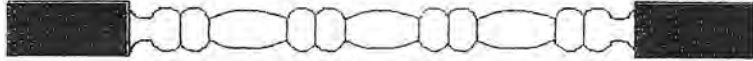


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PAST MEETING / ACTIVITY NOTES

The second to last meeting of the spring was held in my shop on Saturday April 30, with the intention of turning out a wide brimmed hat from a raw log. The meeting was attended by twelve members including myself (DW) and everyone got involved in some way. The hat was finished to the point of bending and left to dry with about 45 minutes to spare in the scheduled time.

The last meeting was held at John Magnuson's shop on May 21. The finished hat from the previous meeting was brought as promised. The meeting was an all day professional demonstration by Melvyn Firmager from England and was attended by about 25 members. The MWA purchased the pewter model set of Melvyn's method of grinding gouges and we will have them available for check out in a manner similar the video tapes.

The "Minnesota Crafts Festival" that was held on June 25 & 26 at "Collage of St. Catherine" provided a complementary booth for demonstration purposes for the MWA. The logistics were handled by "Hal Malmlov" and the club is to receive a small payment for our trouble. The booth was manned by Don Wattenhofer and Ron Krietemeyer on Saturday and by Hal Malmlov and Mary Thouin on Sunday. The show was juried therefore the MWA members who worked were not able to sell, but business cards were handed out. Craig Lossing was also at the show in his own booth where he seemed to be selling? (we will have to find out the next time we see him).
Note: anyone interested in working at an event like this should contact one of the board members.

The AAW National Symposium was held in Fort Collins Colorado on the week ending June 26 and was attended by MWA members Chuck Pitschka, Mel Turcanik, Dick Paradise, Chuck Sojdin and David Schneider. Chuck Pitschka reports that it was an excellent gathering and the dorm rooms were very good. Chuck saw demos by David Ellsworth, Mark Sfirre, John Jordan, Clay Foster, Ray Key etc. (We will require a more detailed report in the future)

UPCOMING ACTIVITY NOTES

The MWA (Hal Malmlov is coordinating) is planning with "Seven Corners Ace Hardware" and "Delta" to do paid demonstrations at their annual tool show in October.

The MWA will be sponsoring a \$100.00 award for "Best turned Piece" at the "Northern Woods Show" to be held on October 20, 21, 22, & 23 at "Southdale Mall". The entry fee for two pieces to be judged will be \$25.00 for MWA members or "Minnesota Woodworkers Guild Members. This show is primarily run by the "Guild" however this year they are trying to attract entries from other organizations and they will have demonstrations of various forms of wood craft. The "Northern Woods" show committee asked myself (Don W) and Jim Tracy to be on the committee and than I was "volunteered" to coordinate demonstrations.

The time is right to start day dreaming about some unique turning to enter and win that \$100.00.

The fall quarter will be the last for the current MWA officers therefore we will be holding an election in November for all positions. Please consider running for a position or nominating someone else.

The fall schedule will be decided at a board meeting on August 23 7:00 PM and a detailed News Letter will follow. If you have any suggestions or would care to attend feel free to contact any of the board members.

The following is a reprint of a press release from AMERICAN WOODWORKER magazine

June 30, 1994

Dear Guild Members

Enclosed is a notice for AMERICAN WOODWORKER'S 1994 Excellence in Craftsmanship Awards Competition, which gives you an opportunity to win cash prizes and national recognition.

This competition is open to professionals, students and amateurs alike, with separate prizes in each category. The winner in each category will receive \$1,000 and the winning work will be featured in our magazine. Second and third place finishers will receive \$300 and \$200 awards respectively.

Please post this notice in a prominent place, and encourage the fine woodworkers you know to enter. the deadline for entries is September 1st, 1994.

Tim Snyder
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