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## Officers

### **President**

Larry Carucci

### **Vice President**

Rick McCourt

### **Treasurer**

Jim Rendle

### **Secretary**

Dean Center

## Next Meeting

Tuesday,

**SEPTEMBER 9,  
6:30 pm**

At Bozeman High  
Wood Shop

## Topic

Election of  
Officers, MADEFair  
preparations,  
Demo TBD

## Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Carucci.

### Treasurer's Report

Jim reported we have \$3841 in the bank. He also reminded us he would not be continuing as Treasurer. Larry expressed all our thanks for his years of service.

Larry also extended thanks to Jared Kelly for being our host this past year. Carl Poeschl will be returning from sabbatical next school year.

### Old Business

At long last, we have a **Gibson Guitar tour** scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. We can host 15 attendees on that date, whether members or guests. The tour is about an hour and attendees must wear protective eyewear and closed toe shoes. Hearing protection and face masks are optional. Gibson provides safety glasses, but you can bring your own. Parking will be in the main lot at the end of Orville Way.

Larry asked for a show of hands of how many members and guests would like to attend on May 20<sup>th</sup>, to determine if we will need a second tour date. 8 hands went up. (Larry has the master sign up sheet and we will send out confirmation emails to the 15 folks attending the May 20 tour)

We plan to have a booth at the fall **Montana MADEFair**, and we will have to get organized quickly beginning at our September meeting if we are accepted. Jim Rendle will submit our application in August.

In regards plans for an expert workshop next year, we have a list of possible presenters and are looking into costs and arrangements. Thanks to those who expressed an opinion. The list of five includes Jimmy Clewes, Jay Shepard, Barbara Dill, Elizabeth Weber, and Michael Hosaluk. Clewes and Hosaluk have presented here in the past. If you would be willing to host the presenter in your home, please let Dean or Larry know. Hosting includes the benefit of having a one-on-one session in your home shop.

The first Shop Tour, in conjunction with the Club Picnic will be at Rick McCourt's place on June 21. A sign up sheet is available so Rick knows how many to expect. This is a potluck, so please bring a side dish or dessert. (If you're from North Dakota, you may bring a hotdish) We will have a show-and-tell at Rick's, and he is planning to show us his vacuum chucking set up.

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## Announcements

**NRWG Shop Tour and Family Picnic**, Saturday, June 21, at the home of Rick McCourt, north of Manhattan. Directions will be sent out separately. The picnic is pot luck, so bring a side dish or dessert. If you plan to attend and have not yet RSVP'd, please contact Larry or Rick ASAP. The Shop Tour will start at 10:30 am, and the picnic will follow at about noon.

**Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** Our Regional symposium will be held September 19-21 at the Events Center in Loveland, CO. It is well worth attending. This year's line up of demonstrators is all women, and curmudgeon free, featuring Cindy Drozda, Rabea Gabler, Natalie Groeneweg, Ashley Harwood, Kristin Levier, Meryl Saylan, Janine Wang, and Andi Wolfe.

The **Gibson Guitar tour** was held, well attended, and a very interesting afternoon. A second tour is not planned at this time.

We are still seeking a candidate for President for next year. If you would be willing to serve, please contact Larry.

## Minutes, (cont'd)

For our second Shop Tour, Jim Rendle is willing to host a Shop Tour, and show us the stages in making a cigar box guitar, if attendees are willing to take some wood home. There was good support for this strategy. Jim was originally planning on a July tour, but will need to delay until August. Date to be announced. Jim Palakovich has agreed to host us for a third Shop Tour if his busy schedule allows, also date to be announced. Larry will bring homemade ice cream on this third tour.

### New Business

We are still seeking someone to serve as President next year. If you would be willing to take the reins, contact Larry or Dean. Xander has agreed to serve as Vice-President for 1 year, but will not be able to serve longer. There was unanimous support for his election. John Murray has agreed to serve as Treasurer, a 2 year position. There was unanimous support for his election.

The President's Challenge for the summer is two fold: 1) make small turned items to give away at our fall MADEfair booth, and 2) bring a piece or two that demonstrates your "Ah Ha!" moment in woodworking, or the unique ability and challenge of other special tool....

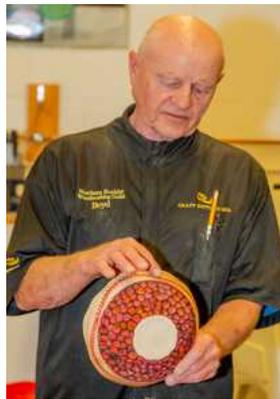
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, unless the shop teachers request a change.

Meeting notes by Larry Carucci, President  
Compiled by Dean Center, Secretary



Demonstration on Decoration and Embellishment

by Tom Robinson and Boyd Crson



Show and Tell Items by Braden Edie are on addendum—Very Special!