

Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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President's Message

As we race in to October I am excited about Ron Falconer's demo on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Ron is a very talented turner and I have had the pleasure of watching his growth over the last 7 or 8 years. His "Moon Series" is awesome and he will share with us how to make them. He is also going to spend some time showing us some Air Brush techniques that I find very interesting as well. It should be a good day and I encourage you to come and participate.

The guild executive has also made the decision to continue our support of the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation and its Christmas Tree Festival. We have committed to decorating a small 3' tree this year. This will require 30 - 50 ornaments and we would love to have at least one ornament from each of our members. This is a great way for us to contribute to the community and I am excited about the Guilds participation.

This month the executive will also bring down a revised Constitution and By-laws for the club. Vern and Al have spent considerable time working on this and I would like to thank them for their efforts. We will vote on this at the October 15th meeting.

Have fun turning. Jim

Coming Events

Thurs Oct 15 - regular meeting

Sat Oct 24 - Ron Falconer demo at our regular meeting place

Bowman Christmas sale

Fri. November 27, 10am to 9pm,
Sat, November 28, 10am to 4pm

Fri, Feb 12, 2010 - Jimmy Clewes demo
Jimmy is a world renown turner, demonstrator and teacher. Set the day aside and plan to attend.

It will be held at the Lethbridge Public Library

Visit Jimmy's website to see his work
<http://jimmyclewes.com/>

New Members

We'd like to welcome 2 new members
Pieter Schipper and **Bryan Oliver**.

At our next meeting introduce yourself and make them welcome

We'd also like to welcome back **Doug Schindler** and **Richard Shelson** who are returning to the Guild.

From the Editor

If we want the newsletter to continue each month as more than just a notice of the next meeting, then I will need some help with input. Don't be shy - send me an idea or even better yet, short article, a tip or a review.

I'd like to thank Harold Plumpton for the review he submitted for this issue.

Talk to Vern at a meeting or email him with suggestions or an article @ pccltd@xplornet.com

Website of the month

<http://aroundthewoods.com/> an interesting site with lots of tips and projects.

YouTube has a multitude of turning videos, here are a couple of interest.

Turning a one minute egg
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjDgr3fjy9M>

Turning egg forms
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XllqoG_ZEmY

Member's Resource Binder

The first printing of the Member's Resource binder is in process and will be available at the next meeting for those who requested one ahead of time. The cost is \$25.00

Email addresses

As with any organization, keeping an up-to-date email list can be a challenge. Often different members have different lists or an email address that others don't have. As a result some members and other contacts get missed when an email goes out from the Guild.

In order to try to minimize this we have decided to maintain one central address list and when changes are made the revised email list is sent to the executive members and others who need the most current and up-to-date list.

Our member list of email addresses is based on the address /s on your membership application. If you change your email address please email your change of email address to Vern at pccltd@xplornet.com & vernmliller51@thewows.com so that he can keep the list up-to-date.

If you know of contacts or friends of the Guild who should be on our general email

list please email their address to Vern so he can keep that list up-to-date as well.

Thank you, hopefully that will help us improve our communication performance.

Guild Constitution

As Jim mentioned the Executive have reviewed and approved a new constitution for the Guild. A copy of the constitution is being sent to Guild members by separate email.

A General meeting will be convened for the purpose of approving the revisions.

Guild Financial Statements

The financial statements for the period Jan 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 have been audited by Arnold Seimens & Harold Plumpton and will be presented at the next General Meeting. Our thanks to Arnold & Harold for their work on our behalf.

Notice of General Meeting & Notice of Motion

Take note: There will be a General Meeting of the Membership of the Chinook Woodturning Guild @ 7:00pm, Thurs. Oct 15, 2009 at Roger Olson's shop.

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the notice of motion below and to approve the Financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2009.

Notice of Motion: Resolved that the By-Laws of Chinook Woodturning Guild dated Nov 20, 2005 be rescinded and that the Constitution & By-Laws date Oct 6, 2009 be adopted in their place.

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.

Photo Booth

At our last regular meeting the membership agreed to the Guild building a portable photo booth to be available at regular meetings. We will try to have it available starting at the Nov meeting.

Are you a member of the AAW

The American Association of Woodturners membership year begins Jan 1. Now is a good time to become a member or renew your membership to ensure you are in the annual directory

Guild Library

A recent donation of several monthly "Woodturning" magazines from past years has been added to the library collection, upon examination I found a considerable amount of useful information relating to today's woodturning projects along with articles from different wood turners, some of their names we are familiar with.

This month I chose the October 1997 issue # 56, library catalogue # M21, the contents include Projects, Features, Test Reports, Techniques and Regulars.

One feature in this issue is "Christensen's containers and Dale Nish who introduced Kip Christensen to woodturning looks at his lidded containers, it is an excellent article with really good photo's of some of his work, his use of different materials and methods of work is interesting and provides food for thought when considering something new to challenge a turners abilities.

The Technical section contains a number of articles which should be of interest and may provide ideas for future projects, the skill levels vary from obviously difficult to reasonably easy for the most experienced turners.

These magazines are published in the UK but contain many projects from North America with well known wood turners from the USA and Canada. I recommend signing them out and taking a look, the reading is easy and the magazine has only 88 pages which I am sure you will find interesting.

Harold Plumpton

Notes of Interest

Did you ever wonder what that flaming figure in wood is called?

chatoyance (cha-toy-ance) the property of some minerals to exhibit a wavy, luminous band with a silky lustre, reminiscent of the eye of a cat, in the centre of a cabochon-cut (polished, with a rounded, unfaceted convex surface) stone. The effect, caused by parallel fibres or by oriented imperfections or inclusions within the stone, is typical of cat's-eye, tiger eye, satin spar, and bronzite. The fibres, imperfections, or inclusions are oriented along a crystallographic axis; it is this same kind of orientation, but along three axes, that accounts for the asterism of star sapphire and ruby. Chatoyancy can also be used to refer to a similar effect in woodworking, where certain finishes will cause the wood grain to achieve a striking three-dimensional appearance.

Tip of the Month

When turning very small items between centres, the live centre sometimes penetrates too far into the end grain of the timber. If you insert a very small flat washer (4/40 UNC or the like) over the end of the centre it will only allow a minimum penetration, will still centre and the washer applies ample pressure on the end of the timber.

Art Walk 2009 at the Galt Museum

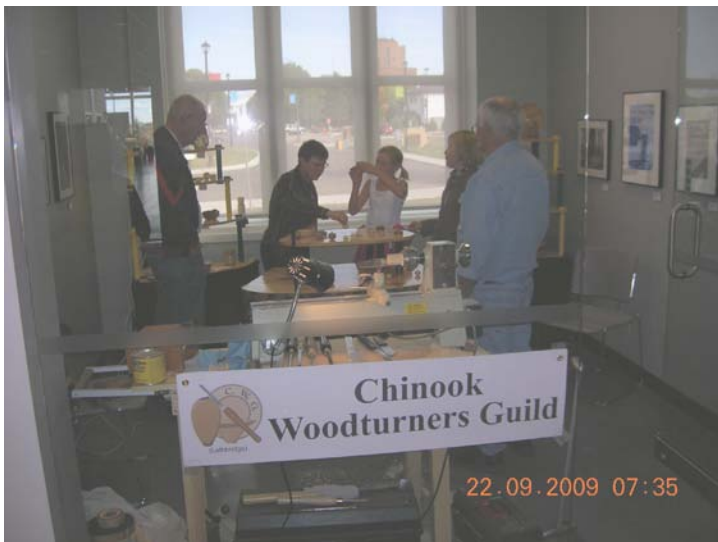
The Guild again participated in the Allied Arts Counsel Art Walk. We were set up at the Galt Museum in a separate room. The location was ideal for demonstrating as the viewers were protected by a glass wall. The lathe was set against the glass wall and the viewers could stand right up to the wall without any risk of flying pieces.

Often there were groups of people watching as simple items were turned. Many kids left with big smiles, and tops in their hands. There was a wide range of turned items on display. Many people did come in to admire and handle the pieces. It is important for the Guild to maintain a presence at these functions, so that people are aware of the Chinook Woodturning Guild, and the kind of work we do. Perhaps we will see some of our future members come from exposures such as our participation in the Art Walk.

Thanks to those who assisted by setting up, bringing piece to display, bringing equipment and demonstrating, and engaging the interested people who visited the display and demo.

(Thanks Dennis for the report)





Lethbridge Hospital Tree Project

Don't forget, we need ornaments for the Christmas tree project.

This is a fund raising project of the Lethbridge Regional Hospital Foundation. Trees are decorated then auctioned off. Tree trimming is Nov 7 so we need your ornaments for the Oct regular meeting or at the very latest Oct 24 - the Ron Falconer demonstration.

About the Guild

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

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

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Alberta Societies Act and is a non-profit Society