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Trent Bosch Workshop

When: February 8-10

9:00-3:30 Friday/Saturday

8:30-3:00 Sunday for those pre-registered for the Hands On

Where: Bozeman High Wood Shop

What: Friday: Demo for BHS students, teachers
(Members welcome)

Saturday: Demo for turners

How much: \$40 for 1-2 days of demos

Where to learn more: NRWG.com or trentbosch.com

☞ Please bring 1 item of which you're proud on Saturday for a brief Show and Tell.



"Self Portrait" by Trent Bosch

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January 8 Meeting

(preliminary minutes)

I. Board Meeting.

The officers met prior to the general meeting and primarily worked on the Trent Bosch Workshop scheduled February 8-10 at the BHS wood shop. The details are posted on our web site, and an announcement has been sent to the AAW which will forward it on to regional clubs. Dan prepared a flyer/poster which will be distributed to appropriate stores and local clubs. How to manage sign-up for the hands-on consumed considerable time. A summary of tasks with a "To Do" list is available and we would like someone to step forward to organize refreshments for Saturday's session.

II. General Meeting

A. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Vice-president Ivan Flock as Jim Larson is still out of town.

B. Guests tonight were Mike Kelly, Al McSween, and Mike Stoner. Total attendance was 26.

C. Nick gave the Treasurer's report. In the last month, we collected dues of \$180, raffle income of \$40, and we were reimbursed for the sharpening jig for \$75. The checking account balance is \$2334. Dues for 2013 are due and still a bargain at \$20. Dues should be paid prior to attending the workshop. Nick has the sign up sheet and is taking payment for both dues and the workshop.

D. Ivan presented information on the Trent Bosch Workshop. See the attachment for more details and a summary of the "To Do" list and responsible parties. We would like someone to volunteer to provide refreshments for the Saturday demos. Someone came across a recently downed tree of mysterious species in Manhattan and it will provide all the green wood needed for the demos, possibly also the Hands On. (NOTE: wood supply looks adequate for the Hands On)

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Next Meeting:

February 12, 2013
7PM BHS Wood Shop

Topic: Review and Show-and-Tell from Trent Bosch Workshop, Hands On participants please bring your work.
+ Liability insurance.

January 8 Meeting, continued

Those participating in the Hands On should consider which of the projects (carved platter, bowl or hollow form with various decorating methods) they might want to tackle with Trent. It is possible participants could complete 2 projects. More information on these choices and ideas for other projects are available on Trent's web site, trentbosch.com. Another option is to ask Trent to help you with specific turning problems or personal projects with which you might want an expert's assistance.

E. Show and Tell provided some interesting pieces, as always, and some tall tales of turning adventure. We got a look at a large African Maple platter and a pair of pepper mills made from Tasmanian burl, as well as the biggest box elder bowl ever made. And we learned that Eric has been bewitched by shaggy mane mushrooms (which might explain a few things, like that driveway). Loren showed a sweet little cherry bowl with a decorated rim, his very first bowl! A couple of guys substituted photos for actual, touchable pieces. The members couldn't agree whether this is fair play, but the pieces in the photos sure were nice looking.

F. For the raffle, Jess donated a hat and mug with a turning motif that had belonged to Gordon, and they were snatched up by the winner.

G. Tony gave a demonstration on balancing bowls. In this process, you mount the blank between centers and adjust the position between centers to get the desired effect. This is not possible when mounting on a face plate or screw chuck.

For a conventional bowl, this would be to have the pith run down the center with the perpendicular edges equally far from the center (this is much easier to see than to explain). Tom advised you sometimes have to count the growth rings to get the sides equally spaced. This process also allows you to take advantage of special features in the blank. He provided a marked up blank to illustrate what he would look at when analyzing a blank prior to mounting.

For a natural edge bowl, he discussed the importance of getting both the high and low opposing edges the same height, and then he showed how to do it. He also explained how to avoid differences in the thickness of the high and low edges by making the outside shape and the inside cut more vertical near the edge.

Tony also emphasized the value of securing the gouge to your hip and using your whole body to move it, and clearly showed how he does this.

H. **Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12** and feature a recap of the Trent Bosch Workshop. With the Workshop just a few days earlier, there will probably not be an additional demo, but we should have some excellent pieces from the workshop to look at and discuss. Anyone who has an idea or request for a future demo, or who has something they would like to share with the club in the form of a demo, please contact Jim Larson.

Dean Center
Secretary

Tony shows how to balance a bowl—



The demo blank



Rapt attention



The finished, balanced bowl



Saddle up to turn a natural edge bowl, with a hefty gouge.

NRWG/AAW Liability Insurance

A special meeting of the Executive Board was held on January 21, 2013 to discuss the liability insurance situation which arose when the AAW abruptly discontinued coverage of local clubs. Jim looked hard and found the best deal to be a policy with increased coverage for \$425 per year. Since we do not have a NRWG members meeting before the Trent Bosch Workshop, the Executive Committee unanimously decided to purchase the coverage ahead of the Workshop and bring the matter to the membership for ratification at the next scheduled meeting on February 12. An increase in dues to cover part or all of the cost of insurance will need to be discussed.