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The (Past) Prez Sez

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone did well over the holiday season. We were able to have kids over and celebrated a birthday (Kennedy is 3, January 1st) and Christmas as well and get Jess back to Grand Forks before the ice hit. I just read my December Prez Sez and I listed some goals. Walking, learn more turning/embellishment techniques and share. Well, I think I have a good start on all three despite some treacherous ice conditions for a few days. Getting around is good and I'm finding parts of my shop that I haven't seen for a while. The days when we had the ice, I spent time researching and reading a few different techniques.

Becca has had a desktop stored in our garage for a while and the plan was to turn some legs for it, make a base, and then attach the desktop (actual old desk, not computer desktop). We scanned the internet for some interesting turned legs for the desk that will eventually be painted black. We found a pattern we liked, laid out some dimensions and turned the first leg. That was the easy one. Making a second one to match the first one was going to be a challenge. When we turn bowls or turn many of our other items, we usually don't need to make a twin of the first one. We found out that we should make a template with a story stick. The legs are done, they match and I learned something new. I wish I had another set to make now. I think a turned chair or rocking chair might be a

KEY DATES COMING UP:

-Next DWT meeting: January 13

great next project. I had brought in a roped bowl that I oiled with a dark oil and I didn't like the finish or the way the rope texture went around the bowl horizontally. Someone suggested to paint it black, which I did. I then decided to place some of the Nick Agar Chroma-Craft gilt on the "rope" part of the bowl. With a variety of colors to choose from we chose copper. I think it turned out great. We had some issues with some lacquer on the inside of the bowl but overall the bowl can be stunning. I say "can" be because this first mistake is just practice for more bowls in the future.

My third goal was to share. Of the six lace bowls I have made, I've given away all but one. The reaction I got from each person that got one was pretty cool. Almost overwhelming, almost. I'm glad I included sharing my passion and interest in woodturning as a goal. I like the direction things are headed. I wish for you to reach your goals in 2024 as well.

mk (Past) Prez

DWT Meeting Minutes

12/09/23

Recorded by Todd Richardson

9:05am Meeting Called to Order

Becky Warren introduced a saxophone quartet from Mandan Highschool who played 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas.' They thanked us for our continued support from the Band Blast contributions.

We welcomed three new guests with an interest in woodturning. Oliver from Mandan is eager to start turning. John recently moved here from Virginia and has experience with pens and bowls. Mike from Washburn has recently retired and wants to give the craft a turn.

Treasurer's report indicated we are up to date on all bills, including our insurance, trailer registration, and our PO Box. A report is due to the Secretary of State soon, Steve Wolff will be addressing that with Mark Kielpinski to get the report filed.

The meeting minutes from November had a correction. The membership and nametag leads will be Jim and Peggy Ruddick. Not Jim and Peggy Rask. The secretary was quite ashamed and offered his immediate resignation for the error. He was told he had to keep taking minutes as surely there would be no further errors or omissions. With the correction in place, a motion was made by George Scholl to approve the minutes as amended. Denise Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

John Warren gave the spring dates for the Career Academy training sessions. Signups will be available in January.

Mark Kielpinski discussed the incentives for the summer raffle. We would really appreciate any and all support. Photos and descriptions will be posted in the newsletter.

Dolly has 10 of the t-shirts left to give out for the 25th anniversary of the club.

Dues for the year 2024 are now due. The membership rate remains at \$20. Contact Steve Wolff to pay. Mark Kielpinski's directory mission continues. He has a handful of people remaining to get photos.

New Business

Election of officers – The nominating committee nominated the following candidates for the club positions: President – Ron Day, Vice President – Kleber Hadsell, Member at Large – George Scholl. The floor was opened to other candidate nominations, seeing none Becky Warren made a motion to close nominations and called for a vote. Stan Zalumskis seconded and the motion passed. The vote was held and the three were accepted by the members unanimously. Congrats.

Holiday Party – Becky Warren had contacted the Eagles club and gave us potential costs. She is looking to schedule the date.

Although few in numbers, the December Wood Exchange was successfully held. Each participating member took home some nice pieces of timber to turn. John Warren made a motion to sing happy birthday to Dolly and immediately began singing before a second to the motion could be found. And even though we didn't vote on it, we sounded amazing. Happy birthday Dolly.

John Warren made a motion to buy a swing away tailstock lift for the club's Powermatic lathe. The need and merits were discussed. Kleber Hadsell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The educational incentive forms were made available. It was recommended to fill one out to attend the Rocky Mountain Symposium with Nick Cook and Dale Larson. Deadline is end of month. Ron Day reported that he just finished placing the order for the tailstock. Kleber mentioned that we need to start collecting spinning tops for the upcoming year.

Mystery prize went to Ralph Feland. Ralph received pen blanks and a raptor sharpening setup gauge.

Show & Share:

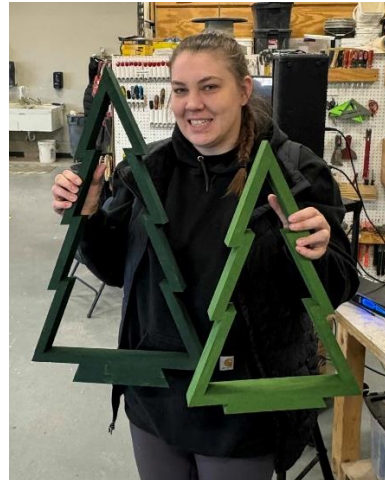
George Scholl brought in some beautiful hollow bauble ornaments with finials. He discussed the techniques used in hollowing, painting with a Sand-back, and issues with the oily wood using polyurethane. George also brought in some turned candles of box elder wood that looked like they had dripping wax from the red streaks. He used LED tea lights.

James Ruddick brought in a nice white ash bowl. Jon Schuck brought in snowmen, a bowl, and a laminated drumstick

Ralph Feland had worked on the square bowl technique. He brought two well done pieces. One of zebrawood and another of spalted maple. Mike Orgaard brought in bowls of boxelder. He struggled with burl issues including warping and holes that required additional attention. In the end they were very nicely made pieces.



John Warren recently setup a display at a local Christmas market and brought in some of the unsold remaining pieces. Black Ash Burl Bowls – these two bowls featured great grain figure and design. One of the bowls was rimmed the other went straight up. John showed a black rimmed box elder bowl that was briefly a black rimmed box elder funnel. He also had a Peppermill from the market. He was disappointed it didn't sell, but relieved that he didn't make 100 as originally planned. Dolly Erickson Dolly brought in a Christmas gift for her granddaughter. She made a lovely ring box.



Rebecca Kielpinski was feeling the Christmas spirit. She made painted Christmas tree displays with places for snowmen. She wasn't the only one feeling the Christmas spirit as she told us about how fascinated young ones were with the snowmen and she eventually gave them all away. Mark Kielpinski worked on the roped bowl from last month's demo and showed the progress.



Mark gave closing remarks for his last meeting as club president and thanked us for making his job easier over the past two years. He also offered everyone a bottle of cutting board oil as his final president's challenge prize. Motion to adjourn by Todd Richardson and seconded by Ralph Feland. Meeting ended at 10:10.

The meeting was followed by a demo from Ron Day. A clever way of creating hollow forms without using hollowing tools. The process reminded me of a demo from Alan Erickson years back where he showed hollow spheres using a similar technique.



Member Vetted Videos:

No videos were submitted for this month's newsletter.

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.

Women in Turning (WIT) news:

WIT will meet on Thursday, January 18. Becca Kielpinski will teach members to turn a spatula. Mentors are always needed and welcome to attend. Set up will be at 5:30. WIT members- please let Denise know if you plan to attend.

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

