



Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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President's Message

Wow the last month and a bit has been a blur what with my trip to California and the Clinton Biggs demo it has been lots of fun. I have been fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time turning which is always a good thing in my mind. As the end of the current year draws to a close we are trying to get set up for next year so that we have some continuity. I would also like to remind guys that there is still room in the Doug Fisher demo scheduled for April 30th. Cost is \$35/person and the demo will run from 9:30 - 4:00 at Black Forest. I hope to see you all at the meeting on the 21st.

Coming Events

- next meeting - Thurs, Apr 21, 2011
@ Roger Olson shop

a map to the meeting location can be found on our website

- Apr 30, 2011 - Doug Fisher demo in Calgary - there is still room available.

- Apr 30, 2011 - Bowman Spring Sale
Dennis Delaney will be coordinating the sale, if you can help or have items for the sale, talk to Dennis

New Members

We'd like to welcome our newest member, Matt Perich. At our next meeting introduce yourself to him and make him welcome.

From the Editor

I am always looking for ideas and writeups for the newsletter, if you have an idea, or can help, talk to Vern at a meeting, give him a phone call or email him with suggestions or an article @ pccltd@xplornet.com

Previous issues of the Newsletter are available on our Guild website.

Last Meeting

Our last meeting focused on finishes and finishing. Several members discussed their experiences with a variety of finishes. There was good discussion of some of the pros, cons and pitfalls.

re Walnut Oil finish

Here is the question we sent Mike Mahoney & his reply. Hope this is helpful

"At our last guild meeting we had a discussion on various finishes. A concern was raised concerning walnut oil and people who are allergic to nuts and whether the walnut oil was safe for them. Apparently Lee Valley Tools who sell a walnut oil finish also issue a warning sheet at the time of sale about possible allergic reactions."

Mike's reply:

"All oils that are clear are safe for anyone with allergies provided they aren't drinking it in large amounts. We can't state that on the bottle because it might cause a legal problem. Most finishes if you think about it are very toxic. Almost anyone working with a varnish will be negatively effected with its contact. I am much happier using a natural oil than any petro product. Hope that helps. Mike"

AAW 25th Anniversary

This is the 25th Anniversary of the American Association of Woodturners.

Many Members & Chapters are contributing a turning to the AAW to a special fund raiser. The turnings will be sold at the symposium with the proceeds going to the AAW.

We have selected a turning by Jim Jones to represent our Guild.



Thanks Jim, this is a fine example of your signature work.

Website of the month

<http://www.billneddow.com/index.html>

Bill is a Canadian turner from the Ottawa area. He is well known for his bowls, has written several articles and demonstrates both nationally and internationally. Have a look at his site, he has some good information there and his work is inspiring.

Clinton Biggs demo

If you weren't there you missed a good one. We had 20 in attendance (including 6 from the Calgary club) and we almost broke even. Many thanks to the Calgary turners who attended.

Clinton did a good job. He was easy to follow and understand and there was much to learn from him.

The gun room at the fort was an interesting venue, adequately sized and well lit.



Clinton turned an eccentric box with threaded lid, a hollow form and a pepper mill.



Guild Website

<http://chinookwoodturning.org/>



Dianne Munroe acts as our web master and our thanks to her for all her work in maintaining the site.

Did you know that each member of the Guild has a photo page and you can post photos of your work in your own gallery. Please take advantage of that and contribute to the growth and value of our website.

American Woodturner review

American Woodturner is the journal of the American Association of Woodturners. Previously it was published quarterly but beginning in 2011 it is published every other month (6 times a year).

It is available from some vendors - for example Woodchucker's Supplies carries it and it is sent to each AAW member as part of their membership benefits. Membership is \$53us if you receive the hard copy or #38us if you chose the electronic version instead. The magazine alone is worth the cost of membership and there are many other benefits including access to all back issues online.

The Apr issue is 72 pages and contains a wealth of information about the AAW & its activities, and about events & activities in the turning world. There are quite a few tips and several down to earth, how to articles:

- friction burning embellishments
- feature article (5 pages) on grinder wheels
- Fancy Ferrules
- 2 feature articles on preparing & turning paper
- feature article on split turning
- feature article on turning malle burl
- short article on truing the chuck jaws
- feature article on making a cake slicer
- feature profile & article on the work of a different woodturner in each issue

and there is a gallery of members work

The journal has of late taken a turn & focus which seems to be aimed more to the average turner and all in all is excellent value.

If you are not a member of the AAW, consider joining - it's a great resource and you get an excellent magazine along with it. <http://woodturner.org/>

Guild Library

This months review is "The Art of Segmented Wood Turning" by Malcolm Tibbetts. Segmented turning isn't attempted by all wood turners because of its complexity, it takes time and concentration and the ability to be creative, having said that I recognize that it is challenging and requires a great deal of skill and patience to achieve the desired results, to avoid the frustration of trial and error it would be wise to research and learn the techniques required before attempting to create a "Masterpiece". It is to our advantage that we have the above mentioned book in our library which is available to all members. I most sincerely recommend this book as preliminary to attempting segmented turning. The information and graphic designs plus the technical aspects of this craft is educational from beginning to end, by following the step by step instructions and making the illustrated aids to assist in reaching for perfection should guide the dedicated turner to achieve the satisfaction

of creating the most pleasing results.

The book is 184 pages long and covers everything you need to know about segmented turning, it is educational, challenging and interesting and gives you the incentive to try something new, or for those who wish to improve their skills in the delicate art of segmented woodturning.

Harold

Notes of Interest

Here is a link to a youtube video of a large throw top - have a look - it is quite different.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBffTgWRL30&feature=related>

Tip of the Month

Here is another of Suzi's creations, a threading tool that mounts on the tail stock and uses the head stock to power the cutter.



The thread cutter is made from a key way cutter ground to 60 degrees. The key way cutter is from Busy Bee & the cost is around \$14.00. I ground the cutter 60 degrees with an angle grinder chucked in the head stock and turning backwards



8 threads per inch, the turning mounted in a chuck is screwed onto the tail stock assembly.



the piece being threaded is advanced into the cutter by turning the threaded shaft with the chuck mounted on it.

Thanks Suzi for your contribution to the newsletter.

March Instant Gallery



Classified Advertisements

Turning Supplies for sale by the Guild

We still have some log end sealer available

- we have obtained some cherry and some beech which we have cut up into turning blanks. Priced at our cost + 20% to the nearest dollar in order to cover gst, wastage and perhaps a small profit.

Here is what is available:

Cherry 8.5"x8.5"x2" - \$9.00 each

Beech 8.5"x8.5"x2" - \$6.00 each

Beech 10"x10"x2" - \$9.00 each

available at our next meeting

For Sale

Craftsman 10" table saw with sliding miter table & router deck. 4 years old. \$300

Ph Dan Michener 403-331-9177

For Sale

General Wood Turning Lathe. Model 25-100 M1 Cast iron frame head and tail stock, 15" between centers, 10" inboard turning capacity. 6 speed 480-4023 rpm, Includes New drive belt, additional 12" tool rest, new Live Centre & headstock spur centre. Good condition. Reason for sale:- Purchased a new model. Asking price \$200.00 Call Harold at 403-329-0092

About the Guild

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Meetings are at 7:00pm
the third Thursday of the month
Sept thru June
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a map to the meeting location can be found on our website

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