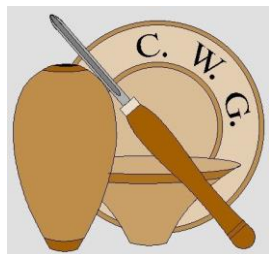


Chinook Woodturners Guild

Monthly Newsletter



Volume 16 – December 2016

President's Message:

November was both a busy and a successful month for the Guild. Attendance has been well up this year over previous years and we have many visitors, all signs of a healthy organization and good to see.

The Christmas sale was busy with sales totaling \$4,034, perhaps not a record but certainly a very good result. Included in the sale results are proceeds of \$230 from top sales which will be donated to the Food Bank.

Our Christmas tree for the Hospital Foundation fund sold for \$1,800.

Our December meeting will be the tradition turn a top & spin off, with the winners receiving coveted trophies. If you won last year, please bring the trophy you received last year so it can be passed on to this year's winners.

Don't forget to bring some of your work for the show & tell instant gallery. Also bring any Beads of Courage boxes you have ready.

While in Ontario in November I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Quinte Woodturner's Guild. This Guild is about the same size as our Guild and are one of the Guilds in Canada to take up the Beads of Courage program as a Guild project. As well they are promoting the program to other Guilds in Ontario. This is a great group of guys and demonstrate what we all know about woodturners - woodturners freely & willing share their skills and knowledge with others and have big hearts. I thank them for their

hospitality.

To one and all I hope you have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year



Roy Reti – Beads of Courage Boxes

November Demonstration: Buffing Systems:

Buffing was the topic of Norm Robinson and Dan Michener's demo at the November, 2016 meeting. Dan had recently purchased the Beal 3-on lathe mandrel kit through Lee Valley, and was quite impressed with the results. This kit consists of a Morse tapered mandrel long enough to hold 3 buffing wheels. Included are buffing compounds and carnauba wax and a brief explanation of which wheel to use. The unit fits on a lathe in seconds.

Buffing is pretty simple. Once a piece is turned and sanded to 320 grit or higher, it will take on a beautiful shine when buffed lightly at around 1700rpm. First, on the stiffer wheel loaded with red Tripoli abrasive compound. Second, on the intermediate buffing wheel which is loaded with White Diamond abrasive. Last, on the soft



Dan Michener – His buffing System

wheel which has carnauba wax on it. The carnauba leaves a very hard and durable glossy surface. On a small piece the whole process takes only a few minutes.

Dan found that the system was great for finishing smaller turned pieces. Especially with hard woods, no previous oiling or coating was necessary. On softer woods better results were obtained if the wood was oiled and allowed to cure before hand.

This system isn't much good for buffing large pieces. The wheels are too close together to allow much manipulation, and forget about buffing inside anything.

Norm Robinson then demonstrated individually mounted buffing wheels. These mount on an extended mandrel, which easily screws onto the headstock shaft of the lathe. With this type of buffing wheel you can easily do large turnings and if you replace the large wheels with smaller spherical buffs you can shine up the insides too. Norm also talked about buffing laquered surfaces (don't let them get hot!) and mentioned several buffing and finishing compounds he has found useful.

Dan pointed out that buffing wheels tend to be grabby. On a small object, like a top, where you can't get a powerful grip, it is easy, (and frequent!) for the wood to be snatched from your fingers and hurled with force against the bed of the lathe. For this reason Dan's early buffed pieces tend to have dents in them. Not so Good! To prevent this, use a light touch when buffing, hold on the wood firmly, and put something soft around the lathe bed. I use a

piece of carpet underlay. Make sure it cannot get grabbed by the wheel (tape it down).



Norm Robinson – His Buffing System

Coming Events:

Dec. 15 – Regular Monthly meeting at CASA

April 28 and 29, 2017. Spring Art sale at CASA.

May 13 and 14. The Guild hosts Mike Hosaluk for a full day of demonstration and one or two days of hands-on workshop.

Hosaluk is one of the busiest professional woodturners and artists working today. A founding member of the AAW and a regular participant in AAW symposia. Details to follow. **Don't miss Mike Hosaluk!!!**

Bring Back Program:



Claire Norton's Snowman

The hat for the snowman was turned from a piece of African stinkwood. CA adhesive was used as the finish.



Dec. Bring Back – A piece of Russian Olive for Roy Reti to play with

This continues to be a great addition to our regular monthly meetings.

Beads Of Courage:

John VandenBerg gave us a presentation about the Beads of Courage project. Our Chinook Woodturners delivered 41 beautiful bead boxes to the Beads of Courage Inc. charitable organization in May 2016 and will make another shipment in December 2016. Currently John has been told of about 15 boxes that are ready to go.

PLEASE BRING COMPLETED BEAD BOXES TO THE DECEMBER MEETING.

The head office of Beads of Courage Canada is in Calgary. Our Guild tried several times in the previous 3 years to contact them but failed to do so. At last Vern got an email contact for them and John went to Calgary and met Rae, the CEO, in September 2015. When John took a Bead Box to Rae, she had never seen one before and was thrilled.

There seems to be a considerable demand for the beautiful containers. Currently there are over 2000 children who are eligible for bead boxes.

Vern has been in contact with a number of other guilds. Bead boxes are now being made by members of several woodturning and woodworking guilds across Canada and we believe 20 or 30 have been delivered from other clubs.

As well as an update on the numbers and demand, John prepared spec. sheets for making the boxes and appropriate finishes.

For information on this worthwhile program, check out the Beads of Courage website (<http://www.beadsofcourage.ca/about>) or go to our Chinook Woodturners Guild website (<http://www.chinookwoodturning.org/>).

Call John VandenBerg for answers to all your Bead Box questions (403-380-0141). After 1 January call Bryan Matthews, who has agreed to work with John on this (403-328-6038).

Thanks John for being the organizer for this cause!

Again, what a great addition this has been for our club – trend setting, I hope, with other clubs around the world.



John Vandenberg's Bee Boxes for the Beads of Courage



Dan Michener and his bowls at CASA



Norm Stelter's Table at CASA

CASA Christmas Sale:

The CASA Christmas art and craft sale was November 19 and 20. Our Guild had seven members selling. The sale was well attended by the public and our members had over \$4000 in sales. Maybe a record for us? A couple of members decided to participate at the last minute, but were easily accommodated. André and Lorraine looked after the cash table and kept track of who sold what. One of our participants sold out and he wasn't even there! How does that work Roger?

A great success overall and a wonderful chance to meet members of the community who are art minded.



Dennis Delaney's table at CASA



Roy Reti and Norm Stelter at CASA



Roy Reti's Table at CASA



Dan Michener – more of his work at CASA



More of Dennis' stuff at CASA



Dennis Delaney and Roy Reti at CASA



Roy Reti's table at CASA



Brian Mathew's and his table at CASA

Christmas Tree for the Alberta Health Foundation:



Harold, Norm and Andre with the decorated tree – well done!!!!



Woodturners Sharing Lies and/or Techniques



Norm Decorating the Tree



More Ornaments



Some of the Ornaments for the tree



More and More



Norm and Harold with all 161 Ornaments



Tops for the Food Bank



Norm Stelter's Ornaments – Sorry Norm!!

Congratulations and thanks for your collective contribution. I have heard a lot of positive comments about our Tree during the last few days. Our Christmas Tree with 161 ornaments went for \$1800 earlier tonight. This is an outstanding contribution to the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation from you and CWG.

The happy bidder was WESBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED / Lyal Sakamoto.

Special thanks to master decorators Harold Plumptre and Norm Robinson for helping putting the magnificent

All members can and must be very proud about this great success!

Editor's Comments:

WOW !!!! I am going to have to look in to breaking Andre's camera. Seriously, I continue to be amazed and happy with the growth this club is showing on a monthly basis. I can not even believe some of the work that is being put out on to the tables in the **instant gallery**.

Keep up the good work you guys – Andre will need to add more hours in to the day to get all of the work photographed.

For me this month was very cathartic as I found myself with a bunch of time to turn. Boy did it feel good – I had hardly turned my lathe on since the end of March last year. I have to admit that there was a huge re-learning curve for me as I tried to do some of my usual wacky thin stuff. The good part about blowing some of them up is that Eileen and I had more kindling for our woodstove.



Arnold Siemens bowl



Suzi's Tea Set



Dan Michener's Whistle

Additional Assorted Things for you to Think About:

The American Association of Woodturners has come out with this fabulous new tool for turners. You must be an individual member to use it; our Guild membership won't get you in. But you should be a member anyway, right? I have tried this out and it is so simple to use and it finds articles I would never have had the patience to find any other way.

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**Roger McMullin's Work on Display at
CASA:**



Just a short note to let you know that I have a display of my work at the top of the east stairs at Casa. It is there for the month of December. It is a study in the use of epoxy married with wood. It represents two years of my woodturning life and has been a real joy and challenge. If you get a chance please come and have a look. Merry Christmas. Roger

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on our website

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