



Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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President's Message

As my term as President comes to a close I am conflicted by my thoughts. I have enjoyed my time and work but look forward to slightly less demanding role in the future. We are very excited to have booked Marilyn Campbell for 2 days in May. The first day will be a demo in Lethbridge and the next will be a one-day hands-on workshop to be held at my shop southeast of Claresholm. Roger M. and I are working hard at lining up a guest for late Oct. or early Nov. but as of now nothing has been confirmed. If you have any ideas please drop us an email or call us. I would also like to take the time to wish Roger Olson a speedy recovery - being sick is never fun and Roger has a tough one ahead. Hope to see you all at the club meeting this month and that you all had a successful and restful summer. At the moment, our garden is in full swing. We figure we got 200 lbs. of Raspberries this year and it seems like we pick about 50 tomatoes a day at the moment so we are busy making salsa and tomato sauce. Too much fun eating such great food. Jim

Coming Events

- next meeting - @ Save-on Foods in the Community Room Thurs, Sept 15 at 7:00pm 2nd Ave N, west of the north side Canadian Tire Store. Google : centre village mall lethbridge, ab map if you need a map.

Please note: this is a change from our normal meeting location.

This meeting will begin with our Annual General Meeting and election of officers, & will be followed by a regular meeting. Due to the last minute change of venue we are not sure what the program will be as we won't be able to set up any lathes. There will be a program.

- Sept 30, Oct 1 is Art Walk and we will again have a display and be demonstrating at the Galt Museum those days as well on Oct 2 (Sun)

- Nov will bring the annual Bowman Christmas sale. Nov 25 & 26

For the last several years we have sold tops as a Guild project with the sale proceeds going to the Food Bank. Between now and the sale if each member turns a few tops we should have a good supply for sale.

- Nov is the Lethbridge Hospital Foundation Tree Festival and we will need your help making ornaments to decorate our tree.

From the Editor

Roger Olson is not well and is presently in intensive care at the hospital. Charlotte tells me he is doing okay and they will be doing more tests to determine what is wrong with him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family. Here's hoping he has a speedy recovery.

This issue will contain some news and normal content but will be mostly devoted to safety.

With the start of the turning year it is always a good idea to remind ourselves of safety considerations, to check our shops for danger areas and to implement safety routines that we have let slide.

If we did woodturning as an occupation, there would be safety rules and training sessions galore. As hobbyists we don't have workplace rules and often do things that wouldn't be tolerated by the workplace or an employer.

None of us want fellow members or turners injured doing something they love, so let's all of us elevate our awareness of safety issues and practices.

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 or at vlmiller@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

Our last meeting was our annual BBQ in June.



Doug Campbell as cook



Come & get it

While not a large turnout, those who could make it had a good time socializing with each other.



Apparently the food was good enough to eat



and with a pen turned by Al Schaaf & a box by Vern donated for a raffle basket for the arts at The Mayor's Luncheon for Business & the Arts in Sept.



Art Walk

As previously indicated our Guild will be involved with a display & demo at the Galt Museum.

In addition, I understand Dennis Delaney will be demonstrating at the Ten Thousand Villages store on 5th St S, Fri & Sat.

Woodturning will be represented in the Galt Museum Gallery by a Jim Jones turning which was selected from the submissions we requested.



By Jim Jones

We are also supporting Allied Arts Council with a turning donated by Vern for their draw during Art Walk.



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 4 1/2", or 10" x 4 1/2".

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. Dan can't be at the Sept meeting but will bring bins that have been ordered to the Oct meeting.



Thanks Dan.

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.

New Members

We are always looking for new members, so if you know a turner, bring him along to a meeting.

Website of the month

This is a good slide show presentation describing the turning of a hollow form
<http://www.youtube.com/user/goingwiththegrain#p/u/0/1gfau3eabtE>

From a turner who does something different
<http://www.taniaradda.com/>

Request from the Board

As we enter a new season, the Board is looking at program ideas for the coming year. We also look at what we do and how we do it.

If you have program ideas or ideas of what we can do differently, Please speak to a Board Member so it can be discussed at a Board Meeting.

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 them to me

This issue we are going to share some experiences and thoughts from other turners (with their permission). Hopefully we can learn from these.

from Donna, her posting on the World of Woodturners website "**Wear your Faceshield**"

Donna's comments: I saw that a few other people were brave enough to post pic's of what can happen when we get lax about safety. This was just a small bark inclusion that slightly nicked my tool rest which then blew the piece apart. This was a year ago. Broken nose and a few deep cuts. Ct, MRI all clear but holy crap did that hurt both physically and ego wise. Be safe out there



And from Roger on the same site
Stupidity Rules!

Roger's comments: This is what will happen to you if you allow a 15 inch by 8 inch blank to dry for a month after you glued up a bark inclusion with CA glue and then whilst turning up the blank, you cleanly shear cut all of the CA on the outside of the bowl away, because it didn't glue up the entire inclusion, and then to get the last little bit of tear out cut away, you turn up the speed just a scosh and find yourself reaching through the 'throw zone' as Mr. Centrifugal force takes over the process and throws the 20 pound blank off the chuck, when you didn't take the time to bring up the tailstock for additional support. If you wear a face shield, you will only get a glancing blow similar to this which will put you to both knees. Like me however the CT Scan at the hospital will show there is no broken bones or grey matter to help hampered, rushed, cocky, overconfident thought processes. Just when you believe that it can never happen, this is what is left over.



And lastly from a discussion thread on safety on the same website.

Eugen Schlaak - Jun 23, 2011

It always amazes me how cocky some of the demonstrators can be when one points out how dangerous a procedure was they had just demonstrated to a room full of turners, beginners and advanced turners.

The demonstration was about turning Bracelets :

Chuck a 3/4" piece of 4 x 4" walnut into a oneway chuck, Take a 2 5/8 Dia out of the center. Sanding it inside I shuddered when he stuck the tip of a finger with sandpaper into the hole to sand it Ouch.... he went a bit too far ...but it did not hurt

Then he proceeded to make a suitable diameter friction chuck to mount the square plate with the hole onto it to make the outside diameter round. Nobody had a clue how tight the friction fit was, I guess it was just "feel"

At most there was about 3/8" wood left, of course some of it cross grain. He proceeded to round the outside at about 1800 rpm. Was there a hairline crack after pressing it on? Who knows, I guess not and he finished taking the corners off at high speed with a sharp pointed gouge.

During this last step I shuddered at what I saw while he was proceeding with his face at no more than 8" away from the rotating object in the firing line

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All with just ordinary glasses and no face shield

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When I mentioned this very unsafe procedure to him after the demo and possible consequences if the wood would have split away from on the friction Chuck, he said it never happened to him and he would always take very light cuts and never pushes the item onto the friction chuck with a heavy fit so it could split.

None of these two excuses were mentioned to the spectators BEGINNERS and EXPERTS. All very casual and without apologies I had the feeling he totally ignored me. One day he will LEARN to do it the safe way, but it might be too late

Eugen

Geoff Whaling - Jun 24, 2011

Eugen, thank you for the above. When you sit back and take a serious look, I guess many of us have learned techniques "that work for us" & we have gotten away with them for so long that we accept them as OK to do. As you point out some are not as safe as we like to think, and often there is a safer technique.

Vern Miller - Jun 24, 2011

Eugen your posting & Geoff your reply are right on and point out one of the biggest safety problems. Demonstrators are in many cases much more skilled and experienced than their audience. It seems to me they often demonstrate procedures that can go horribly wrong even for them and more explanation of the dangers is appropriate. When less experienced turners in the audience try the same thing there is not only a high chance of it going wrong for them, it probably should be expected to go wrong far more often than not.

It is not just demonstrators, you tube, while it can be an excellent source of information, can often promote unsafe practices and procedures. The inexperienced turner often doesn't recognize them and they blindly proceed down a path to potential disaster.

Not only do we need to promote safety considerations in personal turning and shop practice, we need to promote critical judgment in evaluating and assessing what we see from demonstrators either in person or from other media, both generally and particularly in regard to our own skill levels.

I'm not trying to attack demonstrators, they have much to teach us, but rather to point out our own personal responsibility to critically evaluate not only what we do but just as importantly, what we see.

STOP for a moment to consider safety issues before proceeding - that is a good first thought whenever we are in the shop.

Let's not become another statistic.

Classified Advertisements**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

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

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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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