

December
2006



Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the Bozeman High School wood shop. Demo TBD
- Tuesday December 12th @ 7:00 P.M.
- Guests always welcome
- See last page for directions

The Guild Web Site
can be found at
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.

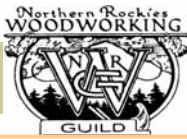
Elections will be coming up toward the end of the year so start thinking if you would like to serve.

November 2006 Meeting Minutes

- The last meeting was held on Tuesday November 14th , 2006 @ 7:00 P.M. at the Bozeman High School wood shop. 21 members and 2 guests in attendance.
- The AAW will give away one Powermatic 3520B lathe. You need to join or renew your AAW membership before the first of the year. You have to enroll on line via their web page <http://www.woodturner.org/> to be eligible.
- Upcoming symposiums:
 - ⇒ Desert woodturning Symposium February 10-11 2007, Mesa Az. <http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com/>
 - ⇒ Utah Woodturning Symposium June 21-23 Provo UT. <http://www.utahwoodturning.com/>
 - ⇒ AAW National Symposium June 29th-July 1st, 2007 Portland OR <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/>
- Gary, Rick and Gordon have been talking about setting up some beginners classes. These classes would start from the very basic steps for turning. Preliminary discussion is Wednesday nights for 4 to 5 sessions, 2 to 3 hours at the High School shop. There will be a fee with funds going to the guild treasury. The plans are still in process. If you are interested contact Gary or Gordon.
- **Craft Supplies order-** no interest expressed in a group order at this time so it will be shelved for now.
- During the Al Stirt demonstration, Al turned a platter from maple. Al is one of John Montagne's favorite turners so in recognition of all that John does for the group, Tom presented John with the platter.
- Two guests in attendance. Ted Newman and Olivier Lucas
- Dues will due at the end of the year for 2007. Amount remains at \$20. These funds server many uses such as bringing in turning demonstrators and helping the school.
- Elections are coming up in December. Traditionally the vice president moves into the president slot at the end of the president's one year term. Jim Palakovich is currently our vice president and has expressed an interest in letting someone else step up the president's position. In any case the vice president position is up for election. Treasurer is a 2 year term so George will be enjoying that job for another year. I would also like to discuss the possibility of breaking up the secretary duties to a secretary and a webmaster. I have been doing both tasks since the group got back together and if someone would like to step up and take over the secretary duties that would be fine. At the November meeting we will be taking nominations for the following offices:

President

Vice President



Secretary

- No nominations were offered.
- Elections will be held at the December meeting. Better be sure to show up for the next few meetings to defend yourself in case someone nominates you.
- From the bylaws here are the duties of the offices that are up for election:

E. President. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the chapter. His/her duties include: supervise and control all the business and affairs of the chapter; conduct chapter meetings; any other actions which may be necessary to carry out the preceding duties effectively.

F. Vice-President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, the vice-president shall perform the duties of president, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president. The vice-president shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.

G. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the chapter meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose, and see that all notices are duly given as provided for in these bylaws. In general, the secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of secretary, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.

- I speak from experience that the secretary position is fun and does not take too much effort. The majority of the effort involves taking notes during the meetings, generating the newsletter then e-mailing it out. Much better than the old days of snail mail. The webmaster will still take care of the pictures and website.
- The full bylaws are on the website.
- Tony Huckert will be demonstrating at the Manhattan school. Tony reports the new teacher is more interested in lathe demonstrations.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems like just last week that the Guild got back together and started holding regular meetings. It seems like last week until you reflect on what has been accomplished in those 4 short years. And they do seem to be getting shorter.

A web site was set up and it is constantly being updated and improved. This is a great tool for getting information out to members and guests. I personally have had contacts from people all over the world who have visited this site.

We established a goal of bringing in a guest demonstrator once a year. As a result we have been fortunate to bring in some very big names and outstanding demonstrators in the likes of Clay Foster of Texas, Graeme Priddle of New Zealand, Alan Lacer of Minnesota, Jimmy Clewes of England and Al Stirt of Vermont. All of these are outstanding Woodturners, artists, demonstrators and teachers. I can only say if you have not seen at least one of these outstanding demonstrations, shame on you.

Last year we were fortunate to establish a relationship with Bozeman High School. As a result of this relationship we were able to have the last two demonstrations at the high school and as a result a few hundred students have had the opportunity to be exposed to a world-class Woodturner. Guild members have also been mentoring students in the wood shop.

One of the first orders of business when the guild got back together was to become a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. The AAW has been very supportive of our group and has helped financially when we have sought their support. They helped us bring in the first guest demonstrator in 2003 and last year they helped us purchase a new Powermatic lathe. The AAW also provides liability insurance that protects the guild at official guild events.

These are some of the accomplishments that I can recall from the past few years. As a group like this develops and grows it takes on a direction and personality of it's own. This is not a club of the president or any of the officers; this is a club of the members. I hope the membership is happy with the current course and accomplishments.

It is time now to elect new officers. Although being an officer is not a tremendous amount of work there is some work involved. There is also some responsibility in helping to shape the guild and the direction it is going. The guild could use some

fresh ideas and new enthusiasm. The problem the guild had several years ago was there were not enough people willing to step up and take on the work and responsibility. As a result the few that were doing the work became burned out. I hope that will not be the case again. Don't be afraid to step up to the plate. Just because you don't believe you are the most experienced Woodturner or Woodworker in the group doesn't mean you couldn't be the best president, secretary or treasurer. And as you get more involved I'll even bet your skills as a woodworker get better.

I personally enjoy organizing the guest demonstrators and if asked would gladly help in that role. I have also been serving as the librarian and expect to continue with those duties. I am sure I speak for all of the officers, current and past, in stating that we are happy to help any new officers in their new role.

Signed

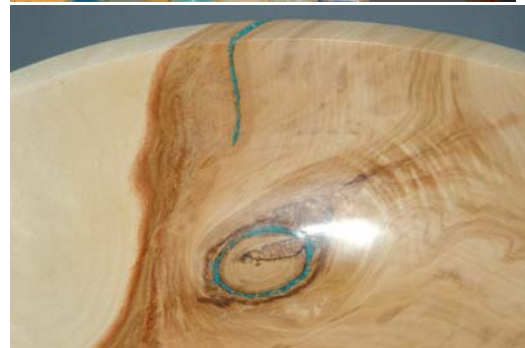
Tom Robinson

Early in November Gordon gave me a call and wanted to know if I wanted to go to Lima Montana to help deliver a lathe that he had upgraded for Francisco. It had been a long time since I went to Lima so off I went for the ride. Francisco and his brother Marco have their shop in Lima. Gordon had created an extended bed for the lathe he had made for the guys to allow them to turn larger and longer items. Check them out at <http://www.bottagamontana.com/chesstable.html>

Lots of animals along the way and Francisco is very happy with his upgrade.



For the demonstration John Noyes demonstrated his techniques for embellishing bowls with mineral inlays. These materials included chrysochola powder and turquoise beads. He explained that a bowl that lacks figure or character can be improved by these techniques and customers are willing to pay more for a turning with these additions.





Demonstrations and hands on sessions

As part of the monthly meeting we always try to include a demonstration to improve everyone's skills. Please let us know what topics you would like to see in these demos. Most likely someone with experience can show a technique, method or how to do a piece. If you have a skill that you would like to share please offer to give a demo.

The demonstrations and hands on sessions are all geared to help the members. Your input is needed to steer us in the direction you would like to see.

Gallery



Lots of good show and tell items. Check out the web site for all the pictures.

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Demo TBD

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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