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## Officers

**President**  
Jay Stanley

**Vice President**  
Jurgen Weiel

**Treasurer**  
Ivan Flock

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, October  
11

7 pm

Bozeman High  
Wood Shop

## Topic

**How to get the  
most out of  
crotch wood and  
scraps**

## Minutes of the last Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Jay Stanley. We had 4 guests: Bill Beckman, Jim Rendle, Mike Conn, David Wise.

### Treasurer's Report

Ivan reposted we have \$2409 in the bank. Annual dues are now due and \$25.

### Old Business

Michael Hosaluk Workshop. Hosaluk DVD is available for those who want to see what he can offer. Friday will begin with first period, at 8:25 and the last session will be gin at 2:45 and end at 3:35. Saturday we will open at 8 am and start the program at 8:30, running until 4. On Sunday, the Hands On session will begin at 8:30, running until 3:30 or 4. Lunch will be provided for those who register/pay in advance. CraftSupplies, Belgrade TruValue Hardware and Kenyon Noble have provided donations for door prizes.

Report on the national woodturning competition attended by David Kletter and Dan Brown.

### New Business

Ivan came across a very instructive handout on setting up a band saw. He distributed copies that he had made.

### Officer Elections

Nominees are Jay Stanley, to continue as President, Jurgen Weiel for Vice-President, and Dean Center to continue as Secretary, a 2 year term. Ivan still has a year remaining on his 2 year term as Treasurer and won't be up for election. All nominees were elected by enthusiastic majority.

Henrietta Gale has a collection of tools used by her late husband which she plans to sell. George was very complimentary about the tools and can provide more information. Ivan has been helping her plan the sale, which apparently won't take place for a while, and he can provide additional information, as well. When they are actively for sale, we will post in the classified section on the web site.

## Announcements

**Keith Gottschall** workshop at the **Yellowstone Woodturners** in Billings, October 8-9, \$90 by September 9. Held at Roaring 20's Auto, 3400 W. Grand Ave. ([Yellowstoneturners.org](http://Yellowstoneturners.org))

## Hosaluk Workshop

Michael Hosaluk proved to be a delightful person as well as a highly skilled turner and a no-holds-barred creative artist. He introduced some unique approaches to making pieces and his use of some unique tools to make them. He works adjacent to his home and he is always happy to get up and go to work. He's spent over 30 years loving what he does.

On Friday, he started each of 6 school periods with a string spun top. Then made 3 from the following: an off-set turned candle stick, a baseball, a 'strange object' with a steam bent portion, a large band sawn door stop, a spatula, or a second top while the first one was still spinning. He emphasized somewhat different points when the classes were wood shop, compared to the combined art/metal shop groups. In all, 232 students attended during the course of the day.

On Saturday, a small but focused group of NRWG members, a couple of fellows from Billings and a couple of students (intermittently) enjoyed an interesting and varied set of sessions. The day started with a slide show of Michael's work over the years. The photos from 20-30 years ago were of pieces we would consider quite original today. Michael has gotten an idea and tried many variations and permutations on the idea, then moved on. Once he moves on, he doesn't go back, so that his work is always fresh and his customers receptive. His ideas come from travels to all the corners of the globe, or from the most mundane of prairie circumstances.

After the slide show, he reprised some of the Friday spindle demos, adding a ladle which can have a turned handle, a turned, cut and reglued box and a goblet/chalice. In the afternoon, he showed off by turning a see-through madrone bowl from a sopping wet blank, all the way to sanding. Then, a bowl with carved feet turned end grain, using mainly a hook tool with forged, replaceable tips. And a beautifully shaped and masterfully turned hollow form. In hollow turning, he uses 2 very simple, shop made tools, one straight and one angled at the tip. These are much like the Ellsworth tools. He also spent quite a bit of time as he went along talking about surface decoration, including wood burning, pyrography, and painting.



## Hosaluk Workshop cont'd

Sunday was a wonderful day of exploration and fellowship. George, Jay, Jess, Dan, Paul and Gary Slanina from Billings spent a tiring shavings filled day at the lathe and at the decorating bench. The interests and skill sets of the students were varied and so were the project undertaken. Jay set the standard for volume of shavings made, and probably number of pieces completed. Jess spent part of his time quickly making a simple bowl which he then practiced decorating with carving, painting, wood burning, and just plain setting fire to it. George explored spindle turning, something novel for him, including a really nice box and end grain bowl. Paul and Dan worked at length on end grain hollowing, aiming towards a cut and reglued box. Gary worked hard at spindle projects and a bowl.

Tony, Tom and Eric came to help, Boyd came to spectate and Dean played gopher.

Everyone went for lunch and enjoyed their time joking and sharing and learning together. It was a great day.



