

# Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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## President's Message

I was happy to see that most of our members at the Oct meeting had tried a natural edge bowl. Hopefully the exercise gave you a chance to try something you hadn't tried before and to add to your skills set. All of the bowls were credibly done and demonstrated the variety of effects that can be achieved.

We had 6 lathes set up at the last meeting and it was good to see our members turning and learning from each other. That's a big part of what we should be about and we plan to do much more of it at future meetings.

The President's Challenge for the Nov meeting is to turn a scoop. Bring your scoop with you to the Nov meeting.

Don't forget our Nov meeting will be at the Bowman Arts Centre in Lethbridge - across from the Library. There is a map on our website if you need directions.

At our Oct meeting it was announced that we dropped out of the Hospital Foundation Christmas Tree Festival this year because there wasn't enough ornaments to fill a tree. This raised the question of whether the Guild is in support of projects like the Tree Festival and Art Walk. It was agreed to defer the question to the Nov meeting to give members a chance to consider the question. Please give that some thought as it will come to the floor for discussion at the Nov meeting.

Our Nov meeting will focus on Christmas ornaments and lathes will be set up. This will give us a chance to start focusing on an ornament for our annual ornament exchange at the Dec meeting.

We had 12 members at our last meeting. I hope we see many more in Nov.

I am also pleased to advise that Arnold's surgery seems to have gone well. He is home but recovery will take awhile and we won't see him for a couple of months. Give him a call when you have a minute.

## Coming Events

- next meeting - Nov 17, 2011 @ Bowman Arts Centre

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

- Sat Nov 12, Joe van Keulen demo at the Library

-Nov 25 & 26 Bowman Arts fall sale at the Bowman Arts centre

## From the Editor

The pres said it for me.

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](mailto:pccltd@xplornet.com) or at [vmiller@telusplanet.net](mailto:vmiller@telusplanet.net)

If you have a photo that can be used in the newsletter, send that to me at the above address.

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

## Last Meeting

At our last meeting there were quick demos of turning a candlestick, a honey dipper and a scoop. The meeting was then turned over to hands on to try those projects or whatever on the 5 or lathes set up.

I didn't have time to take photos of the activity or of the work in the instant gallery.

## From Sept instant gallery



## From Art Walk 2011

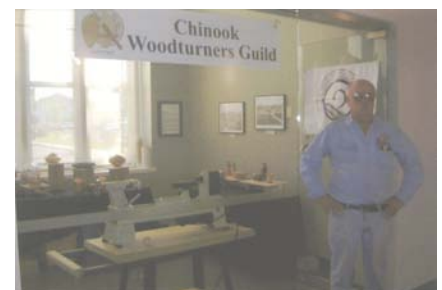
Here are some photos from our demo/display at Art Walk in Sept.



A future turner maybe



Yes, the top works



## Website of the month

a Cindy Drozdz salad bowl in the making.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guClqaO57yU>

<http://jackdevos.com/>

Jack is an Australian turner

**Bowman Fall Sale**

Dennis Delaney is chairing this project. If you haven't let him know you are participating, please do so as soon as possible.

Don't forget to bring your tops to the next meeting so we have a good supply to sell at the sale. The proceeds from top sales go to the Food Bank.

**Turning Safely**

This column is appearing regularly to help us all increase our safety awareness and our safety procedures. If you have ideas or an experience to share for the benefit of all please email me with it.

No graphic pictures this month.

Something we often don't think about is our personal lack of training on the tools we use. Most of us have grown up around these tools or learned what we know as we went. That is different from learning about them at work where there are specific training programs in place because of the legal liabilities and the practical considerations of not having injured workers. For the most part, at home we are not required to study safety and I suspect we give cursory attention to the safety warnings in manuals, if we read them at all.

Start your own **personal safety training program**. This doesn't need to take a lot of time and with the internet, the information is easy to find. Just google a topic. For example: table saw safety and you will have a multitude of documents you can check out.

Here is a safety training program you might adopt.

- 1) make a list of the tools in your shop
- 2) once a week (or more often) search safety articles on one of the tools on the list.
- 3) do that regularly until have completed the list & for any new tools you acquire.
- 4) keep a copy of each article in a binder in your shop for easy reference.
- 5) make a habit of reviewing safety information on a routine basis.

Here are a few links to help you get started.

This link has a number of specific safety articles.

<http://www.tru.ca/hsafety/workinglearningsafely/work.html>

Table saw safety

<http://www.tru.ca/hsafety/workinglearningsafely/work/tablesaw.html>

[http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/safety\\_haz/woodwork/tbl\\_saw.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/safety_haz/woodwork/tbl_saw.html)

Angle grinder

<http://www.technet.unsw.edu.au/tohss/web%20files/angle%20grinder.pdf>

<http://www.head-face-med.com/content/4/1/1>

One more thought before we go.

Do you have an emergency plan for your shop?

As they used to say on "Hill Street Blues"  
**Hey, let's be careful out there.**

**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.

**Parts Bins**

Dan Michener has been able to get a supply of buckets from a grain elevator and is making them available to Guild members as listed below. Proceeds from these sales are being donated to the Guild. These would make excellent parts bins.

The bins are approx. 7" x 41/2", or 10" x 41/2".

They are available as;

- a bag of 20 small bins \$10
- a bag of 10 large bins \$10
- a belt of 7 or 8 bins \$10

Call Dan at 403-331-9177 to place an order or to arrange picking some up.



*Thanks Dan.*

**Are you a member of the AAW**

If you are not a member, give it some thought. Membership in the AAW gives you access to excellent resources and helps support the growth of woodturning.

You can join online at  
<http://www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/>

**Guild Library**

Harold has retired as Librarian and we thank him for his work with the Library.

Clair Norton has agreed to be Librarian

Let's make use of this resource guys. Sign something out. When you are done with it you could also write a short review to published in the newsletter.

**Notes of Interest**

**Membership dues are now due and payable.** Remember, if you haven't paid or made arrangements for payment by the Nov meeting, you will be dropped from our membership roster.



**Classified Advertisements**

If you have something related to our craft that you want to sell, send me an email and we can include it here. No charge to our members

**Fund Raising Ideas**

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

**Turning Supplies for sale by the Guild**

- We still have some log end sealer available  
- Brass filings are available free of charge, just bring a container so you can take some home with you.  
- 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

**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 the Bowman Arts Centre in Lethbridge  
a map to the meeting location can be found on our website

**Executive**

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and a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:30pm  
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Closed on Sundays

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