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Next Meeting

Tuesday, February
11

7 pm

Bozeman High
Wood Shop

Topic

Making Custom
Picture Frames by
Jess Tode

Minutes of the last Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by president Bob Taylor.
19 members present, one guest Dennis Skattum.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

We have 25 paid members and a bank balance of \$3437.

Committee Reports-none.

Old Business

Demonstrations

Bob solicited volunteers and Jess Tode said he will do a demonstration on making picture frames for the February meeting. Dan Olsen said he would show how to use a template to reproduce spindle items, using a gavel as an example at the March meeting. Tom Robinson was assigned the demo for the April meeting. Chris Nelson has volunteered to show how to make snowflakes, but was not present and his demo will be sometime in the fall.

There was a discussion of showing videos for the demo. There is not a consistent response to this form of demonstration, but more than half the members indicated they like them. One suggestion was to include questions and explanations from club members during the video as a way to increase the value. Dean will survey the members as to what DVD/videos they may have at home that are different than what we have in the library. The executive committee will winnow the list to a half dozen or so, and the members can select one for the May meeting. The June meeting is our traditional social meeting, without a demo.

Library

Bob has made a new box for the library but we need a librarian to keep it in order. No volunteers stepped forward, so Dean will be the librarian for the rest of the year.

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Announcements

We surveyed our members and the rest of the mailing list to see how many people would be willing to let us play one of their instructional DVDs at a meeting. I may have asked in a way that implied we were soliciting donations for the library, but the response was underwhelming. Worse than underwhelming.

So I'm going to try again. If you have a woodworking instructional DVD that you would be willing to let us borrow for ONE evening, to show at a meeting as a starting point for a discussion, please let me know what you have.

Thanks--Dean Center, Secretary

The topic for March has been changed. We will have a presentation on finishing. The plan is to have 4-5 stations where someone will be discussing and demonstrating their preferred finishing product and method. We need volunteers to present and this is a good chance for flat woodworkers to show off. Contact President Bob or VP Dan Olsen.



Show & Tell

For pictures of individual pieces, go to NRWG.org and click on 'Gallery'

Minutes of January 2-14, cont'd

Liability Insurance

The club needs to renew its liability coverage. The AAW has a policy available for \$90 per year, but it will only cover AAW members who do demos, it does not cover demos at members' homes, and covers paid demonstrators who are AAW members. Our current policy is called Option B by the AAW, costs \$425 per year, but covers members who do demos, whether AAW members or not, it covers club sponsored activities at members' homes, but does not cover paid demonstrators at all. It does have somewhat higher coverage amounts than the AAW policy. Members asked good questions, such as how much income the club has, and what about guests. After a good discussion, the members voted 11 for the Hartford \$425 policy, 2 for the AAW \$90 policy and the rest of the members abstained.

Rick will proceed with renewing our current policy, with needed corrections in club name and address, and make sure the School District gets a copy of the renewal.

The meeting was adjourned and the raffle held. Mike Kelly was the winner and selected his prize from a well stocked box of treasures.

Show and Tell provided a look a many really nice pieces provided by the members. There were 4-5 natural edge bowls. The level of creativity and skill being shown by members has increased nicely over the last year. Dean showed a couple of nut/washer welded faceplates he recently obtained from a turner in California at an average cost of about \$17 each and seem to be of decent quality.

Demonstration

Tony showed how he makes spoons totally on the lathe. He starts with a pair of flat wood pieces glued with paper between into a square spindle blank, carefully marks 3 mounting spots on each end, mounts between centers, turns the handle partially down, then turns the bowl portion into a sphere. After separating the square back to 2 individual spoon blanks, he mounts back between centers, using the second pair of marks, and turns the handle. Tony is able to move back and forth between the mounting marks because he uses a cup center on both the drive and live ends, so the center pin is not critical. Once the longitudinal work is done, he carefully parts off and cuts off the waste at the tail stock end.

With the outside of the spoon done, he mounts the bowl end in a homemade jig with the handle sticking out to the side. He hollows the inside of the scoop end of the spoon just like a small bowl.

Several tips I noted:

Marking the bowl portion with a line at each end and a line down the middle. As he turned the spherical shape, he didn't quite turn off the center line.

Ring centers at drive and live ends, as noted above, to make remounting easier.

Using a pre-made hemisphere jig to judge whether the outside of the bowl is a true sphere. You would have to know in advance the diameter the scoop end will be.

After rough hollowing the inside of the scoop, using a scraper with a pivoting motion helps keep the inside of the scoop smooth and truly hemispherical.

Watch out for the handle spinning where you don't normally have something going around. It makes a whirring noise that is distracting and really hurts when it hits you. Tony demonstrated that it breaks off when you accidentally hit it with the banjo handle. One member found this reassuring—if it happens to Tony, it's not as discouraging when it happens to him.

