

Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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<http://www.chinookwoodturning.org>

President's Message

During the holidays I renewed my membership in the American Association of Woodturners and then I registered for the 2018 AAW symposium to be held in Portland, Oregon in June. The symposium organizers have made a deal with a hotel near the convention centre, so I made a room reservation for 3 nights. I guess nothing is cheap in these American cities, the room will cost more than the Symposium. You can check out the symposium details on the AAW website here: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2018Portland> Registration for the Symposium cost 325 US dollars, but if I hadn't been an AAW member registration would have been an extra \$120. So if you want to go to the big meeting in Portland, it's a whole lot cheaper to join and go as a member than to go as a non-member. Several of our members have expressed a desire to attend the Portland Symposium; I encourage you to go because it's not very often that these AAW Symposiums are within a reasonable distance of Alberta. There has been some informal discussion of a group from our Guild driving together, and at least a couple are planning on taking their motorhomes. There are also flights from Calgary.



Next May 19, 20 & 21st we are hosting J. Paul Fennell as a guest demonstrator and workshop teacher. Interest in this event has exceeded our expectations and now (12 January) we have 14 woodturners committed to participating in the hands-on workshop. One fine man is coming from Seattle and a pair from Regina, who are familiar with Paul Fennell from a visit he made there 2 summers ago, but have only seen him demonstrate but without hands-on experience are coming, plus Dave Webster, who has come to our workshops regularly, from Calgary. If there are no more registrants we will have 7 participants in each session. It looks like we will be borrowing a few lathes! I'm happy enough if we don't get any more for the workshop because at some point the numbers begin to dilute the personal attention, which is such a great feature of these workshops.

There is no restriction on the Saturday 19 May demonstration. Come one, come all!

If you make up your mind to come to the demo, please let us know because we have to arrange seating, food and drink before hand. A poster for the Fennell demonstration is on the home page of our Guild website: <http://www.chinookwoodturning.org/>

There is a great little article in the latest American Woodturner (which you will get as a member of the American Association of Woodturners) titled "A Dozen Truths for New Woodturners". You don't have to be new at the game to profit from considering the points raised here. Have a read and turn better and more safely.

Coming Events Schedule of Meetings, demos and events

****Regular meetings are held the third Thurs of each month Sept to June**

Jan 2018	13	Sat., 9am, Casa, Sawdust session
	18	**Thurs, 7pm Casa. Shadow turning, Dennis Delaney.
Feb	15	**Thurs, 7pm, Casa. Pepper Mills, Norm Robinson
Mar	15	**Thurs, 7pm, Casa. TBA, Roger Wayman.
Apr	19	**Thurs, 7pm, Casa. TBA, Turned Cabinet with drawers, Kai Muenzer
May	17	**Thurs, 7pm, Casa. TBA.
	19	Sat, visiting artist J. Paul Fennell, all day demo
	20	Sun, J. Paul Fennell, full day hands-on workshop.
	21	Mon, J. Paul Fennell, 2 nd full day hands-on workshop.
June	21	**Thurs, 6pm, Casa woodshop. BBQ.

New Members

We'd like to welcome back Peter Dibble

From the Editor

Thanks to Dan and Lorraine for their contributions.

As you know we have been introducing individual members in each issue of our newsletter. If you are a member and haven't sent me a profile yet, please send one as soon as you can.

Last Meeting

Our Dec 2017 meeting was our tradition social evening. The main activity being to turn a top at the meeting followed by a spin off. This year's winner after many years of participating was John vandenBerg and he took home for a year, the coveted Golden Top. Congratulations John

Call to Artists

The following is for those members who might be interested.

Alberta Community Art Clubs Association & Lethbridge Artists Club

CALL TO ARTISTS

Alberta Southern Zone Juried Show and Sale: Sat. May 5 & Sun May 6, 2018

Location: Southminster United Church, Lethbridge, AB

Deadline: April 1, 2018

ACACA fills a unique niche in promoting the arts in the province of Alberta by sponsoring three juried art shows annually, hosted by art clubs from different communities each year. This year The Southern Zone Juried Show & Sale will be hosted by **The Lethbridge Artists Club**.

The works of art are critiqued at the conclusion of each show, providing encouragement and learning experiences, in an environment that encourages new ideas, networking, and goodwill. Winners of the Zone show are then juried again at the Alberta Wide Show. Awards are presented annually for each Zone show and the Alberta Wide Show. Winners from the Alberta Wide Show are hung in a smaller gallery at the Alberta Spirit show. ACACA owns a permanent collection of award winning works, which are purchased from the artist every year.

Please visit the ACACA website: <https://acaca.ab.ca> for more information on the zone shows, description of categories and show guidelines.

Important: to be eligible to enter this Zone Show, you must be a member of ACACA. Membership must be paid **prior to Feb 28, 2018**. To become a member, visit <https://HYPERLINK> ["https://acaca.ab.ca/acaca.ab.ca"](https://acaca.ab.ca/acaca.ab.ca) (Membership: Adults \$30 Youth \$10)

To download the required: Registration form, Show Guideline & Regulations & Condition Report please visit www.lethbridgeartistsclub.wordpress.com/What'sAhead

Submit your entry before **midnight April 1, 2018** to:

Denise Savard, 494 Lynx Terrace North, Lethbridge, AB T1H 6Z5

JOIN US Saturday, Jan. 27 at Casa, Sm Meeting Room, 230 – 8 St. S. Lethbridge

At 1:00 to learn more about ACACA and important details on this show and how to enter. Enjoy refreshments and mingle with other artists. For your convenience, membership forms for ACACA will be available, to be sent to ACACA by Lethbridge Artists Club.

For questions about this southern zone show please email: swilkie02@shaw.ca

Beads of Courage

chairman: John vandenBerg

A glimpse from the past - 2013

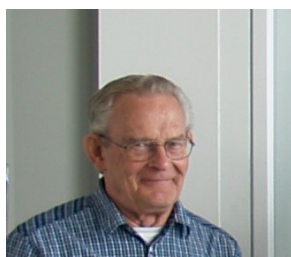
John vandenBerg

**Meet our Members**

Meet Jim Farr a member since one of our founding members

My interest in wood turning began in my early teens when Aaron Martin, a very skilled (Old Order Mennonite) machinist helped me build a wood lathe. We had the head and tailstock cast at a local foundry and used channel iron for the bed.

I turned a few spindles in a little shop in our basement. After high school, I sold it because life would be too busy.



After moving to Coaldale, I owned a Beaver lathe for years but used it rarely. During the early 90's I attended a woodworking show and came across Dale Nish, from Provo Utah. He was a very capable turner. Impressed by his skill, and aided by several of his books, I improved my skills. Attending courses with Ray Key and Richard Raffan at Craft Supplies in Provo in 1996 and '97 broadened my experience and skills. Over the next decade I upgraded my equipment and sold turnings at craft sales from Pincher Creek to Edmonton. During this time I was privileged to introduce a number of southern Albertans to this diverse craft. Their support and interest led to the formation of our Club.

It's mainly about the wood! Since childhood I have collected it in all its varieties. Turning it into something attractive and (at times) useful involves using a "different part of your brain". In these changing and unpredictable times, that can have significant benefits.

Over the past decade, I have become very impressed with the activities, innovation and support of the Club's executive. This has led to the formation of a dynamic group of artisans whose work shows remarkable increase in skill and variety. And I'm sure this is just the beginning!

Guild Website

<http://chinookwoodturning.org/>

Are you a member of the AAW

At the end of this newsletter are the details of an offer from the American Association of Woodturners.

If you are not a member, give it some serious consideration. There are a great many resources available from the AAW

Show and Tell table/ Instant Gallery Dec 2017

John Latourrus with his shoe horn



Terry Beaton with segmented bowl



Terry explains his various jigs

About the Guild

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Lethbridge, AB
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Meetings are at 7:00pm
the third Thursday of the month
Sept thru June
at the CASA building on 8th Street South in Lethbridge

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

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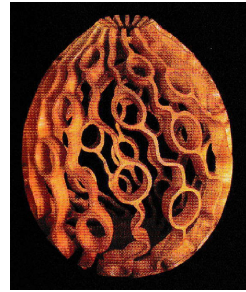
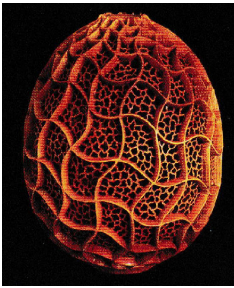
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Society of Canadian Woodworkers and a chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

The Chinook Woodturning Guild of Lethbridge presents:

J. Paul Fennell

WOOD ARTIST



Saturday 19 May 2018

J. Paul Fennell hollows and carves wood to create forms inspired by nature

Demonstration

Saturday 19 May 2018 9 am – 4 pm

Registration: \$60 (Students \$40) includes lunch

**Location: Casa Building 230 8th St. South
Lethbridge, AB, T1J 5H2, Canada**

To pre-register contact:

Dan Michener 403-331-9177 (michenerdan@gmail.com)

André Laroche 403-393-5337 (gplaroche@telus.net)

(Registration will also be accepted at the door)

Workshop

Sunday 20 May 9 am – 4 pm

Registration for Paul's full-day hands-on workshop is \$200.

Space is limited so please contact Dan Michener or André Laroche, as above, if you would like to attend the workshop

Do not miss this opportunity to learn from and be inspired by one of the great artists of our time.

\$20 INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP

The AAW has an exciting new membership promotion for first-time AAW members, which began in December 2017. Below is a summary of the details.



- **FOR JUST \$20**, individuals may sign up for a three-month introductory AAW membership that includes a mailed issue of *American Woodturner* journal. When the introductory three-month membership period ends, individuals may renew by upgrading to a full general AAW membership for just \$40.
- Only individuals who have **NEVER** been AAW members are eligible for the introductory three-month membership offer.
- The introductory three-month membership offer is available to individuals **ONE TIME ONLY**.

Each introductory three-month AAW membership includes the benefits of AAW membership for three full months, including one printed copy of the *American Woodturner* journal, and access for three months to Woodturning FUNdamentals, AAW EXPLORE! Discover Woodturning, AAW Connects, AAW Forum, the world's largest woodturning tips library, safety resources, learning and mentoring materials, grant opportunities, specialty programming, services, and more.

- [Sign up for the special offer online at http://www.woodturner.org/?page=ITM2040](http://www.woodturner.org/?page=ITM2040).
- [Read about eligibility and how it works.](#)