

The March 25 Guild meeting was held at Greg's shop which was frightfully clean for the occasion. I may need to revisit my theory that good work can only arise from chaos.

Before Greg could get going on his demo there was a bit of business to take care of :

A reminder from Laurie that when signing out items from the library please do it properly with your full name and the name of the item: book, magazine, DVD or video. The library is one of the rich resources available to members so we should all take care in keeping it in order.

UNBC crafts fair is undergoing organizational changes which may affect the guild's ability to participate. Ron Clemmons will keep on top of these developments.

The city hall elm pieces are due in at the April meeting. I will contact Doug Hofstead at the city about handing them over. Hopefully we can get a bit of press for the guild as we did when the trees came down last year.

April 21 will be the set up for the artisans room at the Minerals North Trade Show April 22, 23 at the Civic Center.

There is a new opportunity for sales at a soon to open Farmer's Market at Foothills School. They will start in May, cost is \$18/table, the guild would be welcome and it is not necessary to commit to a long term presence. The intention is to start indoors and move outside in the summer.

Mark has a 2 horse General dust collector with 50 feet of ducting available for \$300

Lin has a connection to supply CA glue at \$2 per oz. Great price talk to Laurie about shipping and handling.

Additional ideas for monthly projects: off center turning spindle and faceplate, inside/outside turning, magnetic vases, surface enhancements, colour texture carving.

There was a general feeling that the demo is a good place to start the next month's project. April's project will be a cabriole leg.

Up coming meeting schedule:

April 29	Bob Ramsey's shop
May 27	Ron Clemmons' shop
June 24	Ken Turner's shop
July 29	Mark Hinchliff's Shop
August 26	Ron Malyk's shop
September 30	Leo DeBruin's shop

With all that settled, Greg started his demo by showing some completed stools and stands with turned legs. Starting with a full size drawing of the leg blank Greg showed us how to plan the pommel length and amount of offset at both ends to create the degree of taper that will result in a properly shaped foot and an even table skirt. Having started with a plan the turning was relatively straight forward. After cutting the pommel the rest of the leg was turned to a straight cylinder. With the foot at the headstock the ankle and foot were marked and the foot was partially formed. The blank was then offset at both ends by the predetermined amounts. Starting at the pommel the leg taper was cut toward the foot to ensure a downhill cut. Unfortunately there was a tiny amount of slippage in the offset at the tailstock end which resulted in an unintended cut below the pommel.

Thanks Greg for an excellent demo. (and tasty goodies)

(Note to self, reduce chaos, start with a plan)

12 members were in attendance, with a new member joining tonight the guild stands at 16 paid members.

Wood raffle raised \$25 and I think almost everyone went home with a new treasure.

With apologies for late delivery that's the news for March

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Ps. More pictures in gallery on web page