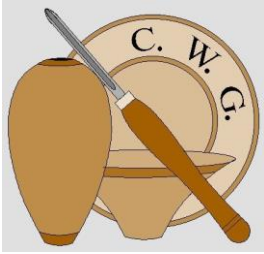


# Chinook Woodturners Guild

## Monthly Newsletter



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### President's Message:

Good to see the new name tags in use, don't forget to put yours on when you get to the meeting and thanks again to Norm Robinson for making them.

At our last meeting we tried a new approach to show and tell and I think it worked well. Thanks to Norm Robinson for steering us in this direction and for acting as curator/moderator. Please bring something with you for our next meeting.

Ross Robinson's demonstration of the rose engine he built was very interesting, a big improvement over the one he showed us several years ago and certainly much more complicated. Ross is to be commended, while not something I am likely to make, I admire the ingenuity and workmanship of putting this together.



The Spring Sale is fast approaching - April 29 & 30. Dan is organizing our participation this year. If you are participating, I hope you have spoken to Dan already. If you can help out for an hour or two, please let Dan know. Please let

your friends and neighbours know about the sale and encourage them to attend.

As you know, we regretfully cancelled the Andre Martel demonstration and workshops. We have arranged with Andrew Glazebrook to do a demonstration and workshop the same weekend. The focus will still be on end-grain turning along with other turning issues. Andrew comes highly recommended. We are finalizing details and hope to get more information about Andrew out to you as soon as possible.

Some members have still not let me know whether they will be attending the demo and we'd like to know ahead of time so we can arrange meals etc. Please let me know if you haven't done so already.

Thanks to Dan Michener for organizing & presenting a night of turning for local Boy Scouts. It was a successful evening, something we hope to do more of in the future. You never know, there might be a turner or two or a future member in the group.

We often don't pay much attention to bowls nor appreciate them as we should. There are many interesting turned objects which we admire, which show great craftsmanship, ingenuity and creativity and yet there is nothing quite so pleasing to view, to hold or use than a well crafted bowl.

I recently read an article from the New York Times entitled "Finally, the Bowl Gets Its Due" <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/28/garden/finally-the-bowl-gets-its-due.html?pagewanted=all&r=1>.

## A couple of quotes from the article

- “we don’t talk about the bowl because it’s completely this everyday thing,” “We take it for granted. We know it too well.”
- “Bowls are the mother of design, and their unique qualities may be stifled by the comfort of their familiar forms.”
- “The simple bowl,” Mr. Wang added, “is the great invention of the human mind.”

## Coming Events:

**21 April, 2016.** Roger McMullin will demonstrate how to operate a ‘Bowel Saver’ coring attachment.

**29-30 April, 2016.** Spring Arts and Crafts Sale at CASA. Please let me know if you plan to enter the sale (danmichener@shockware.com)

**14-15 May, 2016.** Andrew Glazebrook, a Canadian woodturner, is coming to Lethbridge to demonstrate and teach for us. **EVERYBODY COME!!**

**22 – 24 July, 2016 –** Saskatchewan Woodturning Symposium, Regina Saskatchewan

**25 – 26 Sept., 2016 –** Trent Bosch Workshop in Great Falls, Montan.



Norm Robinson’s Pepper Mills

## March Demo – Ross Robinson’s Rose Engine Lathe:

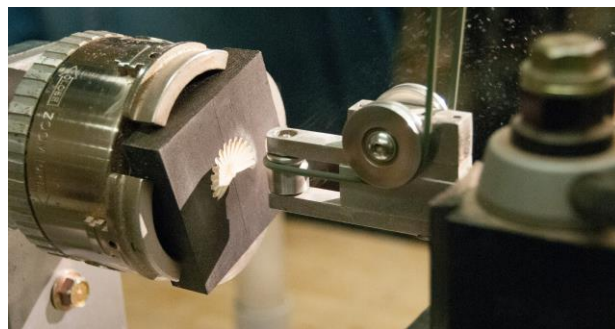
Ross Robinson demonstrated his Rose Engine at the regular Guild meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ross was able to give some of the history behind the development of the Rose Engine and explain and demonstrate his personally manufactured one.



Ross Explaining Something Important

Ross is one of those guys who likes tools; he likes to get tools and if he doesn’t own one he likes, he’ll make it himself and then own it. He has been a great asset to the Guild because he seems to be able to fix or manufacture more or less whatever is needed. Years ago he demonstrated a prototype Rose Engine for our Guild. I thought this demo would be the same Rose Engine with some improvements. Boy was I wrong! This was a completely different machine, much more sophisticated than the old model, and clearly incorporating years of painstaking refinement and research.



A view with the piece in the chuck

You may ask ‘What is a Rose Engine?’ as I did. It is a machine, which is related to a wood lathe but has major differences from the conventional lathe with which we are all familiar. The Rose Engine has a low speed lathe spindle with a chuck, mounted on a hinged headstock so the material in the chuck is moved side to side in a



rocking motion controlled by variously shaped templates.



**Some of Ross' Rose Engine Work**

Cutting the material in the chuck is a high speed, rotating tool mounted on a cross-slide table.

When the motor of the lathe is on, the wood is rotated and rocked back and forth simultaneously. Then the motor for the cutter is started and the cutter is advanced to contact the wood. Advancing the cutter causes a deeper cut, moving the cutter sideways causes a wider cut. With the combination of the cutter cutting and the lathe rocking and rotating, beautiful patterns can be produced on whatever is being held in the chuck.



**More Rose Engine Work**

Ross was able to clearly explain the intricacies of his project, and with that, and watching the Rose Engine work, I almost began to

understand it. That does not mean I can explain it to others. Best is to look at the pictures of the engine and of the beautiful results and then talk to Ross.

Article Courtesy of Dan Michener.

### **Beads of Courage:**

In March there were 5 more Beads of Courage Boxes turned in – great job guys. I am really proud of the way our guild has embraced this campaign to help kids with serious disease. It makes me feel good just to be a part of it. I was also very enthused when the Calgary Guild showed such an interest as well.



**Dennis Delaney's box**



**One of Jim Jones' boxes**

There were 4 members who donated boxes this month. Dennis Delaney, Dan Michener, Roger Wayman and Jim Jones



**Dan Michener's Box**



**Jim Jones' Second Box**



**Roger Wayman's Box**

The Beads of Courage Program is also holding a major fund raiser on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Rae Perry told me that they would gladly except pieces that they could auction off to help raise money in an organization that is staffed entirely by volunteers.

#### **Bring Back Program:**

This program has continued to add interest to each and every meeting that I am able to attend. First of all to see what was brought back and secondly what kind of wood was brought in this time.



**The Bring Back Piece for April – donator uncertain**

I am sorry that I did not get the name of the person who donated this piece of wood. I will try and correct this for next month.



**Norm Robinson's Bring Back Piece from February.**

### **Email Addresses:**

As with any organization, keeping an up to date email list is a challenge. Please try to keep us in the loop if you change emails – other wise you may end up missing this newsletter or other information that the executive decides they wish to share with you. If you do not get a newsletter (we will try and send it out a week before the monthly meetings) then please get ahold of me and make sure I have your correct email address. Thanks, Jim

### **Guild Website:**

<http://chinookwoodturning.org/>

Diane Monroe still acts as our web master and our thanks to her for all her work in maintaining the site. It always worthwhile to take the time to add a few of your own pictures of new work. Having said that I need to do that myself and this time I will really try and actually do it. I said I would do it last month but have not gotten there yet. I did, however, find the time to go and visit the web site. It looks great.

### **Interesting Links:**

I don't know about the rest of our members but I have really been enjoying the articles being posted by the AAW that have been talking to us about the activities of many of the original AAW members and what they are doing now. This has been very interesting for me.

*This is the website of* **SAM SHAKOURI**

<https://sites.google.com/site/samshakouri/home>  
There are some very interesting turnings on here.

This is the web site of Ardrossan woodturner Ken Hawtin  
<http://krhwoodturningart.com/>  
Again some very interesting work.

This is the site of Malcom Zander another Canadian turner.  
[http://www.malcolmzander.com/?doing\\_wp\\_cr on=1460924073.0417690277099609375000](http://www.malcolmzander.com/?doing_wp_cr on=1460924073.0417690277099609375000)







**All Three of the above pieces were turned by  
Norm Stelter**

### **Editor's Comments:**

Wow, as the months of March and April are flying by I feel as if I have left a fair amount of work unturned (so to speak) as I have had the flu twice during the last month. It was the first time in nearly 15 years and I hope that it does not return to visit me for another 15 years. At any rate, I did manage to turn another Beads of Courage box and get my hardwood floor laid. Now Eileen and I are waiting for our new windows around the end of the month. That doesn't even count the kitchen we are redoing as well. What the heck, what else would I be doing except working in the garden and enjoying the beautiful spring. Let's hope for some more rain.

I think it is great that the executive managed to get Andrew Glazebrook to fill in for Andre Martel. Unfortunately for Andre, he seemed to think that buying almost \$400 worth of his tools was a mandatory requirement for taking his workshop. Wow I wish I had that kind of money to spend like that. At any rate, I am looking forward to Andrew's demo on May 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Roger Wayman's Bowls and Platter**



**Dennis Delaney's Nested Bowls**

A poster for the Saskatchewan Woodturning Symposium. The top section has a wood chip border. The main text is in white and yellow on a black background. It lists the dates (July 22, 23, 24 - 2016), sponsors (South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild, a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners), and featured master woodturners and wood carvers (David Ellsworth, J. Paul Fennell, Jacques Vesery, World Carving Champion Cam Merkle, and Woodturning Artist Bernie Bober). Below the text are small images of various woodturning projects. The bottom section has a wood chip border and provides location information (Regina Trades and Skills Centre, 1275 Albert St. Regina) and registration details (early bird online registration through AAW, registration forms can be obtained from the website, send form and cheque to the symposium address).

**SASKATCHEWAN  
WOODTURNING  
SYMPOSIUM**  
**JULY 22, 23, 24 - 2016**  
SPONSORED BY: SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN WOODTURNERS GUILD  
A CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS  
FEATURING MASTER WOODTURNERS  
AND WOOD CARVERS  
**DAVID ELLSWORTH, J. PAUL FENNELL,  
JACQUES VESERY**  
WORLD CARVING CHAMPION CAM MERKLE  
ALSO FEATURING SASKATCHEWAN  
WOODTURNING ARTIST BERNIE BOBER  
AND OTHER TURNERS

DAVID ELLSWORTH  
J. PAUL FENNELL  
JACQUES VESERY  
CAM MERKLE  
BERNIE BOBER

LOCATION: REGINA TRADES AND SKILLS CENTRE  
1275 ALBERT ST. REGINA  
REGISTRATION INCLUDES ALL WORKSHOPS, WINE & CHEESE,  
2 LUNCHEONS AND 1 DINNER, VENDORS, AUCTION ON SUNDAY  
INSTANT GALLERY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - BRING YOUR WOOD PIECE(S) FOR SHOWING OR TO SELL

EARLY BIRD ONLINE REGISTRATION THROUGH AAW  
[HTTP://TINY.CC/RS5WG2016](http://tiny.cc/rs5wg2016) \$265 US FUNDS - CREDIT CARD ONLY  
OR  
REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM  
[HTTP://WWW.SOUTHSASKWOODTURNERS.CA](http://www.southsaskwoodturners.ca) WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT  
SEND FORM & CHEQUE TO: SYMPOSIUM, 184 DALGLISH DRIVE,  
REGINA, SASK. S4R 7Y9 CANADA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: JBMILNE@ACCESSCOMM.CA  
**AAW** AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WOODTURNERS

### **Dan Michener's Night with the Boy Scouts:**

On Tuesday evening, 22 February, 2016, eight young men and three leaders from the Fairmont 45<sup>th</sup> Venture Crew of Scouts Canada were hosted at CASA by the Chinook Woodturning Guild. On hand to greet them from the Guild were Vern Miller, Andre Laroche, Dennis Delaney and Dan Michener.

This came about because Randy Oliver, one of the Venture Crew leaders and the best optometrist in Lethbridge, while examining my eyes last autumn, mentioned that it would be great if the boys could get a woodturning

demonstration to expose them to a new experience. I said we could probably arrange that, and over the next while we came up with a possible program.



**The Scout's**

We decided on an evening in which I would give an introduction to woodturning, do a demo on making a spinning top and then have each boy get hands-on experience making their own top. We thought 2 hours ought to be enough time.



I took away a few things from the evening that I will apply in future ventures with Venturers:

Don't spend much time introducing the general topic of woodturning and discussing items in the instant gallery. That stuff is great but leave it for the end if there is time. Introduce the lathe and get on with the demonstration. There is huge variation between the boys in how fast they can complete the hands-on work. Some have little experience with manual coordination or machines and they need the confidence to hold a tool securely and apply it to the wood, others are right there already, so its hard to predict how much time will be required. No problem if there is extra time at the end because every completed top was immediately in a spin-off with another completed top while other boys were finishing up their own pieces.

My experience of dealing with young men is limited to – none, so I wasn't sure what to expect. The boys also didn't know what to expect so we were equally ignorant. In the end we all had a good time; the boys were willing, paid attention and, with a little coaching from their leaders and the woodturners, all completed a spinnable top. I hope they went home happy, I certainly did!

Submitted by Dan Michener

## About the Guild

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Meetings are at 7:00pm  
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a map to the meeting location can be found on our  
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the Guild is a member of - Allied Arts Council, Lethbridge,  
the Society of Canadian Woodworkers and a chapter of the  
American Association of Woodturners





**Dan Michener's Lamp and Shade**



**A tall and a short vase by Dan Michener**



# Great Falls Wood Turners 2016 Symposium

## Featuring



## Trent Bosch

*Trentbosch.com*

*Vessels of Illusion, Carved Platters, Decorative Utility Bowls*

**When: September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**Where: Great Falls Fire Training Facility**

**1900 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH GREAT FALLS, MT 59405**

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**DISCOUNT IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPT. 4 <sup>TH</sup>	\$95.00
ONE DAY ATTENDANCE	\$70.00
CHILDREN UNDER 18 WITH ADULT	\$35.00

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