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Next Meeting

**Tuesday,
November 13**

7 pm

Bozeman High
Wood Shop

Topic

Bob Taylor will demonstrate his updated method for making trivets—a popular Christmas gift

Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jurgen Weiel. We had two guests, Landon Meyer and Phyllis Gartner.

Treasurer's Report

Boyd advised that we have \$2158 in the bank after numerous dues payments. (Anyone who has not paid their dues for the year—Dues are Due, \$25.)

Old Business

The Student Demo day was much appreciated and went well. Jurgen thanked all those who demonstrated and helped out. Dan Brown said it was a great demo day and he and students appreciated it very much.

Hand MADE MT Craft Fair--We have sign up sheets for those interested in making tops or similar small projects at the Fair October 20-21. We would also like people to make some tops so we have a bunch to give away to kids who stop by our booth. We will not be able to make them fast enough at the demo. Those who make tops can give to any officer, Jim Palakovich or Jay Stanley.

Meeting Demos—as always, we need volunteers to do demos or ideas on what members would like to have in a demo.

New Business

There is a man in Manhattan who is offering mesquite slabs for sale. They are quite sizable. Steve Beard 284-2057

We had a raffle and a really nice Show and Tell.

The demonstration for the evening was Tony showing us how he makes goblets.

NOTE: our next meeting is NOT election day, but one week later, to allow everyone to recover from the horrible campaigning.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

HandMADE MT Craft Fair Report

Your NRWG sponsored a booth at the first Craft Fair, October 20-12 at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. The sponsors reported 4000 attendees on Saturday and 3000 on Sunday. There were 200 vendors with really high quality booths. Many were from western Montana, presumably vendors who were familiar to the sponsors from their prior shows.

There were a few woodworking booths, including one with mostly pens, one with machine made kitchenware, and a couple booths with actual turned products. One owner surprised us as a turner from Belgrade who is a pretty good guy and we encouraged him to join the club.

Half of our booth was devoted to a sales area where Jay, Jim Rendle, Jim Palakovich, Jess, Jarred and Ivan had their wares for sale. Jim generated a lot of interest by playing his guitars and offering them to others to play. A couple of guitar volunteers really got some great tunes out of them. Overall, sales were modest at best.

The other half of the booth was devoted to a demonstration of turning on gear provided by Jay. We mostly made tops and gave them out to kids who stopped by. We had about 40 tops to start and made another 80 or so during the show. At the end, we had exactly 2 left. The visitors were generally very interested in our turning, and a dozen or so were clearly enthralled and we encouraged them to come to a meeting. There were three people so taken with turning, I think I could have sold them lathes on the spot.

We also had a display of member work, not for sale, that attracted steady interest. Jess brought a little illustration that got a lot of interest. He paired a natural edge bowl and a half log, both russian olive, that illustrated the raw material and the turned result.

The best part of the show, in my mind, was the dedication and commitment of the members who organized and worked the show. We had 5 members who met periodically and organized our booth, and then 8 members present for most or all of the 2 day show. The ability of these guys to work together and put on a great booth was very rewarding to see. Thank you, Jurgen, Jay, Jess, Jim P, Ivan, Dusty, Jim R., Jarred, Tony and Dean.



Tony's Goblet Demonstration



Photos from the NRWG booth at the HandMADE MT Craft Fair 2018



