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## Officers

### **President**

Jarred McDaniel

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday,

**6:30 pm**

Bozeman High  
Wood Shop

### Topic

CNC woodworking,  
plus a short "Intro  
to safe  
woodturning"  
presentation by  
BHS Industrial Arts  
Instructor  
Dan Brown

## Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jarred McDaniel at 6:30 pm. We had one guest, Steve Patterson, who clearly is heading into the vortex as even though he doesn't yet have a lathe, he is looking to stock up on wood.

### Treasurer's Report

Jim reports that we have 35 dues paid members and \$2707.56 in the bank.

### Announcements

The CA glue order is in and ready to distribute. Those placing an order have been advised of the amount. Anyone who placed an order but was not present at the meeting can contact Jarred at [President@NRWG.org](mailto:President@NRWG.org) to make arrangements.

This Saturday we will have a special shop tour at the shop of carriage restorer and wheelwright Harlan Olson. Directions have been sent by email.

Jarred was sad to announce that Tony's wife Diana passed away and services will be held tomorrow. The highlight of the evening came shortly after when Tony showed up for the meeting. We have missed him and his contributions over the last few months.

Dan Brown reminded members that there is an ongoing issue with parking near the shop. On the south side, near the entry door, there is a fire lane and the authorities are very concerned about visitors parking in that area. Dan asked that we NOT park south of the shop complex and he will look into opening the door across the hall from the interior shop door, next to the bathrooms, so that parking on the north of the complex is more convenient. He also reminded us not to park in front of any roll up doors to any part of the school.

Dan also invited anyone interested to join his knife making class, starting Thursday. It will run for 12 weeks or so and there is a modest fee to attend. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact him via email.

We have some new, well cured hickory small logs added to the raffle this month.

Jurgen will be making a crib, possibly convertible to a toddler bed, and would appreciate any plans or suggestions members who have made such a wonderful piece might contribute. ([jurgenweiel@msn.com](mailto:jurgenweiel@msn.com))

## Announcements

**Tony Huckert** will be resuming his Wood U. for anyone wanting assistance in learning to turn. As members know, he is a very experienced turner, and his meticulous style and gentle, patient teaching manner make him a terrific teacher from whom to get a safe, high quality start in turning, or to improve your skills. 406-220-0223.

The Northwest Washington Woodturners are hosting a 1 day demo with Nick Agar on Saturday, March 21 in Anacortes, WA, for anyone wanting to get out of the cold and into the wet. Nick is a highly accomplished turner with a broad range of projects. ([NWWWWT.org](http://NWWWWT.org))

## Shop Tour, January 18

Harlan Olson hosted 14 guests for a tour of his carriage restoration business and collection. To say it was a remarkable experience is a vast understatement. Harlan has spent his life doing exactly what he loves, which is a broad array of wood and metal working tasks to repair and restore classical vehicles of many sorts. He reluctantly left off one of his projects to give us the tour, along with his partner and enabler wife Joal.

Over the years Harlan and Joal have collected an amazing array of tools, relics, and well crafted vehicles of all sorts, and all were available for us to see. They have replacement parts for an armada of future restorations as well as over a dozen sleighs, buggies, carriages, and wagons in their personal collection.

Harlan is a patient and skilled craftsman, an excellent problem solver, and well appreciated by those for whom he has done work. Everyone in our group came away greatly impressed. Finally, Harlan was able to get back to his wagon.

## Minutes of the Meeting (cont'd)

Bob Taylor was given a vintage lathe and he has brought it to offer to anyone who would like it.

Jarred announced that the next President's Challenge will be "Make a tool or implement of any sort for woodworking." Jigs included. (Larry Carucci used his psychic powers and brought to tonight's show and tell a really nice turning tool handle with a collet tool holder that he made.)

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**The Raffle** was held with several lucky winners.

**Show and Tell** was exceptional for the range and originality of the pieces, in keeping with the President's Challenge to do something new. It was not exceptional for the many recitations of crises barely averted and insurmountable challenges overcome, however. From the simplicity of a really form fitting stick shift knob and a forest of colorful trees, to perfectly shaped and finished bowls and a beautiful small wooden radio, to the complexity of an artfully deconstructed hollow form, rustically decorated platter, two gorgeous beaded bowls, and Tony's spectacular lidded forms, it was a spectacular show. And don't overlook the bowling ball bowl! Who thinks up this stuff? Our members, that's who. Kudos to everyone who brought their work.



### Off Center Turning Demo by Jim Palakovich

Jim made a heroic effort to show us how he makes the lids for his potpourri boxes, which feature grooves cut on different centers on the top and underside of the lid to create attractive openings for the scent to pass through. He succeeded, but had to fight the wood which was determined not to cooperate. In addition to the techniques for making the lid, Jim taught us a lot about dealing with surprises and maintaining your sense of humor in spite of rotten luck. Thank you, Jim!



Shop Tour at Harlan and Joal Olson's Carriage Works

