



Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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President's Message

As time for our October meeting comes closer I hope that you have all been busy turning Christmas Ornaments for the tree. This coming meeting is the best time to bring them as the tree trimming is set for Nov. 13th. We are still looking for someone to coordinate this project - so if you feel this is a worthwhile venture then please volunteer to run this for us. The Bowman Christmas sale is also coming up quickly (Nov. 26 - 27) and we hope you will consider entering some of your work. On the 21st, our meeting night, I will be out in the Crowsnest Pass doing a week long workshop at the High School, so I hope you treat Al well in my absence. I hope everyone has had lots of opportunity to turn over the last month and that things are "turning out", so to speak. My best to all of you and we will see you in November. Jim

Coming Events

- next meeting - Thurs, Oct 21, 2010
@ Roger Olson's shop

at our next meeting Bob French will be demonstrating some jigs he has made.

Al will be trying to do it all by himself at that meeting, as unfortunately the rest of the Executive will be out of town at that time, so if you can, give him a hand during the meeting I'm sure he would appreciate it.

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

- Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation - Christmas Tree Festival - tree trimming Nov 13

- Guild Annual General Meeting - Nov 18

- Bowman Christmas sale - Nov 26 - 27

- Don James demo Saturday Dec 4, 2010

From the Editor

In future additions we will make a classified adv section available for our members. If you have an unused tool or equipment that you want to get rid of, send me an email with the details, even a photo if you want and I will put it in the next newsletter.

If you know someone who should be on our newsletter distribution list and isn't, send their name & contact information to our editor so we can add them to our list.

We are always looking for input on the newsletter. Is it beneficial? Are there things you would like to see in the newsletter? Can you contribute an article, photos or ideas?

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

Membership

Annual fees are now due & payable.
Individual membership \$50
Family membership \$75

At the end of last year we finished with 35 paid members. Hopefully all will return, perhaps some previous members will return and of course we welcome new members.

Membership allows access to Guild resources and activities, it expands learning opportunities and fellowship and you can help promote our craft by pitching in & helping with Guild activities.

There is an old saying "You get out what you put in" and often much more. So don't be shy, share the load, find a place where you can help.

Last Meeting

Our first meeting of the new Guild turning year and it was good to see those who made it to the meeting after such a difficult summer. There were 19 members in attendance and 2 guests who joined the Guild that evening.

We look forward to the coming year, to the return of members from last year, to the growth of our guild through new members, new experiences and improving skills.

Our thanks to Scott Copeland, he donated a table top Bandsaw and a cordless drill for our monthly raffle. One of our members went home with the bandsaw and the drill will be raffled at a future date.

Clair Norton gave a talk on making Christmas Tree ornaments using sea urchin shells. This was a timely presentation (with handout) as the sea urchin shells ordered by members last spring were on hand for delivery.



If you weren't at the meeting, the sea urchin shells you ordered last spring will be available for pickup at the next meeting.



Jim Jones gave an interesting presentation & demonstrated turning several different styles of candle holders.



New Members

We'd like to welcome our newest members, Dan Michener & Norman Wilde. At our next meeting introduce yourself to them and make them welcome.

From the the Board of Directors

The Board have approved 2 policy motions that our membership should be aware of.

1) Members in Good Standing are those members who have paid or made arrangements to pay their annual dues & fees. By the end of the third meeting of the season (Nov), members who are not in good standing with the Guild will not have their name listed as a member of the Guild on the Guild website and their personal photo gallery on the Guild website will be removed from the site.

(If a member comes into good standing following that date he will be re-instated on the Guild website)

2) For all future Guest demonstrations (where we have a financial obligation), a cut-off date will be established. If by the cut-off date there are not sufficient prepaid registrations to cover the estimated cost of the demonstrator, the demonstration will be canceled and any prepaid registrations refunded to the registrants.

Art Walk 2010

We again had a demonstration booth at the Gault Museum Fri, Sat & Sun (Sept 17, 18 & 19)

The following members manned the display - Doug Campbell, Al Schaaf, Vern Miller, Scott Copeland and Jim Jones,



and several members stopped by to say hello.

There was a display of work by several members



and Vern had his Lilac Sculpture on display in the Museum Gallery.



While it takes quite a few man hours to man the demonstration (somewhere in the order of 40 man hours) it has become an annual event and worthwhile exposure for our guild and craft. We didn't keep a head count but

estimate several hundred people visited our booth and significant interest was shown by the public, particularly by the children.

Not only is this an opportunity for the Guild to promote our craft, as well, new contacts are made and potential new members become aware of us.

It is good to see the interest shown by young people in turning. As a result of that day we are aware of at least one young person who is starting to study woodturning with one of our members.

Change in the Executive

Clair has found it necessary to resign as secretary as he feels he is not able to fulfil the responsibilities at the level he expects he should. We respect Clair's decision and regretfully accepted his resignation. To complete his term the executive appointed Scott Copeland as secretary.

We want to thank Clair for his contribution. He was a valued member of the Board.

Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation - Christmas Tree Festival

Last year the festival was canceled because of concerns about the potential flu epidemic and restricted access to the Regional Hospital.

This year the location has been changed from the hospital to "The Barn" on the Lethbridge College campus. The Gala & Auction will be Wed Nov 17.

Jim Farr has agreed to chair the project this year and he will need your help. Talk to Jim about helping "Trim the Tree" Sat, Nov 13.

Contribute some turned ornaments. If each member turned 4 or 5 ornaments there should be plenty. Too many are much better than too few. If we end up with a surplus, we can set them aside for next year or some other Guild project.

Time is important, bring your ornaments to the next meeting so that Jim doesn't have to chase all over trying to round them up. Better yet give Jim a call 403-345-3232 to make a commitment of how many you can provide. This will help Jim in planning for the tree. If you can't make it to the meeting or will have ornaments available after the meeting date, call Jim and make arrangements to deliver them. Please don't make Jim have to chase after you.

This is a worthwhile project for the Guild and we need your commitment, Not only does it help the Foundation with their fund raising and start off the Christmas Season, it promotes our craft. We have had many comments about our tree at the last Festival.

Bowman Christmas Sale

setup Nov 25, Sale Nov 26, 27

Al Schaaf will chair this event and I'm sure he can use your help. This is an opportunity to promote the Guild, the Craft and to sell some work. The Guild charges a 10% commission so as to cover the cost of the sale.

Give Al a call 403-328-8426 and let him know if you will be participating and approximately to what extent.

Don James Demo

Don will be here for a full day demonstration Sat, Dec 4. Square turning will be one topic, with other topics to be determined and announced later.

Cost: including lunch - \$35

Registration cut-off date: Nov 18

Registrations will be accepted after Nov 18 provided we have sufficient by Nov 18 to proceed with the demonstration.

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.

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.

Guild Library

Don't forget the Library is available for sign out at each meeting. Our thanks to Harold Plumptre for taking care of the Library.

The contents of our library consists of Books, magazines & videos which we have either purchases or has been donated.

We will be adding to the Library from time to time so check it out. If there is something you think we can add to the library please let our Librarian (Harold) or one of the Executive know so it can be considered.

The library is a Resource available to all of our members. Please make sure you sign material in & out so we can keep track of it.

Tip of the Month

There is no tip of the month, this month, but I would be happy to share your tip with our members in next months newsletter - send it to me in an email.

Website of the month

<http://www.zenreich.com/ZenWeb/shop/dustcollector.htm>

An interesting web site, this link takes you to a discussion on dust collection and links to sites with plans & ideas to improve your dust collection system.

Controlling dust in the workshop should always be a concern and it is always worth looking at options & improvements.

Turning Supplies for sale by the Guild

- we still have some log end sealer available

- we have turning blanks. Priced to cover our cost and perhaps a small profit.

Is there something we should consider getting in. If there is enough interest we will consider bulk purchases for the benefit of our members.

Sept Instant Gallery/Show & Tell

Don't forget to bring some of your work to the next meeting



Roger Olsen



Vern Miller



Doug Campbell



Scott Copeland



Jim Jones

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

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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