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Next Meeting

Tuesday,
December 8

7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting on
Zoom (Join after
6:45)

Topic

**Making flintlock
firearms** by Bruce
Benedict

Don't forget to have
your Show and Tell
items ready to share!

Minutes of the last Meeting

The online meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Jarred McDaniel. 18 people were present.

Treasurer's Report

Jim advised we have \$2219 in the bank.

Old Business

The Susan Razzano blanks have been given out, 2 are still available. The finished projects don't need to be done immediately and Jarred will advise when and how we will collect them.

New Business

The AAW website continues to provide a listing of online interactive demos. The cost is still low and for AAW sponsored demos, if you register but do not attend in person, you can download a copy of the demonstration to view at your leisure. John Jordan, one of the most well known turners in the US will be demonstrating on Saturday, November 21 from 1-3 pm, MOUNTAIN time. Cost is \$10 for AAW members and \$35 for non-members.

There was a question presented by Jess. Someone who is not a member of the NRWG would like to become a member of the Facebook group, but it is limited to members. Club dues are currently suspended, so how does he join the club so he can join the Facebook group. After discussion, the consensus was that if they have never been a member of the NRWG, they should pay dues.

A discussion of filling voids with inlay or epoxy came up, especially related to larger, full thickness voids. In order to fill them, it's necessary to provide some backing to hold the fill material. Various kinds of tape can be used, and Tom offered a unique suggestion. In his experience, Wrestling Mat Tape works especially well. This wide tape is readily available online.

Len had some questions about trading up to a larger lathe. Any one who has been considering selling a full sized lathe could make an easy sale.

Show and Tell

We had a very robust show and tell with many very nice pieces to see. Thanks to all who showed their work. Please send me photos of your work so I can include in the newsletter.

Announcements

The AAW continues to post a calendar of interactive remote demos, at <https://community.woodturner.org/events/ird-demonstrations>. The recent Lidded Box demo with John Jordan was extremely interesting, and showed all kinds of unique ways John does things.

December offerings appear to be primarily about making art and decorating your work. Here are a couple that stand out to me:

Butterfly Repairs with Ed Pretty, December 15, 4 pm Mountain Time. Ed has demonstrated at an AAW symposium. Also known as Dutchmen or Pewas. \$15.

Turn a Lidded Bowl with Glenn Lucas, December 19, 9:30 am Mountain Time. (Hey-it's dinner time in Ireland) \$11.75, apparently an even number of Euros.

There's an accomplished artistic turner in New Mexico who is selling his shop contents, including a fully loaded Robust lathe. Must be picked up there, but if you've been dreaming of upgrading to an American Beauty, here's your chance to save a few bucks. Contact secretary@nrwg.org if interested.

Demonstration

Jim Palakovich gave an excellent presentation on how he figured out methods for the daunting task of turning spherical boxes with threaded joins. He uses life size drawings to make sure he allows for extra wood where needed, accurate dimensions, and for creating a story stick to use doing the actual turning. The outside turning of a sphere is demanding, but to make them exactly the pre-determined size was impressive. He uses a series of progressively smaller forstner bits to drill out most of the interior waste, followed by hand turning to finish the hollowing. This again has to be precisely done so that there is length for the male end of the join and neither too little nor too much wall thickness.

Due to the length of time devoted to Show and Tell, there was not enough time to show the entire threading process, but he was able to demonstrate threading the male end of the join. He uses the Chefware Kits threading jig, which he likes. For those interested in buying a threading outfit, the Chefware is about \$350 with all you need.

Latest Member Work

Keith Nathan



Dusty Foran



Boyd Carson

