



Sawdust and Shavings

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The warning signs that Fall is coming are upon us. Changing leaves in my ash tree, cooler temps in the early morning hours and those pesky boxelder bugs. I'll need to get a few things put away before you know what occurs.

Another wonderful Fall sign that we were able to enjoy this year was the Rocky Mountain Woodturners Symposium. It was great to go to the symposium first of all, but to be welcomed as family and to get to interact with the presenters, vendors and other attendees was fantastic. If you have not gone to a symposium other than ours, I highly recommend this symposium. I learned a great deal in the various sessions and had numerous opportunities to talk turning with other attendees and with the presenters. They actually had more demonstrations that I wanted to attend but I was already in a session I wanted to go to. It's nice that we had several turners attend and they got to the other sessions. I can learn from them as they practice the demonstrations they attended. Hopefully I can make it to the national AAW symposium next summer in Portland. If you have ever thought of going to a symposium, the Rocky Mountain Symposium in the beginning of

KEY DATES COMING UP:

Next DWT meeting: September 7

Symposium Demo w/ Helen Bailey: September 7

Hands-on classes with Helen Bailey: Sept 8+9

September is something you should plan with a spouse or a friend.

We have our Fall demonstration and Hands-On this weekend (October 7th - 9th). I believe we are at capacity for the hands-on sessions. It should be a super weekend with Helen Bailey as she demonstrates a natural edge goblet, a three-legged pot and a ragged edge platter. The hands-on will be a thin-walled bowl with piercing techniques. Saturday, we start at our regular time, 9am. The event will continue until later afternoon. We will not have our regular show and share but if you would like to bring in a piece of work to have Helen critique it, please do so.

I have heard that we have had a good turnout of mentors for the Bismarck Career Academy classes for the first week. Way to go! At times, we had more mentors than students. A great way to learn how to help the students learn how to turn. Imagine if you had an experienced turner available when you started turning. Do you think you would have learned quicker? Maybe picked up fewer bad turning habits? I think my mentor would have repeatedly told me to go sharpen, sharpen, sharpen. I would have asked "how do you do that?". I guess that's the

beauty of having a guide by the side, we get to help when needed.

Remember, practice, practice, practice...
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DWT Meeting Minutes

9/09/2023

Recorded by Todd Richardson

9:04am Meeting Called to Order.

Ron Day motioned to approve the August minutes.

Dolly Seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Wolff gave a treasurer's report and included data about our summer raffle and silent auction.

Weldee motioned to approve and Wayne Petersen seconded. Motion carried.

One Guest Present – Cliff Orgaard visited on behalf of the Flickertails. He invited us to their annual show on October 14th and 15th. They will have classes on chip carving, rosemaling, and bark carved faces. DWT members are invited to setup a booth to display or demonstrate.

Old Business

We held a discussion and recap on the Capital A'Fair. There was a decent turnout and everything went well.

Pat was thanked for hosting the picnic. The silent auction went well. People were thanked for bringing in items and for bidding.

We had a recap on the raffle about what went well and where we can improve. Overall, the raffle went well and people were happy with it. There were a couple loose ends to tie up, particularly in delivering remaining items. There was some concern about the item list in order to make sure we are working off of one definitive list. We would also like to ensure the labeling is accurate when items come in. Becky Warren proposes bringing in items for the 2024 raffle between now and the Spring

Symposium. She suggested a reward system for those who do.

New Business:

John Warren discussed for the need to renew school security clearance and volunteer forms for mentors. He gave information about the career academy class dates and collected volunteers. The dates are Sept 25-29, Oct 23-27, and 13-17. Mark discussed making sure members have pictures for our internal directory.

Dolly gave an update on the 25th anniversary shirts. Last chance to order.

The Helen Bailey demonstration will be on October 7th with hands on classes on the 8th and 9th. She will be demonstrating thin walls with piercing her techniques for textured bowls. If you have a micromotor, bring it to the hands on class.

A motion was made to change the October meeting from the 14th to an abridged meeting on the 7th before Helen Bailey's demonstration. Wayne Petersen made the motion and Kleber seconded. Motion passed with two opposed.

An election committee was discussed in order to help find potential candidates for the board. Positions opening at the end of the year are President, Vice President, and one Member at Large. Volunteers are invited to join the committee or to volunteer to the committee to fill available roles. Current committee members are Mark and Rebecca Kielinski. Ron Day emphasized the importance of face shields and setting a good example when mentoring and demonstrating. Ron made a motion to buy additional face shields. Seconded by Peggy Rask. Motion passed.

Dolly Erickson has pen kits available.

WIT will be starting up with monthly meetings on September 21.

Marleen relayed a message from Jerry, one of the youths involved in mentorship during the spring symposium. Jerry was extremely grateful for the training and the opportunity. He thanked us for helping to teach him.

Dolly Erickson won the mystery prize. It contained a diamond card hone and some rust remover.

Wayne Petersen won the president's challenge. It contained weird French toast crackle corn.

Show & Share:

Alan Welte Alan created a captive ring tree and a natural edge ash bowl. The tree showed a strong design skill with progressively larger captive rings.

Larry Nelson Larry used his rose engine lathe to create vases and flowers. He was peppered with questions on the tool and it's use. He patiently answered each one.

George Scholl George displayed his Caragana flowerpots as well as a cherry bowl consisting of the sapwood and heartwood.

Dolly Erickson Dolly brought in some bottle stoppers she made with quarters as decorative inlays. She also had a large Russian olive candlestick.

Secretary's Note - At one time I considered hiding a coin from the current year in every single woodworking project. That way it would always have value. I never did start doing that though.

Doug Alm Doug brought a Christmas tree with a carved star on top. He said the secret is to carve the star early on as it is difficult and might break in the carving processes. Do this early to avoid disappointment. He also told us never to turn down free wood.

Wayne Petersen Wayne made a large vase with Russian olive wood and sandblasted it to bring out the texture in the grain.

John Warren John Warren has spent some time working on polished artistic pieces containing rims accented with stains and paint. He brought in two bowls. The first was stained black with sandblack, he followed that with a strong red stain and built-up gloss layers to a mirror finish. The second bowl he created was a 'cosmic bowl.' The rim was dyed black and iridescent paints applied on top. Delving into the rich spectrum of vibrant hues is akin to getting lost staring to the cosmos.

Secretary's Note – We're going to need a demo of this.

Jim Porter Jim decided to try turning some of the cottonwood he has available.

He created a very large bowl.

Meeting ended at 10:37

Ron Day demonstrated making beaded bowls after the meeting.

Show and Share Pics 9/9/23:



Show and Share (cont):



Fall Semester Career Academy Mentoring:



Member Vetted Videos:

DWT Vetted Videos October 2023

Woodturning: Hollowing Basics - Turning a simple hollow form



Basiswissen: Jo Sonja Farbgestaltung

<https://youtu.be/VsQYBaRMb2o?si=tx9TPqhfYXte5ETQ>

JoSonja Wood Painting with Mick Hanbury - Cosmic Bowl

If you have a video (YouTube, Vimeo, etc...) that you have watched and believe that other DWT turners could benefit from watching it, send me the link. This could be a video related to something that we are working on or interested in, a demonstration of a project (making a bowl, pens, hollow form, etc...) or a related skill (applying finish, sanding, lathe maintenance, etc...). Please include a quick description of what the video is about.

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For Sale:

Home Depot 10" Table saw for sale. Cast iron, top fence, miter gauge, and I think I have a ten inch brand new blade at home for it. They come get it \$450.00. The saw has only been used a few times and is in great (almost new) shape.

It will take at least two people to load the saw on a truck. I have access to a flatbed and if it's in Bismarck or Mandan I will load it on a trailer and bring it to their house if that helps out. Call Mike Fergel at 701-319-9316 if interested. Ed Note: Mike is a wood guy (not a club member) who did some concrete work at my place and wondered if someone in the club needed a good used saw.



Some of the local businesses and organizations that support DWT via discounts, donations, places to meet etc.

