



Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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Coming Events

- next meeting - Sep 16, 2010

@ Roger Olson shop

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

- Art Walk Sept 17, 18 & 19. We will have a demonstration booth at the Galt museum again this year.

From the Editor

Well the summer is past and it is time to start a new woodturning season. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. I look forward to our meetings, the fellowship with Guild members, seeing what members have turned and new things to learn.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting and that each of you will bring a turning or two that you have recently completed.

I look forward to our show and tell sessions and to see the progress members are making in their turning and design skills. It makes me appreciate how valuable the guild is in helping develop our turning skills and advancing the Art of woodturning in our community.

I'm looking forward to a new year of growth in membership, in skills and in the strength of our Guild.

As always I am looking for ideas and input for the newsletter. Talk to Vern at a meeting or email him with suggestions or an article
@ pccltd@xplornet.com

Last Meeting

Unfortunately we had to cancel our June B-B-Q due to weather. We had hoped to hold it in Late Aug but weren't able to get organized.

Website of the month

Western New York Woodturners

<http://wnywoodturners.com/>

Check out their articles page, there are several articles you might find useful.

If you are looking for a new & different turning project, take a look at this one
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XMBbYM118>

Member's Resource Binder

We will continue to forward articles of interest to holders of our Resource Binder from time to time. Watch your email for updates in the future.

If you don't have a Resource Binder and want to have one, contact Vern. They are

available for \$25.00 which just covers our out of pocket costs.

Training & Mentoring

Last year we held our first formalized training course - "An Introduction to Woodturning" aimed at new turners. From that we now have a documented lesson plan and will be able to offer that course in the future with a minimum of organizational effort.

That lesson plan is the beginning of a training manual and we want to add at least 1 or 2 topics/courses each year so that we build up a library of learning programs that the Guild can offer as ½ to 1 day courses of skill development. These courses will be focused hands on sessions, where technique is discussed and demonstrated with lots of hands on practice time for the participants.

If you have any ideas or want to develop a course please talk to one of the executive about your idea.

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/gallery available to them. 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.

Are you a member of the AAW

As many of you will know, the AAW faced a period of upheaval this past summer. In fact the squabble became downright nasty at times with political posturing and obfuscation making it difficult for the average AAW member to fully understand what the truth was. This now appear to have settled down somewhat and one of the positives coming out of the firestorm is that the AAW Board seem to be moving to a more open operating manner and more focused on the needs of the general membership.

The AAW provides valuable resources to woodturners and woodturner Guilds. Aside from the 6 issues per year of the "Woodturner" magazine, the AAW provides programs and support for turners from youth to professional.

Find out more at <http://woodturner.org/> and give serious consideration to becoming a member.

Guild Library

Don't forget our own Guild library. There are numerous books, magazines and DVD's available for use by our members and we plan to continue to grow the library over time. Talk to Harold about signing something out for a month.

Art Walk

We will again have a demonstration booth at the Galt Museum. This is an opportunity to talk to the public and show them what we do.

We are short of help for the booth, so please look at your schedule and try to find some time to pitch in with this Guild activity. Give President Jim Jones a call or drop him an email indicating when you can help so the schedule can be shared around without it having to fall on the shoulders of just one or two people.

Tip of the Month

Safety, Safety, Safety,

As we get back to the lathe & other power tools we need to remind ourselves about safety considerations. Read thru the AAW safety guidelines - we have copies of them available at meetings.

Most of us at one time or another have pushed the limits and had something go wrong. Often we are lucky and avoid injury but luck really isn't what you should count on.

We need to think about the dangers of the various operations that we do and of the tools that we use in our planning so as to avoid as much as possible those risky things that can injure or maim us.

Band saws, while very useful, can also be very dangerous. When it goes wrong, it goes wrong faster than you can react.

Recently one of our members had a mishap with his band saw.

He was making sure his fingers were clear of the blade but overlooked the fact that the wood was not properly supported. The block slammed down and badly crushed 2 of his fingers

Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

About the Guild

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

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