

# Chinook Woodturners Guild

## Monthly Newsletter



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### President's Message:

Our turning season begins with our Sept 16 meeting at CASA. The meeting will start with our Annual General Meeting and election of officers and then move into our regular monthly meeting.

I hope you have all had a good summer and are now champing at the bit to get back to woodturning, and to rubbing shoulders with our fellow woodturners.

I'm very pleased with our new website <http://www.chinookwoodturning.org>. I have had quite a few emails complementing us on the new website. Diane has put a lot of work into it. She is to be commended and a huge thank you to her for all her efforts. Without Diane the website might not exist.

Don't forget we will need ornaments for the Hospital Foundation Christmas Tree project and tops to sell at the Christmas sale in Nov for the food bank. Hopefully you will each be able to take a little time to make some of each over the next month or two and bring them to our Sept &/or Oct meeting so that we have them on hand when we need them.

Also remember the Beads of Courage project. It is hoped we will be able to have a steady stream of boxes coming to each meeting so John can get them passed on to Beads of Courage.

We are looking forward to seeing each of you Sept 16 and to another rewarding year of turning.

Vern Miller  
President  
Chinook Woodturning Guild  
Lethbridge, Alberta

### Coming Events:

**Sept. 15** – Annual General Meeting – CASA – 7PM

**South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild, Symposium, July 22, 23, 24**

SSWG put on a great symposium. It was well organized, held in a top notch venue and had an impressive line-up of demonstrators including David Ellsworth, J Paul Fennell, Jacque Vesery - 7 demonstrators in total.

Each demonstrator presented 2 different demonstrations. There were 4 demonstrations running simultaneously, with 4 sets of demonstrations on Saturday and 3 more sets on Sunday, followed by a forum discussion and auction Sunday afternoon. With a total of 28 demonstrations over 7 rotations there was something for everyone - the only problem was picking and choosing which demos to attend as it wasn't possible to attend every demonstration. There were several I would have liked to have seen but couldn't fit them all in.

There were demonstrations on bowl making, hollow forms, embellishing, layout for carving, carving, form, colouring and painting. All of the sessions I attended were excellent.

Two common themes throughout sessions I attended were 1) form trumps everything, even a strikingly pretty piece of wood. As Jacque

Vesery put it, "a dog bowl is just a dog bowl, no matter how wonderful the wood is"

2) Practice and practice some more. By making more than one of a form (ie: make several) you will improve the forms that you make and they will become more refined and pleasing.

Our Guild was represented by Dan Michener, Remie Benoitt and Vern Miller all of whom found it a very worthwhile weekend.

For pictures and a little more information visit <http://newsite.hubcityturners.ca/>



**Demonstrators at Sask. Symposium**

### **Beads of Courage:**

Beads of Courage Hope you all had a great summer. It is starting to look like fall is on it's way, so that means it's time to get back to turning. Hopefully you have had time to think about the Beads of Courage program, and will turn a box or two for the children. If you need some beads just give me a call at 403 380-0141. There will be some at the September meeting. Thank you, and keep turning. John V.

This is such a great program that I encourage all of our members to continue to turn boxes for this wonderful and meaningful situation. For those of us who have lost a young one – it can only make things easier for any sick child. Jim



**John Vandenberg's Box from May**

### **Bring Back Program:**

Check out our new Bring-Back gallery [http://www.chinookwoodturning.org/index.php?option=com\\_sppagebuilder&view=page&id=17&Itemid=229](http://www.chinookwoodturning.org/index.php?option=com_sppagebuilder&view=page&id=17&Itemid=229)

This is one of the few places a viewer can see what the original piece looked like and compare it to the finished product.

Dan

### **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.

The new Bring Back section really looks good. Well done Diane.

## Interesting Links:

how to build a mini lathe

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ts0NL\\_IRlU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ts0NL_IRlU)

A good way to find out about wood.

<http://www.wood-database.com/>

A New Vic Marc Dealer:

My name is Ken Rude, I am a member of the Calgary Woodturners Guild in Calgary, Alberta. Woodturning has become one of my passions and with this I am attaching a one-page letter to announce Vicmarc Wood Lathes and Accessories coming to Canada.

I would like to ask that you would forward this page on to the members of your woodturners guild and possibly too other woodturners that you may be in contact with. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the information shown below.

Thank you and I appreciate your assistance in getting the word out to our fellow woodturners.

Sincerely,

Ken Rude

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## About the Guild

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Meetings are at 7:00pm  
the third Thursday of the month  
Sept thru June  
at the CASA building on 8th Street South in  
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a map to the meeting location can be found  
on our website

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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

## Editor's Comments:

Well it has been a long summer and the only time that I turned on my lathe was to teach my 13 year old grandson to turn his first bowl. It turned out great and was a fabulous experience for grandpa as well. It is always so wonderful to spend time with kids who are keen.

As our year of renovations continues I must admit that my turning time is going to be limited until I get the kitchen done which at this stage has a long way to go. I do, however, encourage all of you to keep making sawdust and turning out new projects. Jim