



# Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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## President's Message

OK, here goes. The past month has been a blur for me as I did workshops at 4 different conventions - all fit, of course, around my job. It was great because it gave me the opportunity to spend whacks of time spinning wood and isn't that what it is all about. I am really interested in hearing "your thoughts" (as in members) about the Jimmy Clewes demo and about Jim Farr's idea of having some of our workshops being "hands on". Personally, I would love to see some "hands on" workshops but the concept of cost has to come in to the picture. Please feel free to talk to me about this as it will certainly effect the executives planning for next year. I hope everyone has had a great month and have had the time to enjoy some of this beautiful weather that we have been experiencing. See you on the 18th. Jim

## Feb 2010 Newsletter

As you may have noticed I missed sending out a Feb newsletter. Urgent family matters took me out of town before I could put one together.

Here is the President's Message from Jim which would have been in the newsletter had I been able to get it out.

As I sit in front of my computer on the evening following the Jimmy Clewes demonstration, I am feeling happy that it was such a great day. Jimmy really outdid himself today and I walked away with so much knowledge and an appreciation of being able to meet another great turner and discuss with him his successes - Jimmy had so much knowledge it was just dripping out of every pore. At any rate, enough of being maudling and so on. This month is really busy for me as I am doing demonstrations on the lathe at 4 different teachers' conventions - in fact the last one, in Edmonton, is a full day hands on workshop. I am really looking forward to turning these days away - as the saying goes, "another day turning is a great day". I hope to see all of you at the meeting Thursday night - our demonstration has changed - Jim Farr is going to do a "turning small" demo. The surface embellishment, hands on night, will go in March instead. I trust that the mild weather of late finds you healthy and happy. Jim

## Coming Events

next meeting - Thurs Mar 18, 2010 at Roger Olson's shop  
(there is a map on our Website)

This meeting will be about embellishing your turnings. There will be the opportunity to try various tools and techniques.

## New Members

We'd like to welcome our newest member Ross Robinson. At our next meeting introduce yourself to him and make him welcome.

## From the Editor

I haven't had much feed back on the Newsletter. The goal has been to improve our communication with the members and try to keep them informed of what is happening. As well we have tried to provide some useful information about turning issues and guide you to an interesting website from time to time.

For me the question is "Has the Newsletter been worthwhile? Do you read it? Do you want it to continue?"

My thanks to Jim, for his monthly President's message and to Harold for providing reviews from our library. That has been very helpful.

If we want the newsletter to continue we need a little help and input from our members.

Talk to Vern at a meeting or email him with suggestions or an article @ [pccltd@xplornet.com](mailto:pccltd@xplornet.com)

## Website of the month

<http://www.davidreedsmith.com/Articles.htm>  
This site has a number of useful articles.

## Training & Mentoring

This year we have been working on some training material and are now ready to offer a one day course aimed at beginning turners.

We propose offering "An Introduction to Woodturning" as a 6 hr session on a Saturday in April. The Course will cover basic spindle turning and basic bowl turning with lunch provided. The cost, \$25 for members (sufficient to cover our costs) on a first come, first served basis. This will include lunch and materials, bring your own tools.

There will be a leader & 2 assistants and a maximum of 6 participants. The goal is to help build skills with help from experienced turners and help avoid some of the trial and error, and even more errors that many of us experienced when we started out. Even more experienced turners may find this course helpful as a "Back to the Basics"

experience

We will be focusing on "hands on learning". There will be a lathe for each participant and we expect you will be turning 65 - 75% of the time.

If you are interested in attending this hands on workshop please contact Vern to book a spot.

## 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.

Diane has re-worked the website. If you haven't been there for awhile, go take a look and let us know what you think

## Are you a member of the AAW

If you aren't a member, we recommend you consider joining. AAW (American Association of Woodturners) have just announced significant new benefits for members. Below is the text of an email I just received from AAW.

Dear Vern,

I have great news regarding two exciting new benefits of membership in the AAW.

First, the AAW has just put every issue of the AAW journal on the AAW website. All 25 years! So you now have access to every article ever published in the American Woodturner right at your fingertips. Its in true magazine format, in high-resolution color. No more digging through dusty boxes to find that certain article. Its now available at the press of a few buttons.

Go to the AAW web site at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org), click on the Members Area, log in, and click on Online Journals. You will find every issue, from 1986 to the current issue, along with an index by subject and author. Go see for yourself. You're going to be amazed at what you see!

Second, from today forward, the AAW is offering a full membership for \$38 in US currency to everyone, worldwide, who would

prefer to read the AAW journal and the resource directory online, at the AAW web site, rather than in printed form through the mail. You can now receive the journal instantly, avoiding postal costs and delays. Just think, full membership with all its benefits, and instant delivery of the American Woodturner online, for \$38.

Please forward this email to all of your woodturning colleagues in your country so they may take advantage of the new membership category.

Let them know that for a short time they can have a free look at our journals (2005, 2006, and 2010) by clicking [http://www.woodturner.org/products/aw/VW\\_holeIssues/index.htm](http://www.woodturner.org/products/aw/VW_holeIssues/index.htm)

As one member said Let the trees make bowls, not paper.

Good idea!

With warm regards,

Tom

Tom Wirsing AAW President

### **Guild Library**

This month we review a recent addition to our library, it is a collection of "More Woodturning News" which is presented on a CD and covers the period from 1996 to 2009 as a monthly Woodturners Newspaper.

There are literally hundreds of interesting articles on just about everything involved with our craft from building a lathe and spigot chuck you can make to demo's by internationally known Woodturners such as Michael Hosaluk and many articles such as kilns and drying of wood, lathes, natural topped bowls, scoops, turned boxes, inlays in turnings and finishing to name a few. It is a remarkable collection of information and "How To" directions and well worth the time to browse through the many volumes that are both interesting and informative. I would venture to say that you may find articles on items of particular interest to you plus many more which will attract your further interest in trying new and varied turnings and methods of work.

The disc may be signed out on a monthly basis and is available at our monthly meetings. Harold

### **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

### **Jimmy Clewes Demo**

If you missed the Jimmy Clewes Demo, you missed an good one. Jimmy is a very personable presenter and equally skilled. He gave a very down to earth presentation and I'm sure his presentation was enjoyed by all who attended. Not only that we all learned from the day.

### **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 website

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