

March 2021

Meeting Info

Our next meeting is on **April 14th**.

Allan Johnson will demonstrate the use of a dental drill to enhance woodturning.

See you there!

Club Challenge

The challenge for the April meeting is to turn a salt/pepper dispenser.

This does not have to be a mechanical grinder...use your imagination!

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

Treasurer's Report

Monthly Revenue: \$652.15 (\$500 from Southwest Airline ticket sale)

February Expenses: \$0.00

Current Balance: \$5329.12

Remember to place your Amazon orders through <https://smile.amazon.com> Select **Portneuf Valley Woodturners Association Inc.** as your charity. We received our 1st quarter check for \$39.15.

2021 Membership Dues

If you have not paid 2021 Membership Dues please to so at the April meeting. Dues are \$30/year.

President's Message

My high school football coach, Gino Alberici, always said “you never stay the same...you either get better or you get worse”. By this he meant that if you are not constantly honing your skills (working to get better) they will diminish and you will become worse. He meant this for us and individuals as well as for the team. So, as the Portneuf Valley Woodturning Association, where do we go from here? How do we get better?

The Board has decided that they would like to continue past outreach efforts and find ways to contribute positively to the community. In the past we have had displays in several public libraries and the Pocatello Arts Center. The Arts Center is still closed to the public. However we will have our turnings displayed in the Idaho Falls library for the month of May and the Pocatello library in June and July. **Please bring your items for display in the IF library to the April meeting or contact Kent Durst (208-709-1115) to make arrangements.** Stay tuned for information on the Pocatello display.

The next question is how do we, as a woodturning club, contribute positively to our communities? Many woodturners donate pens to our military troops and AAW has a Beads of Courage program. We could participate on one of these national efforts or strike out on our own and keep it local. Our lone effort, has been to donate bowls to homeless veterans through the South Eastern Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA). We had high member participation in this event and the bowls were greatly appreciated by the veterans who received them. I know many of you donate your woodturnings to local fund raising efforts and Dick has mentioned donating tops to a children's hospital.

In researching this topic I have come across a number of “bowls of hope” events where local artists donate bowls which are auctioned off, with the proceeds donated to a local charity. Is this something we should pursue or do you have other ideas? Please let me, or one of the Board members, know your thoughts.

Hopefully most of you have received your COVID vaccine and will feel comfortable attending meetings in person. I look forward to seeing you all again in person.

Take Care and Turn Well

Tracy Casselman

Demonstration

Jared Smith demonstrated his technique for turning a very sleek peppermill, using a crush grind kit purchased from Craft Supplies.



Here is his process:

- Cut a 2.5 x 2.5" blank to desired length (10");
- Turn round, bottom and top to 2.5" diameter, tapering down to a center of 2" diameter;
- Turn a tenon on top of the mill blank,
- Mount the blank in a 4 jawed chuck (be sure to check the fit);
- Drill 1 3/4" hole, 3/4" deep in the bottom of the mill, using a Forstner bit;
- Within the first hole, drill 1 9/16" hole, 1 1/2" deep (total depth from the bottom of the mill will be 2 1/4")
- Drill a 1" hole, 1/2 - 2/3 the length of the mill, from the bottom;
- Sand and finish the bottom of the mill;
- Reengage the tailstock, with a cone center and refine the shape of the mill;
- Cut a 2 3/8" tenon where the blank is to be separated into top and bottom;
- Part and saw off the bottom of the mill (be sure to leave the tenon);
- Drill a hole in bottom, of the top of the mill, to receive the tenon left on the bottom of the mill blank;
- Drill a 15/16" hole, into bottom of the mill top, 1 3/8 deeper than the tenon;
- Sand and finish the inside of the mill top;
- Jam chuck the bottom of the mill to the top and turn to final shape;
- Sand and finish
- Chuck the bottom of the mill, from the bottom, using a 4 jaw chuck in expanding mode.
- Finish drilling the 1" hole through the mill bottom;
- Sand and Finish
- Reversing chuck the top of the mill, in the expanding jaws;
- Turn off the tenon;
- Sand and Finish
- Dry fit the grinding mechanism to be sure it fits properly
- Make any necessary adjustments and epoxy the mill kit in place.

Jared's finish of preference for peppermills is Doctor's Workshop Pens Plus. Thank You Jared for a Great Demo!

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE:

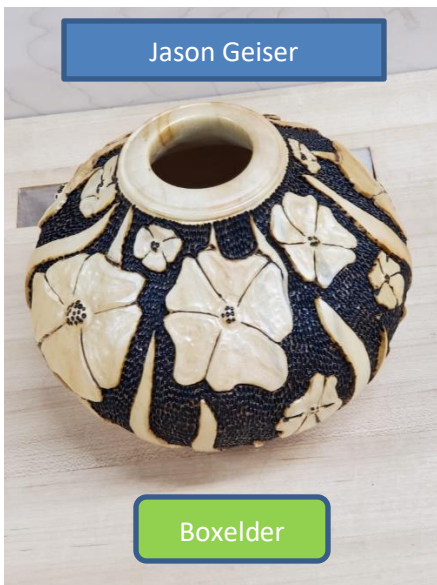
FLOWER




Name: Dan Hillam
Wood: Maple

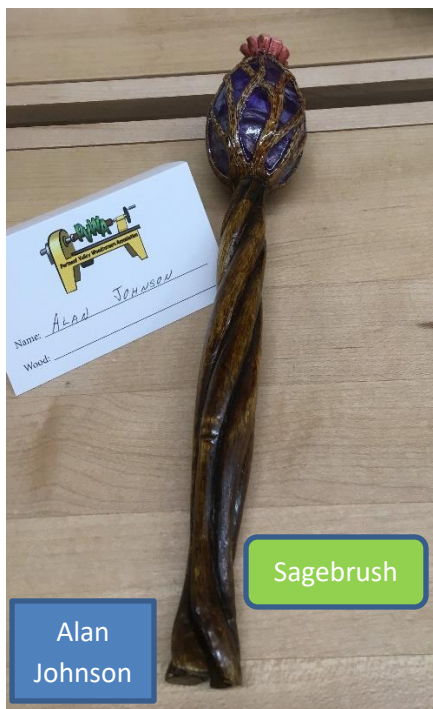


Dick
Anderson



Jason Geiser

Boxelder




Name: Alan Johnson
Wood: _____

Alan
Johnson

Sagebrush



Tracy Casselman

Willow

MEMBERS GALLERY

