

ONE GOOD TURN

Meetings: First Tuesday of the Month 6:30PM Demos: Third Saturday 12:30PM

Great Falls Fire Training Station 1900 9th Street South Great Falls MT

Beads of Courage

Thanks to all who made boxes for the Beads of Courage program. This will be an ongoing program because it is for such an important cause. Members are encouraged to make a box or boxes to donate

Due to sewer issues at one of the Fire Stations, our meeting space is taken up with fire equipment.

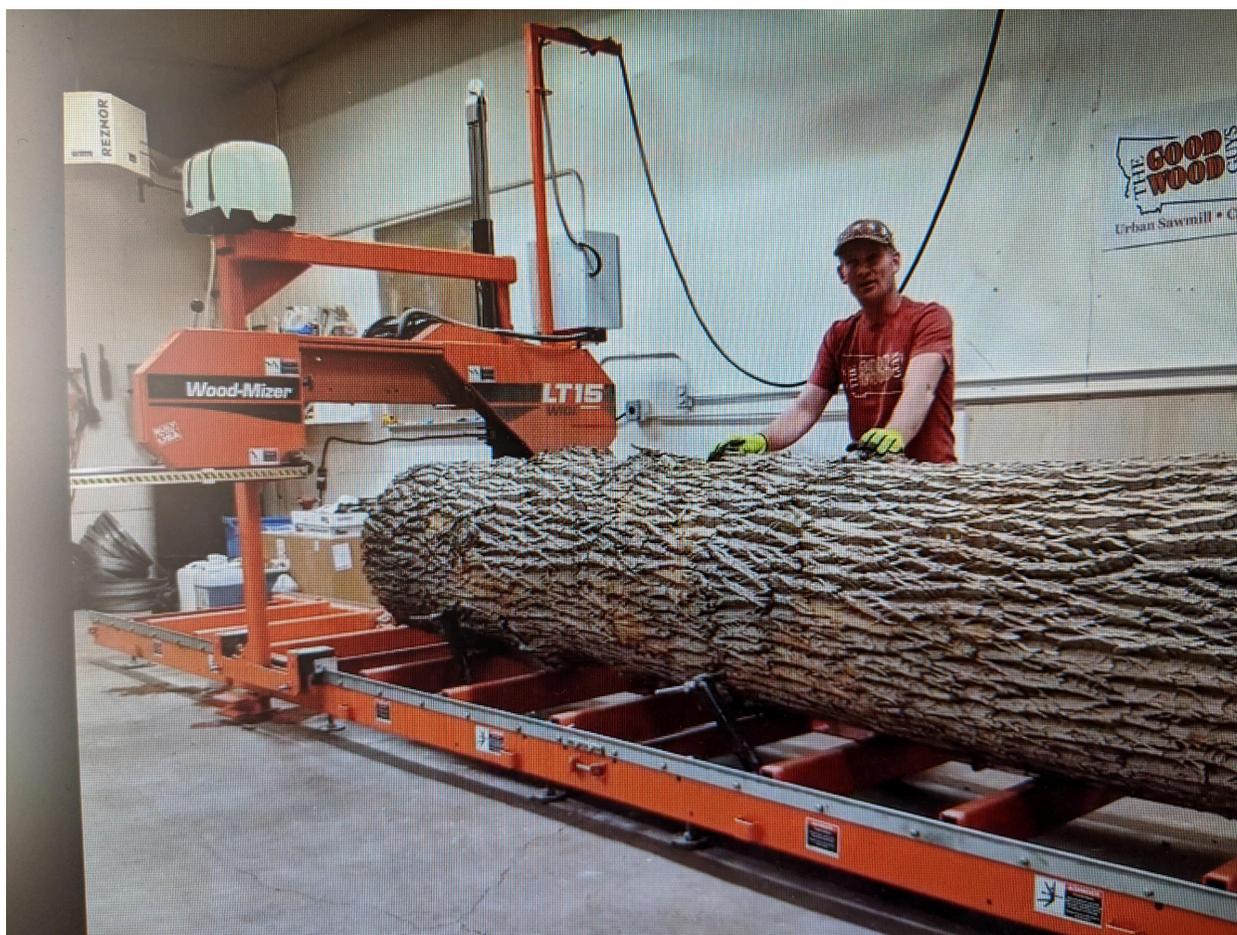
Club meetings are postponed until further notice.

The Good Wood Guys Demo

The Directors of the GFWT club have come up with some Club activities during this time that the Fire Training Center is temporarily unavailable. On Saturday January 17th at 12:30 pm, the first such activity was club members going out to the Good Wood Guys(816 20th Street North; 231WOOD(231-9663) shop. This was for a demonstration of their Wood Mizer LT15 Sawmill(see picture attached) processing a large log. As Sam Sampedro reported: Turnout was normal for a club activity. The Good Wood Guys is a local business owned by Chris and Susan Crocker. Susan Crocker is a member of the GFWT club, and the only female so far to demo for the turning club. The Good Wood Guys own Chris Crocker give a great demo of the log slicing system they have at the Good Wood Guys shop. Wayne Petrini and Roger Wayman took up their offer to slice a chunk off a log. Chris, the owner, gave us a great overview of the anatomy of a tree. Indicated that the best time to trim a tree is after the leaves have fallen. He has a REALLY large sliced walnut

tree that will take about 3 years to cure. Chris reported that the slabs are 3" thick and were cut in California since his system isn't big enough for the log. Apparently, the system in California that sliced the log cost \$175K. We toured their shop and they have some very impressive woodworking/processing equipment, very heavy duty equipment. It was enjoyable and informative. The Club had a wonderful time and the Good Wood Guys were marvelous hosts. If you have a chance, stop into the shop and "Thank Them", but also look at the available wood and take some home. For our first interim meeting outside of the Fire Training Center it seemed like a "winner."

Sam Sampedro and Tom Krajacich.



Next Get Together

The next gathering of the Turning Club will be Feb 15 at the shop of Randy and Tracy Setzer. We will be making a tool that will make a perfect recess to match the dovetail jaws of your 4 jaw chuck. As of this writing there are 13 people signed up to make tools. The directors of the club have been working on ways to keep the club involved while the fire station is unavailable . If you have any suggestions, contact any board member.

Tip Of The Month

To make an ultra-narrow parting tool a stainless steel butter knife makes an easy-to-make thin parting tool . Just be careful not to overheat the end while grinding the tip. See this months issue of 'The American Woodturner' magazine for an example.

Deal of the Week

Woodcraft (woodcraft.com) is selling Stop Loss bags four for \$8.99 until the end of the month. A savings of \$3.00 If you haven't tried them, they are a perfect way to preserve that opened can of finish you won't use up for a while. I have some salad bowl finish that has kept for over a year with no degradation. This is one product that actually lives up to its hype.

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