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Officers

President
Larry Carucci

Vice President
Rick McCourt

Treasurer
Jim Rendle

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Dean Center

Next Meeting

Tuesday, **April 8,**
6:30 pm
At Bozeman High
Wood Shop

Topic

Basket Illusion, by
Jim Palakovich



Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Carucci. Warren Bauder and his son Reece were guests. Later Eric Szemes joined us, as well.

Treasurer's Report

Jim reported we have a total of \$3770 in the bank.

Our MADEfair booth was approved, as a double size with electricity, but the rent has gone up since we last participated and is now \$190. Jim commented that participating at the October MADEfair would mean that any people newly interested in the club could come to a meeting soon after, while participating in May would involve a gap and we possibly would not have new folks following through. After some discussion, the members agreed this was sensible and we should move our participation to the October MADEfair.

Old Business

Jim Palakovich reported that he has not been able to get in touch with his contact at Gibson Guitar and we do not yet have a tour scheduled. He will keep after it.

We had planned a fall workshop with a visiting expert turner and Dean has done some investigating of potential instructors, and some polling of members to determine what sort of topics the group would like to have covered. The survey response was pretty small. Larry suggests the members take home a short list of possible visiting instructors and check them out, then vote for who we would like. Dean reminded the members that when looking over web sites and reviews, the experts will have a distinct focus and specialty in their work, but that all of them can teach basic and intermediate skills of all sorts. At this point, it is likely that we are too late to get an expert to lead a workshop this fall, and we may end up post-poning it for a year.

New Business

Larry had hoped to have a nominating committee set up to prepare a list of officer candidates and allow us to vote at the May meeting. This has not come to pass, and he would like all those interested in serving as an officer to contact him or Dean. Serving as an officer is not an onerous or time-consuming task, and it allows you to make the club what you want it to be. Frankly, we can use some fresh contributors and new ideas. Jim plans to discontinue as Treasurer, so that 2 year position will be open. We will also need candidates for President and Vice-President, unless someone talks Larry and Rick into extending for another year.

Announcements

AAW International Symposium, June 12-15, St. Paul, MN. Register now at woodturner.org.

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, September 19-21, Loveland, CO. Register Now at rmwoodturningsymposium.com.

Dean is looking for a couple pieces of wood, 1+X3+X3+ padauk face grain blank/board or bigger, and a 3X3X8 red oak spindle blank. If you have some you would be willing to trade or sell, please contact him at secretary@nrwg.club.

Election of Officers will be held in September, but Larry would like to have a slate of candidates locked down by the May meeting. Please contact him if you would be willing to serve. It's not an onerous or time consuming task and you have the opportunity to direct the club's activities. Jim Rendle will be stepping down as Treasurer, and we really need a dedicated someone to fill this critical position. Larry can be reached at President@nrwg.club

Minutes. (cont'd)

Larry is already considering Summer Shop Tours. Rick has volunteered to host a tour and picnic again, with the picnic held at the nearby pavilion. The members expressed a preference for a Saturday, rather than a Tuesday evening for a picnic. Larry encourages everyone to bring something for show and tell, and also to be prepared to demo something in Rick's wonderful, fully equipped shop. This could be just about any kind of flat woodworking project, as well as turning.

Larry would like 2 more volunteers for Summer Shop Tours, typically one in July and one in August. Hosting is low stress—you just open your shop for people to come and check out how you solve the problems we all have in our shops, and maybe have a little presentation on some topic. Mostly these are for snooping and chatting.

Our Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8 and Jim Palakovich will demonstrate making Basket Illusions. He said he will not to make us watch tedious tasks.

The President's Challenge for the next month is to make more giveaway items for the MADEfair, with small snowmen a good idea as the kids can then decorate them with color markers. AND, in addition, bring 1 large item of any kind you like. Flat woodworkers have no excuses.

Dean Center
Secretary



Demonstration—Resins and Fillers by Jim Rendle

