

## Walt Wager demonstration

The Chinook Woodturning Guild was fortunate to have master woodturner Walt Wager offer to do a demonstration at our September 17<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

We were lucky that Jim Jones is a member of the Calgary Woodturners as well as our Guild. When Jim learned that Walt was coming through southern Alberta and offering to demo in Calgary he contacted me and I immediately sent an email to Walt offering accommodation at my place and asking if he might have time or inclination to demo for our Guild. To my delight he said OK.

Walt is an experienced teacher from Tallahassee, Florida, where he is Studio Coordinator and Resident Instructor at Camelot's Woodworking Studio. In the AAW he has served as a videographer during the past three symposiums. He is also the program coordinator for the Tallahassee, FL chapter, North Florida Woodturners, and a demonstrator on the 2014 Norwegian Woodturning Cruise. Check him out at : [waltwager.com](http://waltwager.com)

Walt was accompanied by his wife Barbara. While not a turner herself, she is a professional educator and provides Walt with input on how the demos are working. Most of us could use such useful comment.

Walt Wager's demo was about texturing and colouring turned pieces. He discussed texturing using the Merlin rotary tool with various of its attachments, and went on to demonstrate a wide variety of products for colouring and enhancing woodturnings. So much was covered that I couldn't keep the products straight in my mind, however, ever thoughtful Walt has supplied a guide which is presented here.

After the demo Walt and Barbara stayed behind and helped Vern and me put away the video system, TV cabinet, sound system, tools, and lathe. Barbara stacked the chairs while we swept the floor. More than we usually ask of our guests! Thanks Walt, Thanks Barb.

Dan Michener

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