



January 2020

Meeting Info

Our next meeting is on March 11th.

See you there!

Club Challenge

The challenge for the January meeting is something with a straight edge.

Bring your challenge pieces for an entry in the monthly and yearly drawings.

President's Message

If you are reading this, you are likely a member of the Portneuf Valley Woodturners Association (PVWA). A group formed out of the desire of 5 men to share their passion for woodturning. Our membership has grown to 35 strong in just 1.5 years. In that time we have progressed rapidly through the club start-up phase and last year we showcased the talents of our members in 4 public venues. The displays were so well received that each venue has asked us to return.

As the new PVWA President, I ask what is next? Where do we go from here? How do we continue to remain relevant to our current members and attract new members? The first thing to consider is our mission statement, which reads "...to provide education and information to those who are interested in woodturning." The club bylaws further state that PVWA shall promote an interest in woodturning for all persons of all levels of competence and experience, including beginners and advanced professionals; to provide up to date information, education and guidance for all members; to stimulate creativity, and to explore new methods and techniques for advancing woodturning as both a creative craft, and as a unique art form. In short our primary mission is to create and coordinate a wide range of educational opportunities for woodturners and people interested in woodturning.

The next thing to consider is our members, who are they, where do they come from and why do they attend meetings when they can watch woodturning demonstrations on YouTube? Our current membership is predominantly white men over 50 years of age. Half are from the Pocatello area and the others travel an hour to attend meetings. Like most people who join clubs, we attend meetings to be with others who share our passion, to learn, and exchange ideas. Our meetings are a great place to learn from one another, the demonstrations are educational as well as entertaining, we have a good time and don't forget Margret's cookies!

To date we have had 10 different members give 15 demonstrations. Combine that with individuals who set up displays, write the newsletter, maintain our website, produce videos, developed our logo and arranged for printing of shirts and hats, we have over 50% active participation. This is fantastic!!! It indicates that our current members are engaged and being well served. But can we sustain this interest, and are we missing potential members? The PVWA Board of Directors has discussed various additional activities, such as participation in charity fundraising, public demonstrations, and beginner workshops. We need to know if you are willing to support these activities with your time and talents. Please talk with Dick Anderson, Kelly Crompton, Buz Taysom Bob Smith or myself and let us know what activities you think will keep current members engaged, attract new members and help PVWA further its mission.

“Demonstration”

Bob Smith demonstrated Coring Bowl Blanks
Watch the video on the PVWA web page (www.pvwa.club)



February Meeting Photos



February Meeting Photos (cont)

