. Unfortunately, he does not show a high level of safety during his instructional videos as he feels safe with his experience, tools and methods. We strongly recommend our members use a full array of protective gear when working in the shop and using a chain saw.

Coincidentally, Dean Center also found some videos to recommend. The instructor is Stuart Batty and Dean says he is the most technically skilled turner he has seen at any of the symposia he's attended. He has some unique and strongly held opinions about many aspects of turning and is surprisingly competitive with other expert turners. That being said, there is no disputing his immense skill and experience, and that makes the videos well worth viewing. These videos were developed when Stuart was selling some advanced tools (he is now out of the business) and appear on the video service Vimeo.

(<https://vimeo.com/woodturning>)



Jurgen Demonstrates Making Fine Finials

Jurgen demonstrated his method for making fine finials. Taking liberties, I will try to share a few observations and pointers from his presentations.

1. One of the most valuable parts of the presentation was hearing about his problem solving process. Jurgen was able to make finials with standard lathe fittings, but found the residual vibration interfered with his ability to get really delicate dimensions. He tried a variety of steps and finally built a hollow adapter that screws onto his standard live center. The adapter has a small bearing inside and the fine, pointy end of the finial, turned initially between centers, rides in this controlled but free spinning holder. To reduce any marking of the finial by the bearing, he wraps the wood with a little plastic wrap.
2. The next problem Jurgen wrestled with was deciding on the proportions for the various parts of the finial. Incorporating the Golden Ratio, he experimented by making a great many prototypes until he had just the right balance and feel. Then he made a small story stick so that he could reproduce these proportions in future finials. (He also tries to observe the Golden Ratio in proportioning the box and the balance between box and the finial that goes onto it)

This was a wonderful demonstration which definitely captured the attention of the group. Many thanks for sharing, Jurgen!

