

Ada County Woodworkers Meeting

Minutes for April 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Bill Nowlin.

Visitors & New Members

New Members: Sid Bright

Treasurer's Report

Bill Johnson reported the current treasury balance is \$916.07.

Announcements/Discussion

Idaho Artistry in Wood and Gourd Show

Bill Nowlin said he had sent emails to 12 people who expressed interest at the show.

Bill Johnson said this year there were 39 exhibitors and 86 pieces in the woodworking category. Last year there were 37 exhibitors and 97 pieces. The show board is discussing adding a position for raffles. One responsibility would be to get raffle entries during the year to avoid a rush just prior to the show.

Members were asked to be thinking about what they might make for the silent and live auctions with the goal of getting them in earlier which would help the organizers.

There were 107 banquet attendees, but show attendance numbers weren't available by meeting time.

A couple of comments by the woodworking entry judges were that finishing the bottom of entries and checking for imperfections such as scratches (from sanding for example) would improve scores.

Tim Cripe expressed his appreciation for the ribbon he got for the chair he had in the show.

Miscellaneous

Bill Nowlin said he is taking a chair class and will donate it for the IAW. Monte is donating the wood from the Woodcraft store.

John Hinman has created a forum on groups.io where members can ask questions or share ideas. To join, go to the link above and click on "Find a Group" and search for AdaCountyWood (all one word) in the search box on the page that pops up.

Then click on “AdaCountyWood” to get to a page where you can sign up at the bottom where it says “+Join This Group”.

I think this [direct link](#) should also work.

If you already have a groups.io account, you can sign in with that, otherwise you’ll have to create an account.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bill Nowlin is looking for suggestions to raise funds for the club. One use might be to pay for outside demonstrators at our meetings. Monte is donating a couple of tickets to an Alex Snodgrass class coming up at the store that we might raffle off or something like that. Tim Cripe added that we might sell some of the cars we make as a club project at the IAW store, etc. Ron Lee said he has been watching sale prices of cutting boards and wood jewelry on Facebook Marketplace and they are down lately.

Bill Nowlin said there is a craft fair in Star that charges \$100 for a table that might be a possible venue for sale items.

Raffle

The first item was a mallet with a plum head and hickory handle finished with Odie’s Oil made by Freda Timmons. It was won by John Hinman.



Other raffle items were a \$10 Woodcraft gift card, some pieces of wood, and two books.

Show and Tell

Bill Johnson had a stool to sit on while putting on or taking off shoes made of cherry and walnut. He used wood buttons to hold the top on.



John Hinman showed us a box with a sliding lid for miscellaneous items.

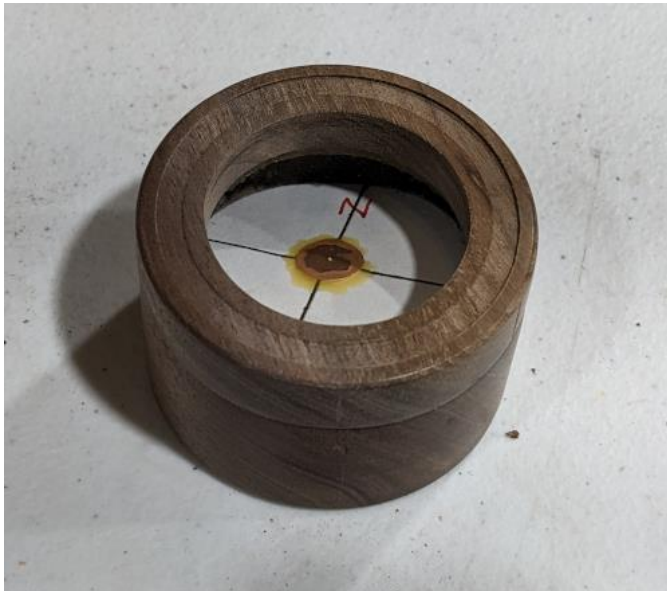


Paul Verhage had a number of items;

A small box with a piece of fossilized coral inset in the top.



A compass with the body turned on a lathe with a pointer of magnetized piano wire and a copper disk.



A Roman style Tabula (tablet) made of Juniper with beeswax inside and a peach stylus. Notes could be scratched in the beeswax using the stylus like a more modern pencil and pad or a note app on your phone.



Bill Nowlin brought a cutting board made by a neighborhood kid with his help, and some wood samples he bought at a garage sale.



Demonstration

Bob Rudkin talked about router tables and demonstrated a few cuts.



The table he used for the demo was a Jessem with a shop made dust box and storage drawer.

Bob started by showing a few samples of things that can be done with a router in a table. He also talked a little about some of the molding cutters available, and template (flush cutting) bits. Flush cutting bits with top and bottom bearings are useful because the cut direction can be reversed to get a more favorable grain direction.

He used a coping sled by Woodpeckers to make a keyed slot in the back of a picture frame for hanging it.

A suggestion for any routing: make sure your bits are sharp and clean.

Bob showed how to make a bullnose using a roundover bit. The first cut can be made using the bearing on the bit, but if you are using stock less than twice the radius of the bit, the bearing will be against the already rounded-over edge and the cut will be too deep leaving a ridge. Instead, use a fence aligned with the bearing for that second cut.

The router table can also be used to cut the lock miter joint, but it is a bit tricky because it leaves a sharp arris which can crush easily if pushed against the fence or table too hard. Setup needs to be precise stock movement careful to get that sharp edge.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Alan Hochhalter, Secretary

Upcoming Events

Next meeting: 6:30 PM, May 10 at Woodcraft in Boise.

2023 Officers

President – Bill Nowlin

Vice President – Tim Cripe

Treasurer – Bill Johnson

Secretary – Alan Hochhalter

Meeting Refreshments – vacant

Member-At-Large – vacant