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Next Meeting

Tuesday, **March 10, 6:30 pm**

At Bozeman High Wood Shop

Topic

Turning a Calabash Bowl

by

Jay Stanley



Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Carucci. There were no guests this evening.

Treasurer's Report

John said we have a total of \$4346 in our accounts.

Old Business

As is his custom, Larry thanked people who have made special contributions to the club in the last month.

The tour of the wheelwright's shop is on for February 21. Cost is \$20, contact Jim Rendle if interested.

The first Sawdust Session was a positive experience, though more people dropped in than Jay had expected, and maybe more than he had room for. The Sawdust Sessions need sign-ups for just this reason. The next Sawdust Session will be 6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 24 at the shop of Len Pierce. The topic is yet undetermined, but will relate to flat woodworking. The sign up sheet was available at the meeting.

Dean asked those who have not yet cast their votes for specific topics for the Elizabeth Weber workshop in the fall, to please review the options as posted on the white board and then vote, ranking their top 4 choices. After tonight, we will try to determine which options for demo topics to request she cover.

New Business

Larry tactfully reviewed our meeting evening time line and asked that people please help keep things moving along, so that the demonstrators have adequate time to present the topic that they have spent a lot of time preparing. In particular, it would help if when show and tell starts, people could note how full the table is and try to keep their introduction on their pieces to one or two of them when the table is full. This is not a time to present your own topic for discussion for the evening.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, and the topic will be turning a calabash bowl by Jay Stanley.

The President's Challenge for the month is "Make something with 2 equal halves." He used a bookmatched pair of wood pieces as an example. The halves don't need to be identical, just 'equal'.

Respectfully submitted, Dean Center, Secretary

Announcements

AAW Annual Symposium, June 4-7, Raleigh, NC. The list of demonstrators is out and it looks like a really solid group, with plenty to offer turners of every skill level and interest. The Instant Gallery and Vendor Tradeshow are terrific, as well. For more info, woodturner.org.

NRWG periodic Workshop, October 2-4 featuring Elizabeth Weber. Friday is for students, Saturday is demos for those registered, and Sunday is for participants who have registered specifically for a Hands-On day of small group learning with Elizabeth. Topics will include Embellishing with carving and color, Embellished platters, Embellished boxes, and maybe Embellished bowls, if we haven't worn her out. Each demo will feature basic instruction in making the object, followed by how to enhance it to kick it up a notch. *BAM*-Chef E. L. The Hands-On day will likely be "Pick a project and make it in the am, then carve and color it in the afternoon."

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, September 18-20, in Loveland CO. Registration is now open, at a small discount, and the list of demonstrators looks really good. Highly recommended.



February Sawdust Session at Len Pierce's Shop



Len welcomed 6 of us into his spacious shop to share his knowledge of hand and power tools and showcase some of the projects he's working on. Everyone was given the opportunity to try their hand at using a drawknife on a shavehorse, creating a fine finish using a card scraper, using various hand planes and spokeshaves, or slicing through wood with Japanese and western handsaws. Len also demonstrated cutting a mortise and tenon using a Pantorouter and cutting circles on his giant-sized CNC router table. Len, thank you for your hospitality. I already purchased my 12V Milwaukee die grinder and have my Kutzall burrs ordered, along with my folding Dozuki saw :-)

Ebonizing, by Boyd Carson and Dying Wood by Rick McCourt



More Show and Tell Photos

