

February's meeting was held at Laurier's shop and considering the conflict with a small sporting event down south was very well attended. A few points of business occupied the first part of the meeting. After three years of acting as point man for the guild's presence at the UNBC crafts fair and last year at the Studio-Fair Laurier has decided to step aside from crafts fairs and attend to the rest of his life. A huge THANK YOU to Laurie for all his work and attention in keeping the guild's presence in these events it has provided excellent exposure for the work of the guild and a welcome bit of cash for successful seller. Ron Clemmons has agreed to take over the UNBC fair and Bob Ramsey has taken the task of coordinating Studio-Fair. Thanks guys for stepping up to the tasks. Second point of business was discussion over the merits of taking an ad for the guild in Northword magazine. It was decided that if we can make the deadline for advertising the magazine is a good place to promote the guild and money well spent.

The main event of the evening was Laurier's demonstration of the OneWay and McNaughton coring systems. He started each demo with a summary of the mechanism and costs of each system before putting metal to wood and showing us how it's done. Using 15.75 inch blanks of Ponderosa pine the Delta lathe was well challenged. Using the Oneway system first he had the bad luck to crack the first blank at the tendon which prevented safely finishing the coring.



From the side



Mcnaughton

For the second blank Laurier showed how, by entering from the side of the blank, he could get two bowls of the same diameter from a deep bowl blank rather than the usual set of bowls with diminishing diameters

The third blank with the McNoughton system showed the greater flexibility in changing profiles while coring that is available with this system. On the comparison of the two systems each has it's advantages- cost and flexibility favor the McNoughton while Oneway offers better mechanical rigidity.

While Laurier was busy making shavings the wood raffle raised \$27. Thanks to all who donated wood.

There was a discussion around choosing monthly projects. Typically we grab an idea out of the air as everyone is preparing to go home. It was generally agreed that this was not the most best system. Some thought that the next project should arise from the nights demonstration. There are many times when this would be possible but also others where a particular piece of gear is used that all members may not own. There are also projects that could require more than a month to complete such as set of nested bowls or any project that starts with a green turning. The cure for all of this would be to schedule monthly projects several months in advance allowing everyone more time to prepare and complete each project.

After all the discussion we still managed to end the evening without agreeing on the Mach project.

So the project for March will be suggest a project, suggest a demonstration.

To get the juices flowing I've gleaned a few suggestions off the websites of other clubs:

Kitchenware

Mallet, Gavel

Eggs : Matching and nest, Broken and hatched, Segmented Ukranian

I board foot challenge: Make anything you want but only use one board foot of wood  
12x12x1, 6x6x4, 4x4x9, 3x3x16

Cracked

Something of no practical use.

A design based on the proportions of the golden rectangle

A set of 6 eggcups

A set of 3 tea lights with different heights but the same proportions

A stool 3 leg milking or 4 leg lamp stand.....



Pens by John

Elm bowls for city



Stitched arbutus from Mark



Marks first bowl from wood buy



Ron M fills in the blanks