



Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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President's Message

I understand that despite a relatively small turn out at the October meeting that a good time was had by all and that Bob French did a great job with the demos he put on. I also understand that he managed to get quite a few people up to use the jigs - great idea Bob and I would like to take this time to thank you for your participation. I would also like to thank Allan Schaaf for taking over for me in my absence. I had a great week out in the Crowsnest Pass - I did a week long woodturning workshop at the High School. This turned out exceptionally well. I likely learned as much as the kids but then when hasn't that been the case in a classroom where the kids are involved in an activity that they like. I would also like to take this time to thank all of you who have contributed ornaments for the tree - it is much appreciated. Apparently we have around 60 so far with the hope that we end up near the 100 mark. This seems like such a great way to contribute as a club that I am very happy with the results. The November meeting should find us back to normal - whatever that means - but we should have a relatively full slate of executive there at least. The demo we have planned for November is on different types of chucking systems for the lathe. I ask all of you - if you have a special chucking system please bring it and be prepared to discuss it for a few minutes. Remember one of the best ways to improve our meetings is to have more involvement so let's keep at it. See you on the 18th. Jim

Coming Events

- Nov 13 - Christmas Tree decoration day
 - Nov 18 - Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers - @ 7:00pm
 - next meeting - Nov 18 @ Roger Olson shop
- a map to the meeting location can be found on our website
- Nov 26 & 27 Bowman Christmas Sale
 - sat, Dec 4 - Don James Demo
 - Dec meeting - Christmas ornament exchange between Guild members

New Members

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

It is good to see our membership increasing.

Membership dues

Membership dues for the 2010-2011 year are now due and payable. If you have not done so already please see that they are paid or arrangement for payment made at the next meeting.

From the Editor

While the executive is responsible for planning and administration of Guild affairs it is the unsung contributions of individual members that molds the culture of our organization, helps each of us improve our turning skills and makes membership in the Guild worthwhile and rewarding.

There are many ways members contribute, helping with setup & cleanup after meetings, making new members feel welcome, doing a demonstration at Guild meetings, in helping another member with a problem or skill development and in many other almost unnoticed ways.

Woodturners are well known as sharing, helpful people and it is good to see that reputation continued throughout our Guild.

At the risk of missing someone, I want to recognize:

- Roger Olson for the use of his shop for our meetings. I know that he has to disrupt his work routine each month so that he can get it organized for our use.
- Suzi Tomita for the many tools and jigs he has made & donated to us.
- Harold Plumptre & Arnold Siemens for auditing our Guild financials.
- Harold for organizing & taking care of our library.
- Claire Norton for building & donating our library cabinet.
- Jim Farr for co-ordinating our Hospital tree project and his input to the growth of our Guild over the years..

- Al Schaaf for organizing our Bowman Sale events.

- Pres Jim Jones for his leadership & organizing various demonstrator sessions.

Thank you gentlemen, and to our other members, thank you for the contributions that have helped make Guild meetings and events something to look forward to and a pleasure to attend.

Do you have an idea or an article for the newsletter, talk to Vern at a meeting or email him with suggestions or an article @ pccltd@xplornet.com

note: Previous issues of the newsletter are available on our website.

Last Meeting

At our last meeting Bob French brought and demonstrated thread cutting jigs he has built. Unfortunately I wasn't able to be at the meeting and we don't have any photos. While the turnout was smaller than normal (12 in attendance) I understand those who were there found the demonstration very interesting.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting & election of officers will be at 7:00pm, Thurs, Nov 18, 2010. It will be held at our regular meeting location before the start of our regular meeting.

Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation - Christmas Tree Festival

Jim Farr is chairing /co-ordinating this project. Jim reports that we have about 70 ornaments so far. He is looking for another 40 or so. If you haven't contributed ornaments for this project please consider doing so.

If you have ornaments to contribute please contact Jim (345-3232) to arrange delivery to him. You could also drop them off at Al Schaaf (328-8426) or Vern Miller's home (328-9233) and we will see that they get to Jim - call ahead to make sure someone is there to receive them.

The tree will be decorated at "The Barn" on the Lethbridge College Campus on Nov 13. The tree will be auctioned Wed Nov 17 with the proceeds going to the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation.

Jim is still looking for about 3 more members to help with decorating the tree. Please give Jim a call if you are able to help.

Bowman Christmas Sale

The sale is held Fri & Sat, Nov 26 & 27, with setup Nov 25.

Al Schaaf is chairing this event. If you are planning to put turnings in the sale please let Al know by Nov 18 of your intention to participate and approximately how much you will be entering so that Al can plan ahead for this event. The Guild will be charging a 10% sales commission to cover our costs of the event.

Last year we sold tops and donated the proceeds (\$85) to the Lethbridge Food Bank. We plan to do so again this year. Here is another opportunity for all members to support a Guild activity. Take some time and turn a few tops (as many as you are able) and bring them to our next meeting and/or drop them off at Al Schaaf's house. Tops will be priced according to their complexity.

Turning tops for the Bowman sale will not only help support Guild activities, it will also help make Christmas just a little bit better for some of those in need in our community.

Don James Demo

Jim Jones is co-ordinating this demo and he advises that he now has 10 registrations committed so we are half way there to the minimum required to make the day work.

Don will be turning a square bowl, a triangular bowl and some thin walled vessels. He will be deconstructing some of the vessels then reassembling them to form various shapes such as birds, butterflies and other funky stuff. This should prove to be a very interesting day of skill development and new ideas.

If you haven't already contacted Jim about registering for the demo, send him an email so he can finish planning for the event. We will be collecting demo registration fees at the next meeting (Nov 18)

Website of the month

Many of us have a bandsaw in our shops. This website page discusses the many aspects of tuning up & maintaining your bandsaw.

<http://www.woodturner-russ.com/Bandsaw-Tuning.html>

This website also contains many other useful articles for the woodturner.

Member's Resource Binder

For those of our members with a Resource Binder, there is an index page of the various articles which have been added to the binder. You can check the contents of your binder against the index and if you are missing any articles, contact Vern & he will see that you get a copy of the missing pages.

Email Addresses

From time to time we send out e-mails only to have some of them returned as undelivered.

If you change your email address or decide to use a different email address as your primary email account please let the executive know so that we can keep our records update.

Calgary Woodturners Guild newsletter

Our members will have noticed that they are now receiving a copy of the Calgary Guild newsletter by email.

In an effort to forge stronger relationships with other Woodturning Guilds in our geographical area we are working at improving communication & interaction between Guilds.

We exchange newsletters with the Calgary Guild and our newsletter is distributed to their membership just as we distribute their newsletter to our members.

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.

If you have not done so, please visit the website. If you have any comments or suggestions for the website please let the executive know.

Christmas Ornament Exchange

Last Dec at our regular meeting we held a Christmas ornament exchange between our members in attendance. We would like to make this an annual event and so give fair warning there will be an ornament exchange at our regular December member.

This notice gives our members lots of time to make an ornament for exchange at that time. We hope that every member will participate in this event.

Guild Library

We are in the process of making sure we have an up-to-date list of our Library material and will have the library listing updated on our website when that has been completed.

Magazine Review

More Woodturning is a 40 page magazine devoted entirely to woodturning. Published 10 times a year, the subscription rate of \$25.00us per year on line as a PDF file is excellent value. It is also available in hard copy print but at a higher cost. If you want it as a hard copy you would have to contact Fred Holder at fred@morewoodturning.net

The Nov 2010 issue is now available. It starts out with a review of The Woodturners of Olympia - Creativity in Woodturning Symposium 2010. This is followed by **Questions and Answers from the Internet**, a regular section in the magazine where Fred

Holder & Lyle Jamieson respond to various questions from readers.

The Penturner's Corner is also a regular feature in each issue which devotes 3 or 4 pages to topics specifically for the Pen turner.

In addition the following articles are in the Nov issue.

- **New Use for an Electric Toothbrush** by Ross Vivian
- **Drying Green Wood** by David Maine
- **Using Your Best Tool (even better)**, by Bob Heltman
- **A Reversing Switch for Mini-Lathes**, by Val Ingraham
- **Making a Ulu Knife Cutting Board**, by John Wolf
- **Don Derry making of a Christmas Ornament**, by Fred Holder
- **Making a Waterfall Bubinga Platter**, by Steve Staley
- **Expanding on the Navaho Border Pattern**, by Bill Kandler

The articles are well written and contain plenty of detail so that you can make good use of them in expanding your turning skills and ideas.

A sample issue can be found at <http://www.morewoodturning.net/sample.pdf>

We recommend you take a closer look at this publication and consider taking a subscription.

Notes of Interest

I recently dialed a wrong number and got the following recording: "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

Here's hoping that those members who have not made it to a meeting so far this year are not giving us the message that the Guild is one of the changes in their lives.

Fund Raising Ideas

- we can collect empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges to help with fundraising for our Guild.

If you have empty ink or toner cartridges, bring them to a meeting.

- If ordering from <http://woodchuckers.com/> tell them you are from the Chinook Woodturning Guild and a small credit (a percentage of your purchase) will be credited to an account for the Guild's use

Tip of the Month

Clean up the knicks and gouges in your tool rest with a file and apply a light coating of wax. This will allow your tools to slide smoothly along the tool rest and make smooth flowing curves much more easily attainable.

If you do this every day you turn it won't take much effort compared to if you leave it go for long periods of time.

Classified Advertisements

We'd like to welcome Woodchucker's Supplies as a supporter of our Guild, John has agreed to place an advertisement in our newsletter and we will be receiving a credit at his shop for the Guild's use.

Woodchuckers is a store dedicated to woodturners and has a wide variety of tools and supplies. I have found John to be very friendly, helpful and reasonable to deal with. If you are looking for supplies for your woodturning activities visit his site <http://www.woodchuckers.com/> or give him a call on his 1 800 number or send him an email. sales@woodchuckers.com He has lots of items that are aren't listed on the website, so if looking for something, give him a call, he may have it in stock or be able to get it for you at reasonable cost.

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

Industrial "Beaver" jointer/planer in a wooden stand. Bed is 6 inches wide and 33 inches long. Cutter has three blades, all new. There is a relatively new 110/220, 3/4 HP motor. This machine is old but is solidly built and is in good condition. It can be seen in my garage at 81 East 1st Ave North in Magrath. Offers are welcome. Please phone before you come to see it to be sure someone is home.

Warren Wilde (403)758-3856

For Sale

Older DeWalt 10" radial arm saw. I no longer use this saw and it is taking up valuable shop space so if you can use it, give me a call. It is available at a very reasonable price
Vern Miller 403-328-9233

About the Guild

mailing address: c/o Bowman Arts Centre
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Meetings are at 7:00pm
the third Thursday of the month
Sept thru June
at Roger Olsen's Shop, near the old McNally School

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

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Website <http://chinookwoodturning.org/>

the Guild is a member of - Allied Arts Council, Lethbridge
and a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

the Chinook Woodturning Guild is incorporated under the
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Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:30pm
Sat 9:00am to 5:00pm
Closed on Sundays

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