

November 2004



# Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

## October 2004 Meeting

### Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be at Tom Robinson's shop
- Alan Lacer will be giving a demonstration for Guild Members only
- Tuesday November 16th, 2004 @ 5:30 P.M.
- 565 Mary Rd. Bozeman

The October meeting was held at John Montagne's shop on 10/12/04.

- The AAW is giving away two Delta lathes in a random drawing of people that renew their AAW membership by January 15th 2005. [http://www.woodturner.org/news/lathe\\_giveaway.cfm](http://www.woodturner.org/news/lathe_giveaway.cfm)

- The library has an addition '500 Wood Bowls' published by Lark Books—John Noyes donated this book. One of his bowls is featured in the book.

- Alan Lacer will be coming to Bozeman to give us a demonstration. The suggested topic for Alan is the use of the skew chisel but we will also let him explore other topics as requests come up. The demonstration is scheduled to start at 6:00 P.M. on November 16th at Tom's shop. We would like to get everyone together around 5:30 for introductions and to have a quick business meeting. Gordon will provide accommodations for Alan overnight. We need to find out from Alan what he needs for turning stock.

- Officer elections: We will be holding elections in December for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to help please toss your hat into the ring. Jim Palakovich will advance from Vice President to President per the bylaws.

- Dues will be collected by the first of the year. More discussion was held about raising the dues to \$20/year. These funds are used to pay for demonstrators such as Alan Lacer. We will vote on raising the dues at the December meeting.

- John Noyes gave a demonstration on how he turns and finishes his Juniper pieces. John is producing 1000 to 1500 of these pieces a year.



Juniper turnings by John Noyes

## Alan Lacer Demo

Alan Lacer has confirmed that he will be available to demonstrate to the group November 16th. At last report he was in Hawaii for demonstrations. He is driving through the area so any travel expenses he charges us should be minimal. His fee for an evening demonstration is \$250. We are paying for this demonstration out of the guild funds so attendance is limited to guild members only.

Alan has been involved in the turning field for over twenty years as a turner, teacher, writer, exhibition coordinator, demonstrator and past president of the American Association of Woodturners. He has published several articles in the AAW American Woodturner magazine. His work can be seen at <http://www.alanlacer.com/>

## Web Site

- The Web site is up and running.
- The address is WWW.NRWG.ORG
- This web site should be a useful tool for all of us so any suggestions on how to improve it will be welcome.
- More content will be added all the time so keep checking.
- We are looking for more content so if you have an article of interest or you would like to write one we can put it on the web site.
- Rather than duplicating efforts between the web site and the newsletter, the gallery pictures in detail will only be posted on the web site. This allows viewing of higher resolution pictures without clogging up our internet bandwidth challenged members.
- With the web site we now have the opportunity to step up the quality of the pictures also. To this end we need to come up with some kind of a portable back drop so individual pictures can be taken of the show and tell items.

## Guests

Peter McNair

## Demonstration

John Noyes demonstrated his techniques for turning and finishing the Juniper forms. The raw stock for these items is old fence posts. Some of these posts have been in the ground for many years. These come complete with barb wire and staples but John important to remove anything the tourist will cut themselves on to avoid possible



There are lots of hazards in this type of turning so John explained he uses full face mask, protection respirator, and a box fans to dust away from the lathe. His shop has pull the from the



After the hole is completed The length of



outside shape then he bores the test tube. depth is set for the test tube.

John uses compressed air to clean out the hole as he is drilling it and dust and dirt exterior of the explained it is important to wood block sure you any natural to dislodge in the piece. He very study the first to make emphasize feature.





Once the outside shape is defined then John uses power sanding through grits to 600. It is necessary to be very careful not to sand into the wood that has not been turned because you will lose the natural aged wood look.

If a natural feature is chipped off turning the turning process, he will glue it back into place.

Once the sanding is complete then he applies a coat of Minwax brand Tung Oil.

<http://www.minwax.com/products/specialty/tung-oil.cfm>

This is applied with a brush only to the wood that has been turned and sanded. The natural wood is left alone. This is allowed to dry for 24 hours then an additional coat is applied. After this coat is allowed to dry for 24 hours then the finish is buffed out with a power buffing wheel.



## Gallery



Cottonwood – John M



Green Ash – John M



Burl with metal foil – Gordon



Burl with metal foil – Gordon

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Directions are Valley Center Rd. to Mary Rd. Turn North on Mary and it is the third house from the north end of Mary. Tom says the new shop is ready so we will be meeting in his shop which is just south of the house.

Meeting date and time = Tuesday November 16th, 2004 @ 5:30 P.M.