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Next Meeting

Tuesday, February
10

7 pm

Bozeman High
Wood Shop

Topic

Making Pens—Ivan
Flock

Minutes of the January Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Jay Stanley, vice-president. 33 people were in attendance, including guests Richard School, Ryan Obermeyer, Keith Nykerk, Harvey Hassler.

Treasurer's Report:

Rick said we have a balance of \$2517.81.

Old Business:

No change in the planned Rudy Lopez workshop in early October. Dean applied for an Educational Opportunity Grant for the workshop on the assumption the workshop would take place.

We now have a sound system to use for demos.

Bob Taylor volunteered to do a demo on nested bowls at the May meeting.

A raffle was held and the lucky winner had a fair array of prizes from which to choose. We could still use some more. Please see if you've got something you're willing to donate.

Show and Tell was exceptional. A couple highlights--Jim Larson showed a piece which included pewter ends that he poured himself, and some silver wire inlays. Very original. Boyd Carson brought a Russian olive natural edge bowl with a remarkably smooth surface. He used General Finishes Salad Bowl Finish (3 coats then buff) on it. He also brought a couple hollow forms made from burl finished with the same material that looked like some antique Christmas ornaments we have—a very attractive look.

Demonstration

Tom mounted a small green log on the lathe and after some difficulties with the mounting took us through turning a natural edge bowl. Along the way he pointed out numerous tips and pointers. The end result had a wonderfully smooth surface, nice bark, and a very attractive shape—more attractive to me than what we usually see in natural edge bowls made from half logs. He advised the pith in the ends of the bowl will pucker out and suggested drilling a hole in the center of each of them. Thanks for the very informative demo, Tom; I heard several very positive comments afterward. Personally, his tool handling skill blows me away every time.

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! (Sam Angelo, Sally Ault, Mark Baker, Michael Blankenship, Jason Breach, Jay Brown, Rex Burningham, Kip Christensen, Kirk DeHeer, Kurt Hertzog, Cindy Drozda, Ashley Harwood, Mike Jackfosky, Art Liestman, Eric Lofstrom, Cindy Navarro, Stan Record, Jim Rodgers, Jason Schneider, Alan Trout, Neil Turner, Guilio Marcolongo). Super Wednesday May 13.

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, September 18-21, with a very different group of demonstrators this year. David Ellsworth, Glenn Lucas, Betty Scarpino, Michael Roper, Sam Angelo, Vince Wilson, Janice Levi, Doug Schreiber, Steve Sinner, Ron Day, Al Mirman, and more.

New Additions to our Library from the AAW:

Books—Making and Using Turning Tools, Turning Holiday Ornaments, Turning Bowls and Platters.

DVDs—Skill Building Projects with Mark St. Leger, Turning Projects from Scrap with Bob Rosand, Dale Nish; the Woodturners Mentor, Rude Osolnik; Dean of American Woodturners

WARNING—Emerald Ash Borer is Coming to Town

Since 2002, millions of ash trees in the Midwest have been killed by a newly imported pest, the Emerald Ash Borer. So far, it's not in Montana, but experts consider it just a matter of time.

The Ash Borer has the potential to devastate Bozeman's urban forest. Consider that half of Bozeman's trees, and over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the large trees, are Green Ash, and could be killed off. The city is developing a management plan that they hope will help, but the best chance is to keep the bug from reaching town for as long as possible.

The insect can only reach Bozeman in Ash wood. Lumber and tool handles are possible, but presumably kiln drying and removal of the bark would eliminate them. Experts think firewood is the most likely source and one person explained that RV'ers routinely bring firewood along with them and ash wood for fires is now cheap and prevalent in the Midwest.

The other source for imported Ash Borers is turning wood. Yep, YOU could be the one to start the plague. The solution is to not buy ash turning blanks by mail order and not bring ash wood back with you when you visit the Midwest. (This means you, Jay, and anybody else with family back there)

Please do your part and Please tell anyone you know who gets turning material from outside the state about the problem and what they can do to help.



Jess asks that, to save time, you print this page, cut out the slips, then fill out and bring with you to meetings.

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