

## What We Do

We have 10 monthly evening meetings, which feature a look over the Instant Gallery, a view of the latest Bring-back piece and selection of the next guy to do a Bring-back, and we always have a demonstrator doing a hands-on project.

We have daytime "Sawdust Sessions" one or several times a month in which members can come to the woodworking shop and get down and dirty with wood and tools.

We sometimes put on beginner woodturning courses for new or hesitant members.

We sponsor a Christmas Tree for the Hospital Foundation charity auction. Our members produce around 160 hand-made ornaments for the tree (No other tree has hand-made ornaments). This project usually raises several thousand dollars for the Hospital Foundation.

We hand make turned wooden boxes for the Beads Of Courage Foundation for very sick children. To date we have contributed over 100 boxes in which children can store their beads.

We make spinning tops, which are sold before Christmas for the benefit of the Lethbridge Food Bank.

We give a basic hands-on introduction to woodturning to a group of Boy Scouts each year.

We have a two and a half month show in the Picture Butte Art Gallery in which our members have placed their finest work. This beautiful display has a write up in the Sunny South News.

We put on public woodturning demonstrations several times each year. These are usually all day events to introduce curious people to the art and craft we love.

We have a website with lots of information about our Chinook Woodturning Guild. (<http://www.chinookwoodturning.org>)

We participate in the Casa Christmas Sale every November where our members meet with the community and offer their products for sale.

We bring world famous wood turners/artists to Lethbridge to demonstrate their talents and conduct hands-on workshops. This often attracts woodturners from other cities.

Most of all, we communicate with one another about our shared passion for the wood and the techniques of woodturning. This is where the real payoff is.