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Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 14
7 pm

Bozeman High
Wood Shop

Topic

Figuring out how to
cut blanks from a
burl or log—Tony
Huckert

Minutes of the March Meeting

Meeting called to order by President George Stanislao. Guests included Sig Dehn and Alan Craig. 36 people attended.

Treasurer's Report

Rick stated we have a bank balance of \$1843.96.

Old Business

Tom reminded us that **Rudy Lopez** will be putting on a workshop the first weekend in October.

Shop Tours.

The original date didn't work out and we have rescheduled to Saturday, April 11 at the shops of Tony, George, and Tom. A sign up sheet was passed around so we can divide people into manageable sized groups. The format would be each group spends an hour or so at a shop, the shop owner puts on a very simple demo and answers questions about how/why he's got his shop put together as he does, then the groups rotate on to the next shop. The rotations would start at 9 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm. With time for travel and a quick lunch on our own.

Jay coordinated the harvesting of 3 large **elm trees** in Three Forks. Lots of guys got lots of good wood.

Upcoming **demos** will be Tony showing how to figure out what blanks to get out of a log or burl in April and Bob showing the McNaughton coring system in May. June will be our annual social meeting and Ron has again offered to host. We don't yet have a date, but will by the next meeting.

Harvey Hassler is selling wood that is too large for him to handle. (587-1553)

The AAW advised us that we were not successful with our **EOG grant** application this year. Apparently, the funds come from the annual meeting and attendance was lower than recent years last June, so they had a smaller fund to distribute.

We have some **Beads of Courage** covered bowls on display. Jim Larson is the project leader and would like to have the donations turned in by the next meeting, so we can get them to St. Paul in time for the AAW to take to the annual meeting.

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Announcements

Symposia and Workshops

Utah, Provo/Orem, May 14-16, Super Wednesday May 13. (utahwoodturning.com)

AAW International, Pittsburgh PA, June 25-28. (woodturner.org)

Rocky Mountain Woodturning, Ft. Collins/Loveland, September 18-20. (rmwoodturningsymposium.com)

Great Falls Woodturners, September 26-27, Rudy Lopez. (gfturners.org)

Yellowstone Woodturners, Billings, October 17-18, Alan Carter. (yellowstoneturners.org)

Beads of Courage bowls/boxes, need to be turned in at the NRWG April meeting. We will discuss whether to send off to the AAW meeting for showing and distribution as originally planned, or whether to go our own way and donate to our regional children's cancer program at Seattle Children's Hospital.

Shop Tours—the tour scheduled for April 11 was cancelled, and we will discuss the format prior to kicking them off. The question is whether to have one longer stop at a single shop, or to have several shorter stops with smaller groups at several shops. Or sometimes one, sometimes the other, depending on the size of the shop and the shop owner's ability to put on a demo. Bring your thoughts.

NEW AAW SERVICE – AAW CONNECTS MAP

AAW is extremely excited to announce that another new service. We have created a one-stop, web-based tool for viewing information about each of our over 350 chapters, as well as scheduled demonstrations, chapter events, craft and woodturning schools and organizations, and regional symposia schedules.

See the new map tool: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=AAWConnectsMap>

Map tool instructions: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=AAWConnectsMap411>

We will need to rely on all chapters to help us ensure that changes are incorporated.

March Minutes, cont'd

New Business

Bob Taylor has a lathe for sale. Members are reminded that we have a classified section on the web site, where they can buy and sell tools and other items.

The Raffle was held. We had a manageable volume of submissions to Show 'n Tell, and the quality and interest are still very high.

Boyd demonstrated how he turns hollow forms. In spite of distractions from some guy asking silly questions, the group was very attentive and Boyd did an terrific job on his first demo. The content was very interesting and useful, and his presentation was clear and on point. Kudos to Boyd!



