



Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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President's Message

As this new year approaches it makes me realize that the task your new executive has taken on is immense. With the addition of a news letter, more guest demonstrators, new bylaws, an increased membership drive and hopefully a symposium it will be a busy and exciting year. I am very grateful for the work that past executive members have given the club and hope that the new executive will be able to keep the good getting better idea going.

I am presently negotiating with Marilyn Campbell, a Canadian turner from Ontario to be our main guest artist for the year. Black Forest is also interested in helping with this venture but many decisions have yet to be made. I would find it awesome to have a turner like her in to our club.

I have already booked Ron Falconer from the Calgary Guild for our October meeting. He has some awesome "Moon Series" turnings to show us as well as a variety of other projects. More to come on this as well.

Here's hoping to see all of you at our first meeting, Sept. 17th - same time, same place. Jim

Coming Events

Thurs - Sept 17, 2009 - 1st meeting of the new year. Jim will set up a photo booth & demo photographing your work. Bring a couple of turnings you would like photographed and a memory stick so you can take copies of the photos home with you.

Thurs - Oct 15, 2009 - regular meeting

Sat - Oct 24, 2009 - Ron Falconer, all day demonstration.

From the Editor

We have had several newsletters in the past year and this year we want to publish newsletters on a more regular schedule. While we will target for monthly, that will depend on how much material is available. Club members can help by writing an article or providing other material for the newsletter. The goal of the newsletter will be to keep members up-to-date about club activities and to provide useful information and ideas.

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

Website of the month

Each month we will try to direct you to websites of particular interest to turners. If you have a favourite or useful website that you use, let me know so we can add it to our list.

<http://www.woodturningvideosplus.com> is a website with a variety of articles, videos and tips related to woodturning.

<http://www.hiltonhandcraft.com> is a website with a variety of articles, videos and tips related to woodturning. He also has a lathe cam set up at various times showing his lathe at work.

<http://sawg.org.nz/> This is the website of the South Auckland Woodturners Guild. This is a very active guild and the site has a wealth of information

These sites are well worth a visit

Member's Resource Binder

The Member's Resource Binder is nearly ready for first release. It will be made available to members at our cost of publishing - somewhere between \$20 - \$25. It will be in a quality 2" binder and in addition to Club information, A Beginners Guide to Woodturning, other articles and tips, there will be plenty of room for members to collect and organize the material we gather from demonstrations etc.

As time progresses we plan to publish and distribute additional material for the binder.

Many members have already signed up for a copy. If you haven't done so and wish a copy let Vern know so you can be added to the list.

All material is published with permission of the authors and we particularly wish to acknowledge and thank the South Auckland Woodturners Guild for their help and permission to include "A Beginners Guide to Woodturning".

Training & Mentoring

The guild executive recognizes that these are important objectives of the guild. Quality demonstrators and hands on sessions have and will continue to be important delivery methods of skills and ideas to members. We will be looking at developing our programs aimed at skill development.

Look for announcements in the future.

If you have suggestions please tell a member of the executive so they can consider it.

Guild Constitution

We have reviewed our Constitution & By-laws and are finalizing an up-date and re-write of them. With the change in the guild year-end from Dec to June we will be holding a Special General meeting to consider the revised constitution and Financial Statements for the 6 month period ending June 30, 2009. We expect the Special meeting to be in Oct 2009 at the same time as our regular meeting.

A copy of the Executive recommended constitution will be forwarded to each member prior to that 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.

Photo Booth

We are considering putting together a small photo booth. It could be lent out to members or we could set it at meetings and photograph work brought to the meeting. We would then email the photos to you and you could put them in your gallery on the guild website. Please let us know what you think of the idea. Would you take advantage of it.

Are you a member of the AAW

(American Association of Woodturners).

As a chapter of the the AAW the executive each have to be a member in order to maintain our active chapter status. Individual membership is \$50US per year and provides many benefits including an excellent quarterly journal. The AAW provides grants to members and AAW chapters to help fund educational & skill development activities. We have received funding from the AAW in the past and will likely do so in the future as well.

While not a condition of membership in the Chinook Woodturning Guild, we strongly encourage membership in the AAW. Give consideration to joining and support the growth of woodturning and turning skills.

<http://www.woodturner.org/mbrship/>

Guild Library

The guild has a library of books, magazines and videos which are available to members. There is a lot of good information there and we plan to continue adding to this resource.

Contact our Librarian Harold Plumptre or see him at a meeting to sign something out.

Want to contribute to the Newsletter. Sign out a book, magazine or video and write a brief review. It only needs to be a paragraph or two and would help other members know what is in the library. Email it to me and we will publish it in an upcoming newsletter.

This month's review is by Harold.

Our subject for review this month is "Turning Green wood" by Michael O'Donnell. The book is dedicated to instruction from planning and preparation to moisture, shrinkage, distortion, stress and splitting, cross grain, methods of drying, harvesting and storage of wood. These are just a few of the subjects which are covered. There is excellent information on Tools, Sharpening, Sanding and Finishing. There is also a large section on Bowls which covers several types and methods of work supplemented with photographs showing the turning process, there is a section on turning Goblets including natural edge end grain.

This publication is an excellent read for those with green wood experience and also those who have a desire to experiment with another aspect of woodturning. - Harold Plumptre

Notes of Interest

Woodchuckers <http://woodchuckers.com/> provides turning supplies. They focus entirely on woodturning and supply everything from tools, hardware, exotic wood blanks, sanding & finishes, and more. In my dealings with John I have found him to be helpful, reasonably priced and always willing to make it right with his customers. If you are looking for something check his website or give him a call - he has far more than what is listed on the website. If you order from him, tell him you are a member of the Chinook Woodturning Guild and he will apply 3% of the order as a credit available to our Guild.

More Woodturning is a monthly magazine published by a woodturner and available either in print or by downloading from his website. The 40 page electronic magazine is published 10 times a year as a PDF file that you can save on your computer and at \$25US per year is excellent value. It is filled with tool reviews, demonstration & symposium reviews and how to articles as well as interesting question & answers.

Go to <http://morewoodturning.net/> to see a sample & to subscribe. Our library has a CD with all the back issues to June 2009 and there are a couple of printed copies in the library that you can review

Tip of the Month

For improved performance, make sure your tail stock is aligned with the head stock. Put a drive spur in the head stock, turn it on and make sure it is running true. With the lathe turned off, bring the tail stock up to the head stock so that the point of the drive spur and the point of the tail stock are almost touching. Make the necessary adjustments or shim as necessary so that the two points are aligned both vertically and horizontally.

Our booth at the trades show



From Trent Bosch Demonstration



Trent explains the hollowing procedure



Inquiring minds want to know

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