

October 2004



Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

September 2004 Meeting

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be at John Montagne's shop
- John Noyes to demonstrate his finishing techniques
- Meeting Oct 12th 7:00 P.M.
- 1201 Highland Bozeman

The September meeting was held at Gordon McMullen's shop on 9/14/04. As this was the first meeting after our summer hiatus there was quite a bit of business to discuss.

- Tom announced that we now have an AAW chapter Sage in the group. Ken Emerson nominated Gordon McMullen to the AAW and Gordon was accepted and listed first in the article in the fall 2004 American Woodworker magazine. From the article, the definition of a sage "constitutes wise, prudent leadership • Offers their experiences and wisdom for the welfare of society • Expresses their hope in the future by the contributions they make for the generations that come after them • Gives generously with encouragement • Mentors younger people who are drawn to their wisdom and models a life that finds validation, self-worth, and meaning from within." Congratulations to Gordon.

- 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

- The AAW Collaborative Challenge was discussed where each AAW chapter is invited to submit one collaborative work created by as many chapter members as possible, with a minimum of six participants. One member must accompany the item to Kansas in July 2005—No real interest was shown for us participating in this competition.

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2005/chapchal/>

- The Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium is coming up September 25&26 in Loveland Colorado. <http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com>

- The library has an addition 'Beneath the Bark' by Kip Christensen and Dale Nish.

- Ken did not have an exact Treasurer's report but noted that all of the expenses from the Priddle demo have been turned in and the current balance is close to \$1500.



Tauga nut turnings by Gordon McMullen

- Tom reports that Graeme Priddle is having his first solo show at the Waikato Art Museum in New Zealand. Graeme really enjoyed his guided trip to Yellowstone park with guide service provided by John Montagne.

- The group continues to receive gift certificates on a monthly basis from Craft Supplies. These were passed out to the members that could use them. We need to decide how to distribute these in the future. Perhaps a drawing.

- There is a possibility of having Alan Lacer give a demo to the group. It was voted that we should invite Alan to give a demo on November 16th.

- It was voted to proceed with setting up a group web site to improve the communications with the group. Jess will pursue.

- Officer elections will be coming. Per the bylaws we need to elect new officers by the first of the year

- Dues were discussed with the topic of raising dues.



Alan Lacer Demo

Alan Lacer 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/>

Alan is demonstrating in Boise and Kalispell and driving back to Wisconsin in November. Tom talked with him at the Utah turning symposium and asked him to look us up if he is passing through Montana. Tom has sent Alan an e-mail asking him to demonstrate for our group the night of November 16th.

Alan charges \$250 for an evening demonstration and he will

need some travel expenses. After quite a bit of discussion it was decided that the guild will pay for the demonstration and it will be limited to guild members only. It was expressed that this should be kept a small event as it is limited to the evening.

Tom has offered to have the demo at his shop. If we keep the demo limited to the guild members this will be enough space and we won't have to move any equipment. Thanks to Tom for this offer

As these plans firm up I will keep you informed. We are still waiting on a response from Alan but we assume he is currently traveling.

Web Site

It was voted to proceed with setting up a guild web site. Some discussion was held as to how a web site would best serve the group but more input is needed. The AAW has listed woodturning chapters that in their judgment have the best web sites.

These web sites have various features and content and I would encourage you to visit them and see what features would be useful to you.

The features that I think we should have include;

- Meeting schedule with archive of past meetings
- Events schedule with archive of past events
- Gallery with pictures of the items that were brought to the meetings for show and tell. Archived by meeting date
- About section with history of the group, membership info

- Contact us with information on how to get in contact with the officers and mentors
- Links to resources the group can use as well as links to member's web sites
- Articles from the members which would include any related items that group members would like to author
- Classified—group member items to sell and trade
- Library contents

I would like everyone to give their input on how we can make a web site useful to you.

AAW award winning web sites;

<http://www.capwoodturners.org/cawa.htm>

<http://www.mnwoodturners.com/index.html>

<http://www.ovwg.org/>

Guests

Keith Mainwaring
Oliver Steele

Gordon Griffith
Francesco's Mom

Elections

Per the bylaws we need to hold elections by the first of the year. It was decided that we will vote on officers at the December meeting. We need to be thinking about nominations now. The bylaws suggest that the vice president moves into the president position with an election to confirm. Both Treasurer and Secretary are up for elections also. The Treasurer and Secretary can be re-elected but the President cannot.

A new Vice President will be needed also.

If you are interested in serving it is a very rewarding activity so think about how you can help

Demonstration

Gordon gave us a great demonstration on how to turn Tauga nuts. He went through the preparations of how to mount the nut to the lathe as well as forming the object.



Assorted raw nuts



Nut is glued to the waste block and turned



Items Gordon previously did



Waste block

Dues

Time is coming up again to pay the dues. Some discussion was held on raising the dues. When the group got back together a few years ago the dues were kept low as we wanted to deplete our funds.

We do not have any on going expenses with the newsletter being published by e-mail rather than snail mail. We will incur some regular expenses when we get a web site due to hosting and domain name registration charges.

It was decided that in December with the elections, we will vote on raising the dues. Our dues are currently \$10/year.

As I was going through some of the other woodworking web sites I noted their dues costs:

- Capital Area Woodturners \$20/year
- Minnesota Woodturners \$25/year
- Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild \$20/yr AAW members \$25 non AAW
- Utah Association of Woodturners \$25/year

Gallery



Nestled maple bowls – Tom R.



Large American Elm with burnt edge
–Gordon



Cottonwood burl – Tom R.



Aspen end grain – John M



Green Ash flat dish – John M



Walnut bowl – Francesco



Assorted Bowls—Jess



Juniper – Phil Feltus



Oak Map Frames—Jess

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at John Montagne's shop and the class room at the Aspen Pointe facilities at 1201 Highland Bozeman. John Noyes will demonstrate his finishing techniques as well as turning Juniper. Go to the west most building entrance. From the entrance turn left then take the next left down the stairs to the basement level. The attendant at the front desk can assist with directions also. The meeting will be on Oct 12th at 7:00 P.M.
