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Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 21

7 pm

Bozeman High Wood Shop

Topic

Making delicate finials by Jurgen Weiel



Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Stanley. One guest, David Mann, was present, along with 25 regulars.

Treasurer's Report

Ivan reported we have \$1272 in the bank, with our annual insurance premium of \$425 due.

He reminded the members that our agreement is for each of us to donate one item to the raffle each year. He suggests unused tools are a good item to donate and asked everyone to look around their shop and see what they don't use and could donate.

No Old Business

New Business

The February meeting will be moved to February 21 to avoid conflict with Valentine's Day. The March meeting has already been moved to March 21 due to the school's spring break.

One reminder: after the meeting, attendees are asked to return the stools to the table tops and police all trash, such as coffee cups.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 21 when Jurgen will show us how he makes delicate, intricate finials.

The raffle was held and three winners were selected. Show and Tell was modest in number but high in interesting and attractive pieces.

The demonstration was a Hands On workshop on turning green wood. The attendees were very enthusiastic and the coaches shared a great many tips. We will follow up in April with a Hands On focused on returning dried blanks. If you went home with one of the rough turned blanks in January, be sure to bring it back in April.

Announcements

Idaho Artistry in Wood Show, Boise, February 25-26.

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!

We have recently been contacted by **Bjorn Worum** who will be bringing maple and cherry wood from Pennsylvania on a periodic basis. This will mostly be lumber but he would also bring some turning material if people are interested. Rough, kiln dried boards are \$3.25/ bf. If you are interested, contact him at b_worum@hotmail.com.

Tera Graham contacted us and inquired if anyone could provide basic woodworking instruction. If you would consider doing so, please contact her at tera.fields@yahoo.com.

Lessons from the Green Wood Hands On

How to tell when your blank or wood is dry:

During Show and Tell at the last meeting, Mike Stoner showed how he determines moisture content of his drying wood with a moisture meter. These devices can cost up to several hundred dollars, but inexpensive ones can be found for around \$40. They generally have 2 pins that you insert into the wood and by scientific magic they can tell the moisture content. It can be difficult to get the pins into hard wood and may give different results in side grain versus end grain, but they will give a specific number you can follow as the wood dries.

Another take home message was that most of us could use some refreshing of our basics turning skills and everyone is encouraged to use the club mentors. Tony and Tom are very willing to help with specific problems, but you don't have to be having a problem to spend productive time with them. Asking these gentle and gracious teachers to observe and comment on your sharpening, lathe set up, tool presentation, bowl hollowing, or whatever can show you steps to improve that you didn't know you could take. Or ask their help in learning a new skill, like using a negative rake scraper, filling voids with inlay, or power sanding. You'll be glad you did! Tony Huckert 220-2223. Tom Robinson 556-8289 or TJRMT@mtopticom.net.

Also, if you find the topic of one of the club demonstrations particularly appealing, contact the member who presented and I'm pretty sure you will find a welcoming teacher.



Engaging Photos from the Turning Green Hands-On

Courtesy of Dan Olsen, roving Cub Reporter

