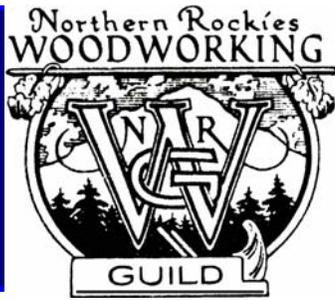


September  
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# Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

## Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the Bozeman High School wood shop. Demo T.B.D.
- Tuesday September 12, 2006 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Guests always welcome
- See last page for directions
- The group is taking the summer break until the September meeting

The Guild Web Site  
can be found at  
[WWW.NRWG.ORG](http://WWW.NRWG.ORG)

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact one of the officers or come to a meeting. Guests with all levels of woodworking skills and interests are always welcome.

## Al Stirt demo and hands on session

### The hands on sessions are filling up! Be sure to get your money in right away to make sure you get a time slot.

We have Al Stirt committed to a demo on October 6th 2006 at the Bozeman High School wood shop. He specializes more in classic bowls, platters and surface treatments. To see his work check out his web site at <http://www.alstirt.com/index.html>

The demo is on October 6th, a Friday, so the Bozeman High School students will have a chance to see his work. We received very good feedback with the students having the opportunity to see the Clewes demo.

The demo will be all day and the cost of admission is \$50.00. We would like to get every one signed up early for the demo. Please sign up and pay your money at the September meeting. This will help us with the planning.

This demo should be a very good one from what the people that have seen him demonstrate before have said.

In addition to the demo day, Al will also be available for hands on sessions on Saturday the 7th and Sunday the 8th. There are openings for 6 students on each day. The cost for each student is \$100.00 per day. This covers Al's fee for his time.

Guild members have priority for the hands on sessions and they are on a first come first serve basis. If all 12 slots are not filled by the September meeting then we will open up the sessions for anyone that wants to participate.

To reserve your hands on session time slot you need to send your \$100.00 to George Stanislao Treasurer 305 High K Belgrade, MT 59714 stanislao@theglobal.net 388-4353. Make your check out to Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild and mark it for the Al Stirt class. With your check indicate your preference of Saturday or Sunday and if you are flexible on which day. When the class fills up we will start a waiting list in case we get a cancellation.

Time slots are on a first come first serve basis so be sure to get your money to George right away.

If you cannot make the September meeting but wish to sign up for the demo on October 6th you can send your check to George ahead of time also. Mark the check for the Friday demo.

When you do get signed up for the hands on class we will send you a tools and materials list of items that you will need for the class.

At the September meeting we will be discussing the setting up of the demo and acquiring the wood and supplies that we will need. To meet the needs for the hands on classes we will need to borrow some lathes and get some help with transportation and setup.

This demo is not to be missed.

In early August Gordon McMullen called me with the news that an Elm tree was being taken down on Story street. The homeowner has known Gordon for many years and she kept telling him that when the time came to take this tree down he could have the wood provided she got a bowl. When the time final came and she called Gordon, he explained to her that it might 1 to 2 years to finish a bowl that big and her first question was 'How is your health?' In other words are you going to be around to finish it. The tree was pretty good size but many sections were already dead. A count of the growth rings showed an age of around 96 years. Bozeman Arborcare Tree service brought the tree down with their bucket truck.



The tree was just down the block from Ken Emerson's house so he would stop over to check the progress. Jim Palakovich stopped by to get some wood too. The tree service guys were very accommodating and cut the trunk pieces to the length that Gordon wanted and placed them on the boulevard where we could cut them down to pickup and van size pieces.



This is the one that got away. Gordon had a full load and this was too big for Jim or I. Unfortunately, a great deal of this tree was already dead and split and checked. A great deal of the wood ended up with the neighbor for firewood.



I helped Gordon with the chainsaw work and his poor van was groaning.



At Gordon's shop we had access to help and forklift which made unloading much easier.



Gordon has a small crane to load the big blanks on the lathe and it took some persuasion with the grinder to get the blank to clear. He used a coring tool to remove the center sections.

All in all an interesting couple of days.

Photos by Susan Brewer, Gordon McMullen and Jess Tode



We have a new resource available to the group. Jim Palakovich has agreed to place on long term loan a metal detector. While we were waiting for the tree service crew on Story street Jim found some staples and a few small nails. I did some experiments with the detector and it could find a sheet rock screw through 4" to 5" of wet wood. This is a pretty fancy detector designed to find treasure but if you turn the filters off (the filters keep you from digging up flip tops) it does a good job of finding the metal before your chain saw finds it. Jim figures this way he will get the calls when the trees are getting cut down.



Tom Robinson received this message from the AAW:

Hello Tom,

Please forward this message to your chapter members AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

As part of the Fall 2006 membership drive, the AAW will be giving away a free Powermatic 3520B lathe to one lucky member who joined/renewed ONLINE. You can see and learn about this lathe at <http://www.wmhtoolgroup.com/shop/index.cfm?navPage=4&iid=6056397>

By joining on line, your correct address, phone, etc. will appear in the Directory and your Journal will be mailed to the correct address. If you use the paper mail-in form, mistakes can happen in reading and retyping it. The lathe will be given away in a drawing just after January 1, 2007. To qualify for the drawing you must join or renew online using the AAW website join/renew feature. Members who join/renew by phone or by paper will NOT qualify for the drawing. Only members who join/renew online between August 15, 2006 and January 1, 2007 will qualify. The free lathe includes free shipping up to \$400.

For more information, visit the AAW website at <http://www.woodturner.org>. The first time you login, use the username and password provided to you from the Fall 2006 individual AW Journal you received. If you just joined the AAW for the first time, the username and password were provided to you either electronically, or via postal mail with your order. After you login, you will be prompted to create a unique username and password combination.

John Hill - AAW Chapters and Membership chairman

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Tom also received this ad:

Please pass this on to any of the club members that are interested. They must mention this e-mail special to get the

E-mail special price. The Club that purchases the most dollar amount in September, will win 10 (ten) \$25.00 Gift Certificates for their next purchase. The Club may use these for raffles to raise money for their club. The club together does not have to purchase at one time. Each member may call and order specifically for themselves, but they must mention this e-mail and what club they are a member of. We will award the club at the end of Aug.

Purchases do not necessarily have to consist of what is listed on this months e-mail If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. You may check out our down loadable catalog at [www.choice-woods.com](http://www.choice-woods.com)

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We have some pieces of Ambrosia still with the bark on them that also could be used as hat blanks. They range in size from 19 x 19 x 8" \$75.00 to 28" x 28" x 7" \$120.00 and some pieces in between those dimensions. These are still in log form so we will have to cut them when you order, so give us an extra day for shipping. These are just a sampling of the sizes that are available. Please inquire for the sizes you might need.

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We bought a trailer load of Bacote and Black Cabbage Bark and we must sale NOW. Save big on these great prices

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2 x 2 x 12" \$7.95 2 x 2 x 20" \$12.77

Black Cabbage Bark (light to dark brown with deep grainy pattern)

1 x 1 x 12" 6pcs \$5.99 (for all 6 pieces) 1 x 1 x 24" 6pcs \$11.99 (for all 6 pieces) 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" x 20" \$6.95 each

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Some larger sizes available so please call. 888-895-7779 ...You can talk with Clay or Chris.

Thank you Clay Johnson CHOICE WOODS 451 Baxter Ave Louisville, KY 40204

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## Next meeting

The next meeting will be at Bozeman High School Wood shop.

Demo to be determined

To get to the Woods Shop, get on 15th Ave either from Durston going south or from Main Street going north. The entrance to the high school is Ruth Thibault Drive which is just north of the Hastings Shopping Center entrance off of 15th Ave. Follow Ruth Thibault in between the track and the playing field past the main parking lot around to the back side of the building. Look for the big dust collector on the side of the building and the entrance is to the right of the collector. Detailed map on the web site.

Be sure to bring your show and tell items. Guests are always welcome.

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