

Artistic Woodturners Meeting: October 2021

Meeting was called to order by Ed Rose, President. 27 members were present, with 7 visitors. Two of those visitors, John and Mary Jane Stanley, became new members.

In accordance with club bylaws, annual election of officers was held. The slate of officers for 2022 was Jim Mencum, President; Kim Huggins, Vice President; Neil McWilliams, Secretary and Steve Raybourn, Treasurer. This slate of nominations was elected by acclamation of members present.

Ed Rose announced that a number of long grain barked blanks would be available at the end of the meeting for purpose of next month's club challenge, to make a natural edged end grain goblet, as would be demonstrated today by our Zoom guest turner, Rudy Lopez. Each person who accepts a blank is asked to bring in their results next meeting – in whatever form those results may be. Ed said that we all should try to learn from our mistakes. This wisdom prompted a response by one of our members who said that he once suggested to his wife that she too should embrace her mistakes, whereupon she hugged him!

Ed will be contacting all members by email to determine what format we should plan for our December meeting, which traditionally has been a pot luck meal and turned gift exchange. Each member will be asked to confer with his/her spouse/partner and forward their preference. Last year's gathering was cancelled by Covid. The Steering Committee earnestly requests that all members pursue personal vaccination for the safety of all of us.



Show and Tell



Some new projects I tried



mallets for everyone



a problem bowl; request for suggestions



My collection of Seltic knot handles



Gallery projects



a top in a box



a footed bowl



blackwood rings; a mushroom box



a quickie bowl



a FOGwood platter (found on ground)



check out those colored hollowforms



I got lots to talk about so don't cut me off

The auction was spirited as usual. It is impossible to tell ahead of time which items will draw the highest bids, but if two or three want the same thing, enjoy the fireworks! There were some interesting things and some unusual woods available today.



While it did take about 20 minutes to resolve an internet connectivity problem, our Zoom demo proceeded with Rudy Lopez, a personable and entertaining turner from Tampa, who gave an excellent demonstration of turning a thin walled end grain goblet with a natural bark edge from newly cut lychee wood. He kept getting it thinner and thinner as we held our collective breath. I predict some explosive outcomes during our attempts to do the same. A recording of the demo will be available for viewing later for all those members who were unable to attend this meeting.

Rudy discussed using a 60 degree bowl gouge and a 40 degree bowl gouge, the circumstances in which he used each. Sharpening jig instructions are available on his website for all with a Wolverine/Varigrind set up:

<https://shop.rudolphlopez.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/bowl-gouge-grinder-set-up-jig.pdf>

And for setting the grinding angle for the negative rake scraper:

<https://shop.rudolphlopez.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Negative-Rake-scraper-ask-the-Expert-info-AAW-2.pdf>

Anyone who is successful in sourcing 3/8" diameter aluminum armature wire, please share your find with the club.

Unrelated but promised – a gratis library of .pdf project plans courtesy of the South Auckland Woodturners Guild (all measurements are metric):

<https://sawg.org.nz/projects>