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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, **February 13, 6:30 pm**

At Bozeman High Wood Shop

## Topic

Ebonizing, and other surface colorants

by

Boyd Carson

## Minutes of the last Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Carucci.

There were several guests and a whole bunch of fresh, but becoming familiar, faces. One guest was Zach Fox, a recent arrival to Gallatin County and an experienced woodworker who is employed at Black Timber furniture. He would like to learn turning, and went home with some big heavy fresh green ash blanks from the raffle to work on. He brought a couple friends (one of whom was supposed to take home the kendama I made).

### Treasurer's Report

Dues are past due and still a bargain at \$25. John Murray will be happy to collect yours. I wasn't fast enough to catch all the numbers John reported, but we have a good amount in the bank and CDs.

### Old Business

We will be having a workshop with Elizabeth Weber on October 2-4, 2026. Boyd has graciously offered to provide housing. She has sent us a list of 6 possible demonstrations and she can probably do 4 of them during her Saturday demo day. We will need to select which 4 at the next meeting and let her know. Dean will sent out a copy of the handout provided at the meeting, so each member can look over the options and vote.

Her Friday demos are aimed at the high school students, so it's more elementary than Saturday's demos, but members may stop by, if they wish. Sunday is the Hands-On day for up to 7 people who sign up for the day, with an additional fee. The projects have not been selected, but could include any of the demo items or working on your own project while learning her special embellishment skills under her tutelage.

Members are encouraged to check out her work on her web site:

<https://icosawood.work/>

### New Business

Jim Rendle is organizing a tour of his neighbor the Wainwright on January 21. (We did this tour a few years ago and it was very interesting) Cost is \$20.

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## Announcements

**AAW 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium**, June 4-7, 2026, Raleigh, North Carolina. The slate of demonstrators was just released and looks very enticing.

([woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org))

Dean has a friend who would like to give away **(4) 100 year old turned walnut table legs**. If interested, I have a photo. ([secretary@nrwg.club](mailto:secretary@nrwg.club))

## Request

Recently, the commentary provided during Show and Tell has extended longer than usual, which then resulted in the demonstrators not having as much time as needed for their portion of the program. The demonstrators have put time and effort into preparing for the demonstration and we need to respect them and conclude the raffle and show and tell in a timely manner.

We desire and appreciate your contributions to Show and Tell, and request that comments be restricted to the pieces brought. If you bring multiple pieces and the table is full, please consider limiting your comments to just one or two of your pieces. The group will ask questions, if your comments don't satisfy them.

If you have information you would like to share with the group but which is not specifically related to your Show and Tell submission, please contact Rick to be included as a demonstrator at a later meeting, or Dean to have your knowledge and experience shared in the newsletter.

## Minutes, (cont'd)

Larry asked if we would be interested in an additional activity once a month, called a Sawdust Session. These would be at someone's shop and involve a learning session on a particular topic. These would be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 6 pm, 2 weeks after our regular club meeting. There was reasonable interest and we will give it a try. Jay volunteered to host a session in 2 weeks for 3 learners, at his shop in Manhattan, with the topic being making bowls, with the option to do plates or platters if the guests prefer. We had a sign up sheet out and the evening was subscribed.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10. The demo will be Ebonizing, by Boyd. (This is a surface coloring technique and can produce some striking effects.)

The President's Challenge for this month is "Make a Valentine Surprise".

Dean Center  
Secretary

We had a good raffle and Show and Tell, which ran almost an hour and cut into the demonstrations for the evening. Brayden really impressed with his boxes. The demo was a duet on sharpening of lathe tools by Elliot and bench tools by Chris and a guest. The sharpening lessons seemed to hold everyone's rapt attention.



# Sharpening Demo

