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REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2007
BSC Vo-Tech Building

October Program:
Pat Schweitzer & Duey Marthaller
Christmas Ornaments

Dakota Woodturners Club

Membership meeting September 8, 2007

The regular meeting was held at the Bismarck State College Vo-tech shop with 24 members and three guests present.

SHOW AND TELL

Duey Marthaller showed three platters with the rims stained with Aniline dyes. He explained the procedures saying he put on one color and then coated with another color to get the various colors coating with the darkest color first. Ron Day said dyes of different colors could be mixed to achieve new colors.

Louis Pittman showed two Fir bowls, which he finished with four coats of tung oil and then polished with paste wax.

Cliff Rime showed two Silver Maple bowls. Cliff also brought in a "Tilt Box" he purchased to set the blade angles on his table saw. He hopes this to be a great aid in setting up angles for his segmented turnings.

Bill White showed a lidded box made with curly Maple, Walnut and Cocobolo.

Ron Day brought in a finial box with a loose fitting lid patterned after the demonstrations presented by Pete Holtus at the April symposium.

The following members also brought in finial boxes. Duncan Warren had one made from Cocobolo, George Holimer brought in two boxes and Kris Roberts showed another one.

Bob Gruman advised the club the airbrush classes he attended last year are scheduled to be starting soon. In reply to a question he said the airbrush equipment could be purchased for about \$100 - \$150.

BUSINESS MEETING

Jackson Bird, the Bismarck City Forester, attended the meeting and made a presentation on the Washington Street bowl-turning project the club has undertaken. He said from their study and research the Silver Maple tree was about 80 - 100 years old. The Forestry Department is looking for approximately 24 turned pieces, either bowls or pencil holders, to present to Washington Street area residents affected by the street project. The City delivered the logs to the BSC shop and club members will get together tomorrow to cut the logs into blanks.

Kelly Gier presented the treasurer's report.

Pat Schweitzer appointed Past President Duncan Warren as the chairman of the election committee with Jim Fine, Bryce Hill and Weldee Baetsch as members.

Further discussion was held on creating a Club web site. Dennis Schwind presented a few options on pricing depending on length of services purchased. Bryce Hill moved to have Dennis Schwind proceed with developing a web site by purchasing a domain name and hosting services for three years. Duey Marthaller seconded the motion, motion carried. Bob Gruman volunteered to assist Dennis with the web site.

Duncan Warren told the club that Bill Freymiller, because of ill health, is selling some of his tools and to contact Bill

if interested.

Pat Schweitzer said he acquired a Jet 12" variable speed lathe and has it for sale for \$275.00. Bryce Hill moved to have the Club purchase the lathe so larger projects could be demonstrated at the meetings. Jim Fine seconded the motion, motion carried.

Weldee Baetsch said the club should give some thought to holding additional training and instruction classes.

Ron Day reported that Dick Sing has found one more turner from Georgia who will be able to demonstrate at the 2008 Symposium. Inquires will be made to find one more demonstrator. Dick Sing will be submitting a proposal to the club in the near future.

Dennis Schwind brought in a box of bowling pins, courtesy of Midway Lanes, for club members to take for turning projects. Dennis explained the procedures he uses to mount a pin on the lathe and remove the plastic by cutting strips with a hacksaw and pulling off the plastic. He said the plastic can be turned off but it is very messy. He also explained where some of the pins have voids, which need to be taken into account when planning a turning project.

With no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned to a technical presentation by Duey Marthaller on wood shrinkage and the project demonstration on turning Banksia Pods presented by Dave Krumwiede.

Dennis Schwind, Secretary

E-Board Meeting

Executive Board minutes, September 11, 2007

The E-Board meeting was held at 7:00 PM at Dakota Farms, Mandan, ND with the following members present; Pat Schweitzer, Duncan Warren, Alice and Norbert Berning, Weldee Baetsch, Ron Day, Dennis Schwind and Duey Marthaller.

Ron Day reported that Dick Sing found one more turner from Atlanta, Georgia who will be able to demonstrate at the 2008 Symposium. Dick knows of no other turners available from the Chicago area. Dick will be submitting a proposal for their appearance to the club in the near future. A suggestion was made to have Ron contact Keith Gotschall from Colorado as a third demonstrator. Dennis Schwind moved to set the

dates for the 2008 symposium for April 11, 12 and 13, 2008. Duey Marthaller seconded the motion, motion carried.

Dennis Schwind presented a list of domain names that are available for the Club web site. On a motion by Ron Day and a second by Weldee Baetsch "Dakotawoodturners.com" was selected as the name of the web site.

Duey Marthaller reported on the fees charged by Jimmy Clewes for demonstrations. Jimmy charges a fee of \$550.00 for a six-hour demonstration. There is no limit on the number of participants for demonstrations only, but a six-person limit for a hands-on demonstration. Duey said Jimmy is scheduled to be in Minnesota in March and June of 2008 and those may be good dates to limit expenses for travel. Duey Marthaller moved to proceed with scheduling firm dates during June 2008 that fit Jimmy's schedule. Alice Berning seconded the motion, motion carried.

Duey Marthaller reported the October program will be on ornaments with a technical program on "The Nature of Wood" consisting of knowing how wood grows is basic to working successfully with wood. Pat Schweitzer volunteered to demonstrate. Ron Day will assist with information on inside-out turnings. Duey will bring information on the Bob Rosand style of ornaments and Dennis Schwind said he has patterns from Wood Magazine on various ornaments he will bring.

Duey Marthaller suggested the club should do more public relations work by displaying turnings in a public setting such as a bank or mall.

Duncan Warren said he did not have anything to report on behalf of the election committee.

Dennis Schwind reported the second Saturday of January was not available for the Christmas Party at the Bismarck Eagles. Pat Schweitzer said he checked with the Bismarck Elks Club and they were also booked. Dennis Schwind was asked to check with the Eagles Club again to see if the following Saturday was available.

Duey Marthaller said he has three people interested in a Pepper Mill turning class and would be will to hold

the class on the approval of the Board of Directors. Alice Berning moved to approve the class. Weldee Baetsch seconded the motion, motion carried. DUEY will contact participants and schedule a date for the class.

With no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Dennis A Schwind, Secretary

WHO

Although Kris Roberts says he has been doing wood work “off and on forever”, he has been turning wood for about four years. Joining the Dakota Woodturners made woodturning a major recreational activity for him. He is also a member of the AAW.

In 2004 he was appointed a Member at Large on our Executive Board, a position he received, he says, because he “didn’t duck fast enough”. Badlands Cedar is his favorite wood to turn, but he has not yet determined his favorite items to turn. Nevertheless, he gave a comprehensive demonstration on turning eggs during a recent club meeting activity period.

Kris has been involved in the sport of fencing for many years. Currently he is the head coach instructor of the Capital Fencing group which is allied with the Bismarck Parks and Recreation department. The fencers schedule contests primarily within North Dakota, but at least once a

year they attend a major tourney out of state, frequently in Minneapolis.

By profession Kris is an Environmental Geologist employed by the State Health Department in the Division of Water Quality. Kris’ wife, Di Ann, is involved in producing and marketing a variety of items, e.g., ties, hand bags, attitudes. She is also a quilter, painter, ceramist, and does some wood crafting. Kris and Di Ann have one daughter who is attending NDSU.

By: Norbert Berning

THE PREZ SEZ

Summer is about history, the geese are flying, and trees are changing color. The October meeting will be about Christmas ornaments. The summer seemed to be a blink in time.

A big thanks to everyone helped cut the silver maple for the city bowl projects. Ron will have blanks to hand out at the meeting and hope everyone takes a couple to turn. Let’s show what Dakota Wood turners is all about. Yours truly will demo the Christmas ornaments at the October meeting, but there will be a twist. I’ll set the Demo up and explain how to make an ornament, and then I’ll grab someone from the class to come up and do a certain part. So everyone be ready to help out.

Enough rambling for now. See everyone at the October meeting. Bring your ideas and ornaments you made and let’s have a fun time. Keep the trees falling and the chips flowing.

**Your Prez,
Pat the Retired Plumber**

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