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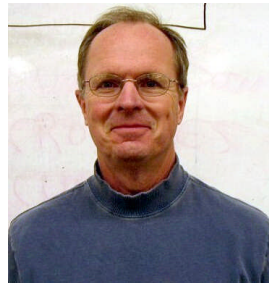


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SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- July 11, 2009 Regular Chapter meeting @ BSC Vo-Tech Shop—9:00 AM
- July 14, 2009 E-Board Meeting @ Dakota Farm, Mandan, ND 7:00 PM
- August 1-2, 2009 BAGA Capital A'Fair Art Show — DWT Demos
- August 8, 2009 Annual DWT Picnic — 4:00 PM—Dinner 5:30 PM
- October 2-3, 2009—Jimmy Clewes Demonstration



THE PREZ SEZ

Hope everyone had a good July 4th. What a great holiday. The weather is almost always nice and the fireworks get better every year. Generally, this is a hard time of year to find the time to turn. However, it is a good time to clean up the wood pile and cut pieces you can turn this fall and winter.

I purchased the Madrone burl piece that Dale Larson donated to our

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The July Meeting has been moved to Pat Schweitzer shop, 410 Greenfield Lane, Bismarck, ND.

Proceed north on Washington Street from Century Avenue 2.1 miles watch for the Greenfield Lane sign on the Right side of the road and then turn left and proceed until you see the big "Schweitzer" rock in the front yard...about 2 blocks.

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UPWARD BOUND CLASSES

The DWT's held classes for 40 students in the Upward Bound Program sponsored by Mary College on June 6th and 7th at the BSC Vo-Tech building. There were two sessions each day from 8:30 pm to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm each day with 10 students in each class. All of the participants seemed to very much enjoy the experience and were proud of their accomplishments. All of the DWT instructors also appeared to enjoy the experience and were also proud, and probably a little amazed, at the accomplishments of the students.

Thanks to the following for their assistance with the classes, providing lathes and tools for the students: Duncan Warren, Pat Schweitzer, Ken Ness, Dennis Schwind, Ron Day, Bryce Hill, Spud Gruman, Larry Zubke, Dave Krumwiede, Weldee Baetsch, Ralph Feland, Kris Roberts and Greg Pollert. Thanks also to all the students for their attention and perseverance in attempt a skill that was very new to them. Also a special thank you to Ron Day for a well organized event and to Steph Storey and her assistants for providing lunch and refreshments and support to the DWT's members during the lessons.

The local program is hosted by the University of Mary under the direction of Steph Storey, Director. The University of Mary's Upward Bound Project provides these students, free of charge, with academic, cultural, and social activities designed to build skills, motivation, and self-confidence. These are skills necessary for success in school, in careers, and in life.

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symposium silent auction. The piece got put on a shelf and I forgot about it until a couple weeks ago. We hear stories about how badly Madrone cracks as it dries. Trust me, it is true. I cut along the cracks and boiled the pieces for 2 hours as Dale suggested. They have not cracked anymore and appear to be stable.

The club purchased a 55-gallon drum of green wood sealer (Anchorseal). Ron has the drum at his shop. The cost was about \$460. Bring a jug to the July meeting and purchase what you need. Bring the size of jug to suit your needs.

Char and I are going out to Oregon, so I will miss the meeting. We will attend a quilt show in Sisters, OR. Then head to the southwestern corner of the state to get some Madrone burl and figured Myrtle wood. Myrtle wood is typically very plain, but I was told it can also have some nice figure. Also, a friend cut down a large Catalpa tree about one year ago and saved some of the wood. We will pick that up too. We will be visiting lots of relatives also.

Around 1985, we mined for Sapphires near Philipsburg, Montana for a day. We had several cut at the time, but saved many rough stones. On the way out, we are going to stop and see about getting more cut. The mine does not allow people to dig on their own anymore due to potential liability. But, you can purchase concentrated gravel mix to wash and sift. We plan to see about buying some concentrate to go through after we come back. I cannot buy much though, because we need room for wood.

Duey Marthaller

Executive Board Meeting Minutes June 15, 2009

Called to order by President Duey Marthaller.

Present: Duey Marthaller, Ken Ness, Dennis Schwind, Alice and Norbert Berning, Ron Day, Larry Nelson, Ron Torgerson, Ralph Feland, Weldee Baetsch

Bills: President Marthaller presented checks for \$162.00 to Treasurer Larry Nelson. This was for the sale of wood and glue.

Coop Update: Larry Nelson reported that most orders have arrived. However, there are several back orders that haven't come.

Wood Sealer Purchase: Club was allowed to go ahead with the purchase of the 55 gallon drum of wood sealer.

Video Tapes: Ralph Feland reported that some video tapes have been returned where the tape has been taped over. Reported some tapes are getting old and need to be replaced. He requested that the members be told that if they notice something is wrong with the tape or CD, to make a note on it so it can be replaced.

Newsletter Advertising: Since there is no current problem with how ads are placed in the newsletter, no action was suggested.

Sound Equipment: Motion by Ron Day and seconded by Alice Berning for Kris Roberts to go ahead with the purchase of 2 additional sound systems. Motion passed.

Symposium: Cindy Drozda has said she could make the dates. Stewart Batty was a high probable and Rex Burningham there is still a question.

It was recommended by the Board that arrangements be completed for Cindy Drozda and to remain in contact with Batty and Burningham.

Ron Day reported that Jimmy Clewes is set for October 2-3, 2009. Friday October 2, will be a private hands on for members only who wish to pay the fee. Saturday October 3 will be free to current paid up club members only.

There are some questions of the club that Clewes still needs to answer before final arrangements can be made.

By Laws: It was reported that the bylaws are done and we are just waiting for a response back from AAW. AAW wanted a slight change and that change was made.

Some discussion was held about the summer picnic that will be at Pat Schweitzer's shop.

Meeting was adjourned.

Ken Ness, Secretary

2010 SYMPOSIUM

Ron Day has been hard at work contacting demonstrators for our next symposium. Ron has lined up Cindy Drozda, Stuart Batty and Rex Burningham. This is a very talented group of demonstrators and promises to be one of our best symposiums ever. Keep the dates of April 9, 10, 11, 2010 open on your calendar.

WOOD SEALER

The chapter has ordered a 55 gallon drum of Anchor Seal wood sealer and the sealer has arrived. The sealer will be available at the July meeting being held at Pat Schweitzer's shop. Bring you 1/2 and one gallon plastic containers. The clear plastic containers are best as regular one gallon plastic milk jugs are not heavy enough and will deteriorate over time.

ANNUAL MEMBER PICNIC

The membership picnic will be held starting at 4:00 PM on August 8th instead of our regular meeting. The picnic will be hosted by Pat and Barb Schweitzer. We again plan on having a silent auction with the 3-5 highest bid items then converted into a live auction. A give-one get-one gift exchange will also be held. Watch the next newsletter for more details and information on potluck items to bring.

Dakota Woodturners
Regular meeting June 13, 2009

President Duey Marthaller called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at the BSC Vo-Tech Shop. Twenty-two members and no guests were present at the meeting.

On a motion by Don Flath with a second from Earl Setterlund the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the newsletter were approved.

SHOW & TELL

Cliff Rime started off with showing a segmented container. He told about the setup and gluing procedures he uses with Tite Bond III glue.

Earl showed some more of his baseballs and explained how he is always improving the process. He discovered by using empty yogurt cups he can lay out the lines for the arcs on the 2-7/8" diameter baseball perfectly. Earl also passed around a flyer inviting members to his 80th Birthday celebration at the Bismarck VFW on June 20th. Happy Birthday Earl. Everyone wishes you many more enjoyable and happy years of turning.

Dale Hurt showed a spalted Maple bowl and Sam Fears had a Box Elder Bowl which he was experimenting with leaving the bowl fairly heavy with thicker sides.

Larry Zubke again showed his handy work with a homemade pen barrel press. He also took a chuck from an old drill and put on a handle. He also showed a lidded box. Larry has a large lot at his home and told the members it takes quite a while to mow the lawn. He showed some photos of how he expanded the width of his riding mower by getting two push mowers from yard sales and then built a hitch system behind his riding mower and pulling the two push mowers along side of the riding mower which gives him another 44 inches of mowing on each round.

BUSINESS MEETING

Larry Nelson presented the treasurer's report stating all accounts were paid and current.

Duey Marthaller announced that he had some Basswood given by Art Tokach for members to take for a donation to the club.

Duey read a card from the Mandan Band Boosters thanking the DWT members for the contributions to the Band Fundraiser.

Bryce Hill reported on the Upward Bound

Classes put on by the DWT on June 6-7th saying it was one of the best experiences he's had in woodturning. The students all participated and were very attentive and got a lot out of the classes. Bryce thanked Ron Day for coordinating the classes along with all members who volunteered to teach turning to the students.

Duey reported the glue sales have been going well and another batch of glue is now available.

The Bylaws have been submitted to the AAW for final approval after a few minor changes were suggest by the AAW. The Bylaws should be brought before the members for approval within the next month or two.

Ron Day reported he received a confirmation from Cindy Drozda, who specializes in Finials and spindle turning, to appear at the 2010 Symposium. He has made contact with Stuart Batty but has not heard back. He is still trying to find a third turner.

Discussion was held on demonstrations at Art-In-The-Park on July 4th and the BAGA Capital A'Fair on August 1-2nd. The membership felt we had a bad location and a limited number of members would be available to but on the July 4th demonstration. The BAGA event has a better location and crowds are more oriented to craft items. Bryce Hill moved to decline the Art-In-The-Park demonstration and approve the Capital A'Fair demonstration. Ron Day seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was also noted Ron Day and Dave Krumwiede have been manning the Center Art Show this week-end.

The Jimmy Clewes demonstration and classes are confirmed for October 2-3th. The E-Board will discuss logistics further at the next meeting and contact Jimmy about finalizing plans.

Duey Marthaller said he would be placing the order for the sealer so it would be available at the July meeting. Members were reminded to save containers for the sealer.

The July meeting has been moved from Duey's shop to Ron Day's shop. The program is tentatively scheduled to be Bird Houses, probably a little on the larger side compared to the bird house ornaments.

The next E-Board meeting will be held on Monday June 15th rather than Tuesday as usual. With no other business the meeting adjourned to the demo on platters presented by Ron Day.

Dennis Schwind, Acting Secretary



WHO

It's a long drive from Rapid City to Bismarck to attend our DWT monthly meeting. Never the less, Dave Dittmer enjoys both the drive and the meetings. This is understandable since Dave and his wife enjoy traveling. Their trips have covered the US from coast-to-coast and beyond that from the Arctic Circle to Panama.

It was while vacationing in a RV park that Dittmer became interested in turning. After taking a turning workshop in Utah he learned of our symposium. Not only did he attend our 2008 Symposium, he also became a member of our club.

Prior to his retirement, Dave was a mining contractor. His Wife Bonnie, was a school teacher. She now enjoys craft work, especially making greeting cards.

Dittmer concentrates on turning vases. Recently he has received requests to make cremation urns. The wood he prefers for these projects are Walnut, Oak and Cherry.

The Dittmer's have five children and seven grandchildren.

Norbert Berning

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY EARL SETTERLUND

Hope you had a great time at your recent celebration at the VFW with your family and friends. We all wish you continued health and happiness and many more years of en-

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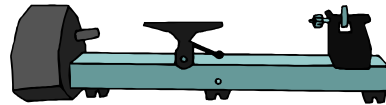
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