



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

We are currently sitting at 109 ornaments from our objectives of 175-200 ornaments. So, quite short from the objective of displaying a reasonable tree next Saturday.

I am calling on all members that have not contributed ornaments yet. An effort is needed. If you have not turned in your ornaments yet, could you email me to let me know how many ornaments you are planning to bring in on Thursday? This would help to decrease my stress level. If you are into "production mode" please let me know how many ornaments you might bring in. Thanks.

André



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Nov. 16 - Regular Monthly Meeting.

7:00 pm - 9:00 @ Casa. 230 8th St South, Lethbridge. Please bring any Christmas decorations you have created to donate to the Christmas Tree Fundraiser to the meeting. There is a shortfall to date. Demoes will be on the agenda.

Remember also, to bring something for the Instant Gallery.

Nov 17 & 18 - Casa Craft Sale Friday 5 - 9pm Saturday 10am - 5 pm. We'll have 5 tables with 6 turners selling. This is a fund raiser for the Guild. The vendors pay 15% to the Guild. The Guild also sells thumb tops with proceeds going to the Lethbridge Food Bank. Last year we ran out of tops early Saturday morning. They are an extremely popular item so please dig deep to donate tops to the cause. Call Terry and he can pick them up. If you can help at the pay table, there is still a need both days. Please contact Terry at 403-308-4552.

Dec. 2 - Sawdust Session at Casa. 10 am - noon @ Casa. 230 8th St South, Lethbridge. Steve will send out an email to remind and inform us of plans for the morning. Tool Sharpening can be done as you require. If you have a question as to how to accomplish any task, bring your materials and ask for help. Someone will surely know how to help you.

Remember, the best part is sharing some quality time with friends. Bring something you have made.



Dec. 14 Christmas Mtg. at Casa 7:00 pm - 9:00 @ Casa. 230 8th St South, Lethbridge. Our monthly mtg. has been moved ahead 1 week to the 14th (second week) due to it's proximity to the holidays. The lathes will be set up for the turning of tops followed by our traditional "spin off". Refreshments will be available.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Remembrance Day

This past weekend I hope we paused to recognize and honor the men and women who have fought for the freedoms we have today. Looking at today's world events I am grateful.

Fall and Winter

Recently we experienced our first winter snowfall, and a change back to Mountain Standard Time. Our evenings are longer and perhaps more time is being spent on woodturning projects.

The projects we choose can be involved and require much concentration and thought. Safety can be sidelined or pause briefly to get on to the next step in the project.

Please stop for a moment and think about wood turning events that could change the course of your turning hobby. Wear your face shield and dust mask. Turn with sharp tools, turn with a lathe speed you are comfortable with and keep a clean workspace underfoot.

A note to say that my favorite mask is from RZ INDUSTRIES. The RZ M3 MASK can filter down to 1 micron. It is easy to take on and off and unlike the 3M N95 mask the elastic does not break. Filters in the mask are easily replaceable. They are available on Amazon and other outlets.

Good turning.

Remie Benoit

President

PEN BLANKS

Earlier this month at our Sawdust Session, Zen Baer visited and brought many pen blanks to offer for sale. Her family is originally from Tanzania. Her father was a wood turner and made a lot of pens. As he spent half of the year in Tanzania, and half in Canada, he shipped many (hundreds) pen blanks of ebony and African blackwood to Canada. He also had a variety of acrylic acetate blanks. He is now in longterm care and can no longer turn. She is liquidating his stock and has offered them at \$2/blank. She will be at our monthly meeting on Thursday evening for you to peruse and buy.

GUILD BUY & SELL

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!

Please notify [Roy Harker](#) if your item sells so that I may delete it from the list.

OPPORTUNITIES

Reciprocal Shop Visits. Lets broaden our horizons and promote camaraderie among our members. If you are willing to visit other turner's workshops and see the tools and tricks of their workspace, contact Norm Robinson to arrange a shop visit (text or phone 403-404-4428).

TWO FORMER MEMBERS PASS AWAY

We are sad to announce the loss of two of our members.

Jim Galloway (1949 - 2023) died from cancer on November 4th, 2023. Jim was the guild's photographer for several years, and as is the case with photographers, we saw what he saw through the camera's lens, but we don't have many photographs of him.

Jim had many occupations during his life; every time I talked with him I heard about another job he never mentioned before. But Jim's main occupation was as a locomotive engineer with CPR for decades and eventually that turned into a management job documenting rail mishaps between Lake Louise and Revelstoke. That was when he learned photography. If you got Jim talking about railroads you were sure to be enthralled and entertained. He knew every little town which used to have a grain elevator in Southern Alberta because his trains had to go pick up shipments, and he knew the hazards of the Rocky Mountains and the Spiral Tunnels.

Jim didn't talk about woodturning a whole lot but was always ready to help. I found that whenever I wanted a bit of assistance, Jim had the time and energy to come to my place or meet me in Lethbridge for whatever task was on. He was always at Coyote Flats to help us set up our two day demo and he was usually there for the



take down too because he would bring his RV and camp right on site. Last April the guild was given an apple tree in Lethbridge to use for Andrew Glazebrook's demo and workshop. I called Jim to meet me where the tree was; we found 2000 lbs of beautiful giant fresh cut logs. Way too heavy to move. So we scratched our heads for a while and then cut them into chunks and with the help of the muscular home owner and Jim we got the whole works into the back of my ½ ton. Thank heavens for willing hands and strong backs.



Jim was 74 years old and never without his vaping pipe. We will miss Jim. Here are a few pictures of him with the guild:

Bert Kadijk (1942 - 2023) passed away on Saturday, 11 November. He was 81 years old.

Bert was enthusiastic about our guild, and tried to attend all the events, including the annual BBQs which he attended with his wife, Nellie. He could often be seen wearing his wide brimmed hat, talking to the other woodturners or listening to a demonstrator. He had a special fondness for making egg shaped turnings and for making turned angels with wings of diagonally sliced branches. He usually had something in his pocket which he had made and which he would pull out to show and talk about.

I don't know much about Bert's career. I believe he immigrated from The Netherlands, that he has been an organ tuner, and that he was a carpenter. He liked Mozart's music. He and Nellie often spent winters in Arizona until his health kept them home. Recently, Bert hadn't been woodturning, but he took a keen interest in the goings on of the guild, even virtually attending our Zoom demonstrations during the pandemic. Bert wasn't the object many photos, but he appeared in the crowd lots of times. He will be missed.



Bert talking to Jerome Veenendaal during a Sawdust Session.

Dan Michener

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING AND INSTANT GALLERY

Our monthly meeting on October 19th was very well attended. Terry gave a presentation on design that he received during his visit to the Yellowstone Symposium in Billings MT at the end of September. He used paper folded in half to experiment with designs for a vase. Participants joined in and we explored the different shapes and discussed the pros and cons of the various entries.

The Instant Gallery was popular with a combination of personal works and contributions for the Christmas Tree Festival ornaments.



Cones in resin bowl.



Ken Bly had a bright idea.



Very creative platter from small pieces of wood in Resin.



Lidded Box by Kenn Haase



John Vandenberg continues with his basket weaving but appears to be going to the birds.

INCLUDING CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



We think Steve Munroe must sleep on his feet in his shop.

SAWDUST SESSION

There was a good turnout at the 7 October Sawdust Session where the emphasis was on making Christmas Ornaments.



Steve Munroe coaches recent enthusiast Jarrett Bozzi.



Terry Beaton works on the lathe while Neil Stewart, Remo Brassolotto and Ken Bly watch and learn

ANDRÉ'S PREFERRED WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

Terry Scott (www.timberly.co.nz) is a wonderful turner from New Zealand who uses unique wood species from his part of the world, sculpts and colours his works to make it unique. Once you click on the web site, take a few moments to visualize his magnificent recent works. My preferred ones are the "Pohutukawa at Christmas" inspired from the flowers in real size of the tree of the same name that flowers at Christmas time in New Zealand and the "Leaves on a burl" displaying near 100 sculptured leaves that appear to be flowing in the wind. The first tab to click on his website is the Gallery and look at his latest production. Just stunning! The "Bowls" tab presents a wide variety of bowls all very interesting in a variety of styles and in many wood species unknown in North America. The works under the "Burls" tab are to die for. Each one is more impressive than the previous one. Sculptured bowls are just magic! Then under the "Hollow Forms" tab, to repeat myself, the sculptured works are also just magic! Make sure you take a big breath before you open the "Sculptural" tabs. Just spectacular! Terry displays his unique breadth as an outstanding turner. On his website you will also find articles and tips and even the products that he sells as a rep for different tool brands including his own "Timberly Textura" knurling tool. Just be careful with any purchase from New Zealand as I am told that the shipping cost to North America for his versatile tool is almost as expensive as the tool itself. I am sure that you will enjoy every moment you spend on this website.

Reinhold Friebertshauser (www.rfriebo.com) is a retired shop and philosophy High School teacher from Ohio. He produces amazing work and clearly demonstrates that woodworking and philosophy can be congruent. On his website, click on the "Galleries by type" tab and you will discover different facets of his works. Some bowls incorporate sculpture or texture while other are more classic in their execution. Note that some bowls have surprising unique forms and shapes. Obviously, a unique resource for helping to tackle puzzling logs. The "Vases" and "Candle Holders" tabs include a wide variety of shape, wood grain and surface embellishment, all beautiful examples of different works that are very impressive. The vase with the cattails created a very strong impression on me. I hope that you will enjoy this site as the works presented are unique and different but at the same time amazingly beautiful. It is perhaps like visiting a parallel world where some references are present but many different things are seen together. The more I look at the works presented on this site, the more I find unique features like the unique finials. Reinhold is obviously a unique turner and his web site brings you somewhere else.

Enjoy the websites.

André

BEADS of COURAGE

October 31 2023 is our year end report. We have 5 new boxes for a total of 241 to date. We have a few boxes in storage so for now we ask you to donate Tops for the children. In 2023 we had 48 Tops donated to the program "Thank You" to all of you that have donated.

John VandenBerg
Beads of Courage Coordinator



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.

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 <https://www.woodturner.org/>. *We recommend membership to all our members.*

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 - 7 pm - 3rd Thursday each month, Sept through June @ Casa building on 8th Street South in Lethbridge

Sawdust Session - 10:00 - 12:00 1st Saturday each month @ Casa. Interested individuals are Welcome.

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

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