

October
2005



Northern Rockies Woodworking Guild

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be at the High School shop. Gordon will demonstrate a thin green bowl to completion—Come watch it warp!
- Tuesday October 11th, 2005 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Guests always welcome

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.

September 2005 Meeting Minutes

The September Meeting was held on September 13th at the Bozeman High school for our first meeting after the summer break. It was good to get the group back together and everyone was happy to get caught up on projects.

- The amount of business discussions that go on in each meeting was brought up by Jim P. and he would like the officers to deal with more of these issues off line so the final decisions or a reduced number of choices is presented to the group as a whole. A motion was made and passed for the officers to take care of more business before the meetings leaving more time for demos.
- Jim P. missed the deadline for submitting a request for a grant to the AAW in September. This grant was intended to purchase a lathe for the Guild to keep at the High School shop for meetings and demos and the High School class would be able to use it at other times. The grant request is now submitted for the January deadline and we should know in March. Jim apologized and offered to loan the Guild \$1000 in advance of the grant. Gary Corneer said that his class in 2nd semester is when the advanced students will really start spending some time on the lathes. The school has ordered a Powermatic and a midi lathe.
- Gordon McMullen rebuilt one of the school lathes over the summer and cleaned up the variable speed function.
- The Guild purchased some chucks for the school lathes. Gary was very happy to receive these chucks. Gary also commented on how happy he was for the extra help in the class with members coming in for hands-on sessions with some of the kids. When the mentors take 5 advanced students it really helps him and Rick with the rest of the class.
- Discussion was held about expanding the web site and vote was passed to spend the extra funds for the larger space.
- More discussions were held on the next possible guest turner. Jimmy Clewes will be back in the US in March and Alan Lacer might be making a pass through this area this fall also.
- We still need to order the Jimmy Clewes DVDs.
- There was good participation in the raffle of the Jimmy Clewes items. Rich Hedlund was the lucky guy.



- The raffle was a bunch of fun and we raised \$40 for the general fund. We will raffle off one of the Jimmy Clewes items at each meeting until they are all gone.
- It seems every time I send off a newsletter via e-mail, I get several bounce messages from e-mail accounts that don't exist anymore. If you are changing your e-mail address be sure to let me know. If you don't get a meeting announcement or if a friend has a similar complaint then check the web site for the current newsletter and let me know.
- Some discussion was held about the possibility of getting an order together to buy some gouges from Jimmy Clewes. We would get a much better deal if we consolidate our orders. These run quite a bit less expensive than One-Way gouges. Contact Jim P. or Tom R. if you are interested.
- The possibility of bringing in a doctor to discuss breathing related issues was brought up. This did generate some interest.
- Jim P. reported that he has been in contact with Jimmy Clewes and Jimmy reiterated that the Bozeman stop on his month long trip to the US was the most fun and best organized. He would really like to make it back here. His tentative schedule is in March. There might be a possibility that the Billings group would host a demo with Jimmy and maybe we could organize some hands on sessions.
- Tom Robinson reported a new addition to the library. A gal from Australia created a book about wood turning and sent up a copy. She is distributing the book on CD. John Montagne had worked with the gal to give the history of our group.



- **Web site expansion**

Previously we were paying \$8.95 a month for 25MB of space. Yahoo offered a better deal and now we are paying \$11.95/month for 2GB of space. That is an expansion of 80 times the space for just a few more dollars per month. It is great to see that a little competition in the web hosting arena is driving better service and price. I just wish the price and features of new lathes was going in the same direction. Now we will have plenty of room for more pictures of events and the gallery.

Think about what direction you would like to see the web site go and how it can better serve you.

Tony Huckert has a start of an article on spoon making in the works and I would encourage more members to contribute items that we can add to the web site.

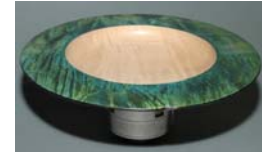
The raffle of the first Jimmy Clewes walnut lidded box at the September meeting was fun. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For the next meeting we will be raffling of the end grain vase. These other items will be coming up in future meetings. If you cannot get to the meeting for the raffle, contact Ken Emerson to purchase your tickets in advance.



Natural edge
bowl



Gold Leaf insert



Colored platter



End grain vase
to be raffled at
the October
meeting

- AAW news

Tom recently received these messages from the AAW;

Subject: AAW President's message

Hello Tom,

Please send this message along via email or read it to your membership at your next chapter meeting.

I want to extend my heart felt thanks to all of the AAW chapters and their members for supporting the AAW. Much was accomplished this past year in our ongoing mission of education and awareness of woodturning. New and existing programs for members, from youth to professionals, continue to flourish within the AAW.

October brings our election for board members, as well as our membership renewal. I hope that each member carefully reads the candidate statements in the American Woodturner, and votes for the persons that best represent their concerns.

You can renew your membership online, at www.woodturner.org or with the form in the AAW Journal.

Since sharpening is a key skill to woodturning, we are mailing the AAW's most popular DVD on sharpening tools (\$24.95 value) free to every new or renewing member along with their membership resource directory. We feel this is just another great reason to join AAW. We look forward to offering turners the best services and programs available in woodturning today and into the future.

If you are new to woodturning and haven't checked out all of the reasons to join AAW, give our website www.woodturner.org or our AAW Journal a look. If you're a current member, you know the value of your organization, and I'm sure you are looking forward to another great year of camaraderie, articles and exciting programs.

Warmest regards,

Phil Brennon AAW President

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From: Sean Troy - President Arizona Woodturners Association<mailto:seantroy@cox.net>
 To: TJRMT@msn.com<mailto:TJRMT@msn.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 3:55 PM
 Subject: Desert Woodturning Roundup Symposium

Dear Tom,

I am Sean Troy, the president of The Arizona Woodturners. The following web link is the registration form for the Desert Woodturning Roundup Symposium to be held February 18 and 19, 2006 in Mesa, Arizona.

<http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com><<http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com/>> .

We invite all woodturners to attend this symposium. There will be 10 nationally and internationally known turners at this 2-day event. We will have an instant gallery, vendors, raffle, hands-on, banquet, demos, lectures and great Arizona weather. To help offset early expenses, we ask if you could please send in your registration made out to Arizona Woodturners association as soon as possible. Please pass this on to your club members.

Thank you, Sean Troy
 President: AZ Woodturners

Hello Tom,

As you may be aware, the city of Portland, Oregon has been selected as the premier site for the 21st Annual Symposium of the American Association of Woodturners in 2007. It is not too early to think about who the AAW should ask to demonstrate at the Annual Symposium. We are looking for local and regional and international talent, who in the past, have successfully demonstrated in a similar situation. It is YOUR Symposium! Who would YOU like to see there?

We have several categories of demonstrators, two of which are those that we invite and those that apply to demonstrate. If possible, we would like to tailor our guests to suit your preferences. If you have favorite turners that you have seen in the videos but may never have the chance to meet, those are the names we need.

On the local and regional level you may know of a spectacular turner who may be unknown to us. Shake the shrubbery, rattle the trees and stomp the grasslands. Let's see what regional talent we can scare up! If you know someone or simply know of someone that has a killer demo and can WOW a national audience please urge him or her to come forward. If they have a cool finishing technique or a rapid way to turn out wooden widgets we would like to consider their talent for our symposium. Please take this opportunity to poll your membership to see what talent is there and pass along some contact information. We would like to give that turner a call.

Finally, we are always looking for ways to improve our Symposia. If you have any ideas or complaints, we would like to hear them. It is easier to improve when we know your thoughts. Please get all information to me at either 401-034-1349 or iafrateturns@cox.net<<mailto:iafrateturns@cox.net>> .

Sincerely,
 Angelo J. Iafrate Vice President
 Conference Committee Chair

• Solicitation
 Subject: 25% off Manzanita Burl Turning Wood

Now offering a 25% discount on our #1(3-5"), #2(5-7"), and our #3(7-9") Manzanita turning burls on orders placed by end of Sept.

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For more info or to place an order, e-mail me at jackbur196001@yahoo.com<<mailto:jackbur196001@yahoo.com>> or give us a call at 530-335-4279. Elaine

Gallery



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

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at Bozeman High School Wood shop October 11th at 7:00. Gordon will demonstrate how to turn a thin green bowl all the way to final sanding, warping and all.

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.

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

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