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Guild Website:

<http://chinookwoodturning.org/>

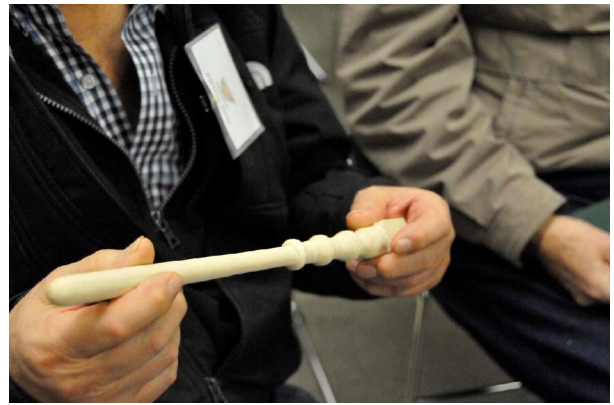
Diane Monroe still acts as our web master and our thanks to her for all her work in maintaining the site. It's always worthwhile to take the time to add a few of your own pictures of new work. Having said that I need to do that myself. I said I would do it last month but have not gotten there yet. I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

Guild Library:

I know that the library was brought out and opened up at the last meeting. I also know that Vern added a couple of new videos to it. I hope that some of you are using it. It is a wonderful resource and I can only hope that it continues to be well used.



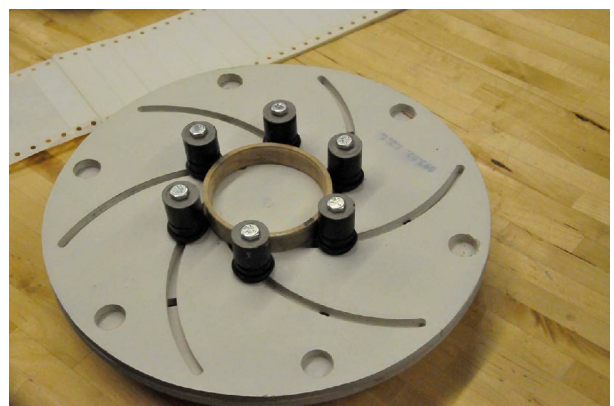
Claire Norton's Gouge Stand



The Spurtle – the finished project

Beginners Bowl Turning Workshop – Jan. 17th

Well we only had 4 people on the Saturday afternoon as a couple of guys had to cancel – not to worry we all had a good time, made some sawdust and hopefully learned some new tricks that we can use when making bowls. I know that Terry made his first ever bowl and that both Ross and Suzi brought some projects with them that made me smile – we are learning big time here boys. Congratulations. This afternoon gave me the opportunity to get to know both Terry and Roy much better, it also gave me the chance to get Ross, Roy and Suzi to help me fix my Drill Doctor. Many thanks for that one. I am not sure that you guys saw me at my best but then it seemed to work out just fine. Hope to do this again some day.



Longworth Jaws made by Suzi – wow they look awesome.



Some Interesting Links:

I believe that I have things set up now so that you should be able to load these links directly from the document. If they do not load, just copy them in to your internet browser. This first web site is from a man named John Beaver who does the most amazing wave bowls. Check it out.

http://www.johnbeaver.net/John_Beaver_Wood_turning/Wood_Turning.html

Gordon Pembridge is either an Aussie or from New Zealand. He does simply amazing work. Check out his web site at www.gordonpembridge.com

A link to some great 'sounding bowls'. There are a lot of examples on this site and good instructions, videos, etc. These are fabulous. www.tobiaskaye.co.uk .

Are you a member of the AAW?

The American Association of Woodturners membership year begins Jan. 1st of each year. The best part about it for me is the arrival of 6 copies of The American Woodturner that arrive each year. It is a great organization that seems to have its heart in the right place. They have themselves launched a new web site in the last few months. It is www.woodturner.org .

Editors Message:

I was disappointed to miss out on Vern's demo last month – I heard that it went well. I know

that he offered up a workshop on Jan. 31st – I hope that lots of you took advantage of this. The fact that we have now had 3 workshops in the last 2 months led by members of the Guild is a huge step forward in my opinion. I can not stress enough that practice is what counts. If I had a dollar for every time a workshop participant said to me – wow, you make that look easy. Well the thing is it wasn't always that easy – it took lots of practice and even then I still have bad days just like most others. I have likely turned 3 or 4 thousand bowls in the last 20 years so hopefully I am getting decent at it anyway.

I am also disappointed that I will miss Dennis Delaney's demo on off-center screw top boxes. I assume that this will be something like what young Clinton Biggs showed us a few years ago. However, you can think of me teaching a two day workshop in Okotoks on the Thursday and Friday of the next meeting.

I am also pleased that more and more pieces are turning up (so to speak) on the instant gallery table each month. In order to find out how good we are it is always good to get feedback from others. As always these comments need to be constructive in nature but can be blunt none the less. As Mollie Winton said to me – do you want a truly honest answer? If you want to learn then you do.

I just have so take the time to thank all of the executive for the job they do – it is often a thankless task and yet guys continue to do it year after year. Well done. I also would like to thank Suzi and Ross for all the tools they fix and make – wow, Suzi made me a set of the Longworth Jaws for my small lathes so I can use them all month during my workshops. Thanks Suzi, Jim



Great work in the instant gallery again this month. Well done.



Presidents' Message:

By our next meeting, Spring will be just around the corner, still some winter to get through but spring won't be far behind. Our snowbird members will be returning soon. Lots of good things to come.

Cindy Drozda's visit is getting closer all the time. To those of you who indicated your intention to attend her demo or not - Thank you. Those of you who haven't responded to

my last email about the demo - we would appreciate hearing from you.

Jim's bowl turning for beginners was an excellent session. We will try to organize more of those as time goes on.

We have three members who plan to attend the skew workshop. If our members are interested we will continue to present opportunities for skill development in short workshops such as these two.

Look forward to seeing our members at the Feb meeting. Vern