



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Guild held the **Annual General Meeting** on September 15, 2022. As you are all aware, Dan and Norm did not let their name stand for re-election. The new Executive members are Terry Beaton, President; Steve Munroe, Vice President; Roy Harker, Secretary and Kenn Haase, Treasurer. Congratulations are in order for the new Executive. If you have any suggestions, comments or concerns, please contact any member of the Executive.



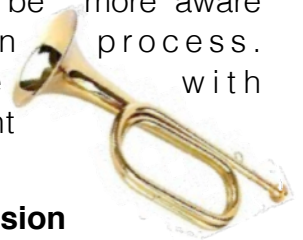
We are going to have a busy fall. The Guild is participating in the Christmas Tree Festival with the proceeds donated to the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation. Let's all get busy and turn ornaments to decorate the tree. Andre Laroche will be spear-heading this endeavour this year. The Guild is also planning to turn tops and sell them at CASA Christmas Sale for \$5.00 each in mid November. The proceeds will be donated to the Lethbridge Food Bank. I will be spear-heading this event.

This is a chance to demonstrate your creativity and professional ability. This is a way the Guild can give back to Community. There are just over 6 weeks left to complete the ornaments and tops. Please bring what you have completed to our get togethers.

I look forward to working with all our members to advance wood turning in our community. We will require demonstrators for our monthly meetings. If you are interested, please contact me directly. We can discuss it and make the arrangements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

October 20 – Monthly meeting of the Guild.
7:00 PM - Casa (230 – 8 St. S., Lethbridge). Roger McMullin will lead a discussion on considerations in designing a turned object. He has asked us to bring an object we turned that did not turn out as we hoped and an object we are proud of. This will help the discussion and allow us to be more aware of, and improve, our design process. Bring your turnings to share with the group for the Instant Gallery.



November 5 - Sawdust Session
10:00 - 12:00 @ Casa

November 17 - Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM Casa

Terry Beaton will lead a discussion on turning tops and will have blanks available to show the techniques. Bring your tools and turn a top or two.

November 18 & 19 – Casa Christmas Craft Sale. Tell Terry if you would like to participate.

November 20 -23 Christmas Tree Festival
Decorating - Nov. 19 (?)

Traditionally, we make decorations and bring them to our Meetings (regular or sawdust sessions) prior to the Festival so that the decorating committee can accomplish our masterpiece. The trees are then auctioned for the benefit of the Hospital Foundation.

December 15 - Guild Christmas meeting
7:00 PM Casa - Top Turning Challenge

Opportunities

Reciprocal Shop Visits. To broaden our horizons and promote camaraderie among our members, we have started a program of drawing names of pairs of willing woodturners, who will arrange to visit the other one's workshop and see the tools and tricks of the workspace. Contact Norm Robinson to agree to a shop visit (text or phone 403-404-4428)

GS Lakie middle school has requested assistance in introducing their students to the lathe. The classes are 37 minutes long, there are 3 classes each morning and afternoon. Each student gets an introduction to the lathe and learns to use the roughing and spindle gouges and the parting tool. The second class we turn and finish a top. The students are very interested, thankful for our help, and excited about the lathe. If you can spare 2 hours twice a week, please contact me.

Terry Beaton

September General Meeting

This was a shortish meeting because the AGM immediately preceded it. We had planned to look over the Instant Gallery and then have a wood raffle to finish the evening.

However, our old comrade, Leslie Weekes, appeared with a truck load of beautiful wood to donate to the raffle and everyone was so thrilled that they ignored the Gallery. The raffle was great, and here is a picture of the Instant Gallery.

Dan Michener



Sawdust Session - October

Steve Munroe demonstrated a Lazy Man's inside out Christmas Ornament turning.

He started with a blank pre drilled on the drill press.

The blank was then mounted on the lathe between centres.

The blank was then carefully shaped and drilled to allow for a finial and a decoration for the inside of the ornament.

This style of Christmas Ornament generated a lot of interest from those present.



ANDRÉ'S PREFERRED WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

The Art of Wood Exhibition 2022 was a competition organized by the National Association of Woodworkers Inc. in New Zealand and the results were made public just a few days ago (<https://exhibition.naw.org.nz/>). There are nine categories in which participants could submit their works ranging from bowls, hollow forms, and platters. A blessing for us, the competition is dominated by the woodturner membership. By clicking on each category tab, you will find exceptional works by different turners. This is real candy for the eyes and the soul. Take time to see and enjoy each work. This is absolutely wonderful woodturning. Of course, you could cheat and go directly to the Award tab and find the best pieces from every category but you would deny yourself of the pleasure of seeing all the amazing work submitted by many exceptional Kiwi turners. Robbie Graham was the extraordinary turner this year clinching an exceptionally large proportion of the prizes. I will have a link on him in the coming months. Be assured that you will enjoy every moment when you look at this site.

With the re“turn” of the **28th Annual Christmas Tree Festival**, next month, and with our Guild contributing to the decoration of a tree, it is timely to re“turn” to some sites related to Christmas ornaments. If you need inspiration for making some ornaments, the first website to consult is our Guild Newsletter page (http://www.chinookwoodturning.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20&Itemid=226). If you select the November and December issues of 2019 and each previous years, you will find a tremendous collection of Christmas ornaments turned by you and our colleagues over the years.

A favourite work of mine is the Nativity scene published by UK turner Colwin Way (this

Newsletter, April 2022) in the Woodturning Magazine September 2019 issue #335. Colwin mentioned that he was inspired by the 1991 work of German turner Björn Köhler (<https://bjoern-koehler.de/en/christmas/>; more on this turner next month). You will find two YouTube videos from Colwin (<https://youtu.be/j-o1GO-Nuu4>; <https://youtu.be/ie0C8wv5Vyl>) about making the figurines of his Nativity scene. Colwin is a wonderful and dexterous turner. This makes up for all the annoying adds and questions about products of the manufacturer sponsoring his channel. Chris Back, another UK turner has also nice variation on this project (<https://bachwoodworks.co.uk/nativity-scenes/>). Mike Peace, who did one of the first remote demonstration in 2020 as a guest of the Edmonton Woodturners club (<https://edmontonwoodturners.ca>) has also a video on Nativity scenes (https://youtu.be/_9_Mjil_bGY; <https://youtu.be/DA2QXXICW0o>) and a file on approximate size of the figurines from his website (<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mikepeacewoodturning.com%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2020%2F12%2FNativity-Scene-Figures-H.O..docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>). In any case, if you have an interest in Nativity scenes, our own Norm Robinson is working on this project. He has developed different tips while doing it. It is always a pleasure and learning experience visiting Norm in his shop. I have been told that Luke Anderberg has completed the same project. Expertise is around and available for consultation, if needed.

Enjoy the websites.

André

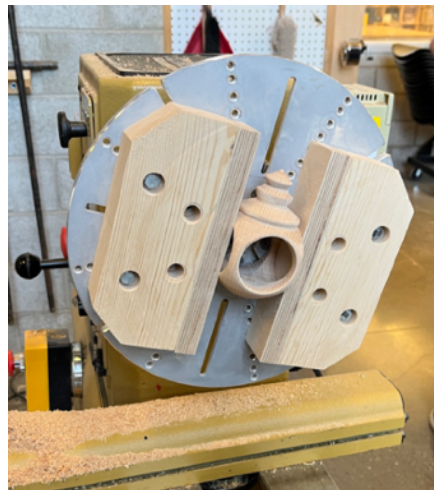
SEPTEMBER SAWDUST SESSION



Steve Munroe shapes the starting block carefully, between centres.



Steve shows Earl Stamm and Don Lancaster the starting block with holes drilled in 4 sides.



Blocks on Oneway Jumbo Jaws hold the ornament in position.



Steve turns the ornament.



Steve tightens the banjo while Rob, Ron, Terry, Kenn, John, Don and Earl stand back.



Terry Beaton and John Vandenberg enjoying the Sawdust Session.

RE“TURN” of the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

With the re“turn” of the **28th Annual Christmas Tree Festival**, November 20 – 23, we will need many ornaments made by the members as our Guild will be decorating a tree. In the past, we had a beautiful tree with 150-200 ornaments. This year, to no surprise, the slim tree is not available due to the ever changing chain-supply issue, we will have a full tree to decorate so I believe that we might need 250 ornaments to fill the tree. It would be great if you could bring your ornaments at the regular meeting on October 20th to get the momentum going on our Guild activity. May I remind you that the profits of this activity are going to the **Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation** and we will all benefit from this as soon or later in our life we will need to stop by the hospital for us or a loved ones. In 2019, our tree went for \$2400 which is a very nice contribution to the Foundation. I will take ornaments also at the regular meeting on November 17 as well and at home if you are absent from the meeting. If you are running late, let me know how many ornaments you will be supplying. But you can imagine that the stress level always decreases a lot when we have several ornaments in October. This year I am the Captain for the CWG team. If you need inspiration, please look at my website chronicle, there are suggestions for different ornaments although a nativity scene might be too heavy for the tree. A few volunteers will also be needed to set up the tree on Saturday morning, November 19 from 9:00 am until 11:30 or so for a lot of fun setting up the ornaments. Please let me know if you can help.

André 403-329-6414 (h)

BEADS of COURAGE

Guidelines for Turned Treasure Boxes:

1. In order to hold the beads, turned boxes for the Beads of Courage program need to be about 6 inches in diameter (5 inches minimum) and 5 inches deep (4 inches minimum).
2. If possible, have “Beads of Courage” engraved or burned in the lid, or leave a place to insert a bead.
The round bead sizes are: 3/4 +” with a thickness of 5/16” or 1 1/4” with a 3/16” thickness. There is a rectangle bead that is 3/4” x 15/16” with a thickness of 5/16”.
3. Make sure the lids are easily removable. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate.
4. Finishing:
Children who receive these boxes are susceptible to germs/infections/mold. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold. Ensure you are using a safe finishing process that does not contain toxic materials. Do not use finishes like linseed or walnut oil that take a long time to outgas.
Do not paint Beads of Courage boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, stain, and/or burning.
5. John (John VandenBerg fayjohn@shaw.ca, ph. 403-380-0141) has the beads to be glued on after the box is finished. He has a limited number of them so will give them out, one per box, when you have a box ready. Contact him to request a bead.
6. Please complete a donation form with your finished box or bowl. You can get the forms at the Beads of Courage Canada website, or John VandenBerg will have copies of them.

GUILD BUY & SELL

New to our newsletter.

This is for personal equipment of individual members of the guild.

If you have items to include, please send an email to Roy Harker: nlharker@gmail.com

No business advertising!

Beaver Rockwell lathe model 3400 in top condition with 1 hp motor.

André Laroche

403-329-6414



Steady rest - will fit 12 inch swing or smaller. Too small for me. They are fifty bucks new this one has never been used just collecting dust.

\$25

I live in Vulcan so email if interested.

Ron Kisko

ronkisko@gmail.com



Please notify Roy Harker if your item sells so that I may delete it from the list.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

The American Association of Woodturners is a huge source of information on all things related to woodturning. This is a worldwide organization encompassing woodturners of all interests and skills. Many benefits accrue to members. If you are not a member you can check out their website here

SUBMISSIONS REQUEST FROM GUILD MEMBERS

I again want to encourage any of you who have a story regarding wood and turning, or anything related, to feel welcome to write up your experience and submit it to me for inclusion in the newsletter.

It has also been quite some time since anyone has written an introduction of themselves to the Guild. Several new members have joined while we have not been able to meet. Please take a few moments to tell us about yourself, your experiences and your dreams and I will include it in an upcoming newsletter. (New members encouraged).

If you are not comfortable writing, contact me and we will work on it together. We would like to know you.

Roy Harker - nlharker@gmail.com

ABOUT THE GUILD

The Chinook Woodturning Guild was formed in September, 2004. The Guild's main emphasis is skill improvement and camaraderie.

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Meetings are at 7 pm the 3rd Thursday each month, Sept through June at the Casa building on 8th Street South in Lethbridge

A map to the meeting location is found on our website.

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