



May 2021

Meeting Info

Our next meeting is on **June 9th**.

The June meeting will feature food and discussion. We will provide the food (BBQ) and you bring the discussion topics; anything turning related.

See you there!

Club Challenge

The challenge for the June meeting is a spindle turning; anything turned between centers.

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

Treasurer's Report

Monthly Revenue: \$120

April Expenses: \$0.00

Current Balance: \$4702.21

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 June meeting. Dues are \$30/year.

President's Message

Outreach: The Gem State Woodturners (Idaho Falls) installed a display in the Idaho Falls Library for the month of May. Thanks you to all of the members who contributed. It was a spectacular display of local talent, as you can see from the photos below. On June 2 we will transfer many of the turnings to the Pocatello Library. Their display space is much larger than that in Idaho Falls, so we will need additional items to display. Please contact Bob Smith to make arrangements for your turnings to be displayed.



Next Meeting: will be June 9th. We will not have a demonstration at this meeting. Instead we will have a BBQ social/round table discussion talking about various aspects of woodturning including tips and trick. So bring a healthy appetite, good questions and any tips or tricks you use to improve your woodturning.

President's Challenge/Gallery Drawing: One lucky member will win an annual membership to the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). If you participated in the President's Challenge or brought items for display this year your name will be in the drawing for each time you participated.

Club Lathe – Jet 1221 VS, has arrived and is available for member use. If you would like to use the lathe contact me to make arrangements to pick it up. We are in need of turning tools.....if you have any tools you are willing to donate, to go with the lathe, please get them to Bob.

Demonstration

Jason Geiser demonstrated 5 quick spindle projects: dibble, spurtle, honey dipper, drink muddler and spinning top. That was quite a feat to pull off in one demo period!

Garden dibble (planting stick for seeds and bulbs)

- Mount about a 2" x 10" blank between centers. I used cedar.
- Rough to about a 2" or less cylinder
- With a skew or spindle gouge bring to a point on the tailstock side
- Using a story board marked every inch, mark lines and create a groove
- Burn in the lines in the grooves with a wire burner
- Shape a handle on the end and part off



Traditional Scottish Spurtle (kitchen stir stick)

- Mount a 1" x 13" blank between centers and rough to round. (I like cherry, walnut, and maple)
- Create a ball and tuft representing a thistle on the tailstock end
- Be creative with the rest of the stir stick and part off



Honey Dipper

- Mount a 1" x 7" blank between centers. I prefer eastern hard maple
- Pre-shape the end with a spindle gouge into a rounded shape
- Use a beading tool to create beads in the rounded end (you can also use a gouge, skew, or just make thin parting cuts into the rounded part)
- Create a stem with a spindle gouge. (Go thin if you can)
- Create a handle or ball on the end and part off



Drink Muddler

- Mount and 1 ½" x 9" blank between centers. I used walnut
- Rough to round (prepare for chuck if using)
- Mark design using a template (measurements and a drawing are on the template for reference)
- Shape the muddler using a spindle gouge
- Remark the center design
- Cut a bead in the center
- If using chuck cut and sand the end. Part off and reverse in chuck and sand again



Spiral spinning top

- Chuck a 2" maple blank
- 2" per top plus some room for a tenon (I used a 7" blank to make 3 tops)
- Shape a point on the end
- Clear material out to make a stem gradually working your way down to a thin spindle ¼" or less
- Sand smooth
- Slow the lathe to between 300 and 400 rpm
- Make stripes with a brush tipped marker
- To make the spiral hold the tip on the wood near the inside. With a quick but steady motion pull the tip of the marker toward the outside, keeping the tip on the surface
- Repeat spirals where desired
- Cut a point on the end of the spiral and part off



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE:

Turning from an old cedar fencepost



MEMBER'S GALLERY





