

Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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<http://www.chinookwoodturning.org>

President's Message

There are lots of woodturners around. The AAW has over 15,000 members spread over 350 clubs and guilds, not only in the USA and Canada but also in many other countries. There is something about woodturning that often draws people in and holds them (and I don't mean when your 'T' shirt is wrapped around the spindle). Sometimes I wonder how and why woodturning is a significant part of my life. I didn't own a lathe until 2010 and I had no idea what to do with it for 6 months or so. I was fortunate to have a good workshop left over from my farming career so I could make as much dust and noise as I liked. I knew that beautiful things could be made on a lathe and I bought a book or two and Dennis Delaney devoted a couple of days to getting me off the ground. Somewhere in there I got hooked and my other tools are feeling neglected.



So what's so good about woodturning? Everybody has their own reasons, and these reasons probably change and evolve over time, but I think there are some universal attractions.

Working with your hands is very rewarding. Using your eyes, fingers and brain together to assess, plan and carry out the next step in any project is satisfying. As well, manipulating the wood stimulates the imagination in ways that visualization simply cannot do.

The hands-on process requires concentration, banishing daily concerns from mind. The world disappears and it is just you and the spinning wood and the tip of that tool. The wood smells good and feels good to the touch. So you concentrate and relax. Often a turner gets gratifying results surprisingly quickly. The only thing to make it better is if you produce something lasting to be proud of and bring it to the Instant Gallery.

There is a sense of community among woodturners. They are a friendly lot and very few will keep secrets about their work. It seems as if we are all part of an extended family and we feel as if we belong wherever turners gather.

Coming Events Schedule of Meetings, demos and events

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

2018		
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.

Guild Website

<http://chinookwoodturning.org/>

New Members

We'd like to welcome Jack Lorge. Please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome

From the Editor

Thanks to Dan, André and Lorraine for their contributions.

Meet our Members

Harold Plumpton member since: Sept 2006

After a successful career I retired in 1989 and decided to purchase equipment for making furniture, something I had never done before. I was quite successful and made numerous pieces of furniture plus home renovations etc. I eventually I had no need to continue as there was no further need.



After some discussion It was suggested by my brother in law that I should buy a lathe and start turning, I had no real interest at that time but was talked into giving it a try and that same day purchased a small Lathe and some cheap starter chisels. I set thing up and proceeded to try my hand at this new interest. Needless to say I became hooked and very interested from there on.

I got onto the internet and in doing so came across The Chinook woodturners Guild, I phoned Roger McMullen to enquire and was immediately invited to his home and shop to get more information, to my surprise and pleasure Roger invited me into his shop and set up a partly turned small bowl, he showed me how to use a turning tool then allowed me to try turning, and with some instruction I was able to turn with some degree of satisfaction. I was pleased when Roger finished the bowl and even more so when he presented me with it to take home. That bowl still sits today in the same special place that it was placed on that day.

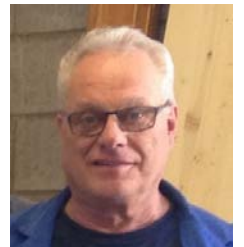
At Rogers suggestion I joined the woodturners Guild at their next meeting and have enjoyed the pleasure of being a member and intend to continue into the future.

I have no preference for what I turn but do enjoy trying new things and methods of turning.

Harold Plumpton

Albert Weik member since: Feb 2017

I Saw a video on woodturning and thought I'd give it a try. Unfortunately, had little chance to work on it all summer, but have started again. Made the mistake of buying cheap tools and and now paying for it, but hope to resolve that issue. I think I prefer larger projects to small, as it seems I don't have the necessary patience for smaller, more intricate work.



Interesting Videos

Thanks to Sam Sampedro from Great Falls for the following information.

Here is a series of videos on catches while turning (as opposed to while fishing). These should be interesting to experienced turners as well as beginning turners. Not only can they help with and understand tool control, just as importantly they are also safety videos.

Tim Yoder Presents:

Catches-Part 1: Roughing Gouge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8Ual0mhmVs&list=PLgd2j-BTiZshIM5CcMiXNNJ4MnUq9nDB>

Catches-Part 2: Bowl Gouge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0T9m2DadbhQ>

Catches-Part 3: Spindle gouge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9CVfGI9zc>

Catches-Part 4: Scrapers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObTYKYx156Y>

In Part 4 when Tim talks about the 'Relief Grind' that is his term for a 'Negative Rake Scraper' (that's my interpretation – Sam)

Catches-Part 5: Skew

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moFy0PVEZzw>

Catches-Part 6: Parting Tool

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtUVjAiRAKU>

(If clicking on the links above doesn't open the video, you can copy and paste the link into your browser)

Weather up-date

Spring will arrive. We are just not sure when, perhaps in time for summer.

While we are not impressed with how long winter has been lingering here, thankfully we are not in Ontario. Yesterday they suffered through freezing rain, bad enough to cause many flight delays and cancellations at the airport. There is still 2 or 3 days of snow forecast for parts of Southern Ontario.

Membership Gift Certificates

The Board is pleased to announce that a membership gift program.

If you would like to purchase a Gift Membership for a friend or family member, contact one of the Executive Board listed at the end of this newsletter. We can issue a certificate of membership for a half year or a full year. We offer student rates and reduced rates for late in the season.

These are a good idea and can make an excellent gift for a family member or friend who is interested in woodturning. The gift Certificate gives them full membership for the period purchased as an encouragement for them to learn about our craft and skill development.

CASA Celebrates 5th Anniversary

See invitation at end of newsletter

Beads of Courage

chairman: John vandenBerg

From the March meeting



Terry Sutton



Terry Sutton



March 2018 meeting

Roger Wayman demonstrated a process for making a 6-stave inside-out ornament at our last meeting, 15 March 2018.

Apparently there are two rather different processes involved. One is making the 6 staves with the exact perfect angle so that they fit seamlessly together, the other is putting the perfectly cut staves together and making them into something amazing!

Now when you cut the staves, keep in mind that they have to be an exact fit not only when they are strapped up to do the initial shaping but they also have to fit together perfectly when the package is disassembled and reassembled inside out! That requires attention to detail and a fancy jig for the table saw. Roger has made that jig and demonstrated the adjustments and setup. You should make one of these for your shop. Here is the website with the instructions:

<http://www.davidreedsmith.com/articles/trianglediamondripsled/trianglediamondripsled.htm>

The ornament is created by assembling the 6 staves for the initial turning in such a way that they can be easily disassembled. Roger used strong tape to hold the 6 staves together in a tight bundle while he turned and shaped, between centres, what would become the inside of the hollowed ornament. After carefully cutting, sanding and painting this stage 1 piece, the tape was removed, the separate pieces reversed, reassembled and glued together, leaving the inside of the stage 2 piece partially hollowed.





Turning the completed ornament involved putting on a tenon so the piece could be chucked,



then turning a beautiful finial (using a skew! Gee Roger, not too many of us are brave enough to try that in a demo!). Finally the thin walled bulb was turned revealing windows to the previously painted inside.



Thank you Roger for your demo.

Another description of this demo, with more detail, appears in the most recent edition of the Great Falls Woodturners Newsletter.
Dan Michener

Bring Back

Bring Back is a Guild program where at each meeting a member is given a block of wood to turn. The member turns something from the block and brings the result to the next meeting along with a block of wood which is given to a different turner to take home and produce a turning.

Made by Jim Galloway



from this



Russian Olive

Sawdust session, April 14, 2018

We had a Sawdust Session at Casa last Saturday morning. Dan brought a selection of tree wood (yes, I know all wood is from trees, but here I mean wood that isn't kiln dried and milled and sold in a store) to give away to those who showed up. We had Birch, Green ash, Mountain Ash, Cherry and Elm. Apparently many of us are short of material because quite a few pieces of branches and trunks went home with new owners. I hope some of it gets turned, the idea was not to feed the fire pit!

André was there as well as Bert, Dan, two Dennis's, Jim, John, Terry and Jack. Terry Beaton brought along his home made hollowing tool to show us. It is a circular carbide scraper mounted on a shaft with an outrigger to keep the tool level when it is on the tool rest. There was a home made handle (not Terry's home!).

We all took turns (no pun) trying out the hollower on a piece of end grain Cherry log. I have never used this type of tool before and was pleasantly surprised at how well it worked and what a smooth surface could be achieved. All end grain hollowing tools are really specialized scrapers, but the outrigger on this one (see the picture of Jack Lorge using the tool) makes this super easy to use and just about catch free. In the end Terry put a beautiful finish on the cup. Terry thinks this tool would be easy to build. He will demo it for us one day and find out if several of us would like to make them.

As is always the case when you get a bunch of woodturners together, the morning passed with lots of discussion of wood, tools, finishes, and matters both practical and personal.

A fine time was had by all.

Dan Michener



Dan Michener - vase



Norm Stelter - Bird calls



Roy Harker - bowl



Roger McMullin - covered bowl

Show and Tell table/ Instant Gallery March 2018



Dan Michener - bowl



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



Roger Wayman - ornaments

You're invited to Casa's 5th anniversary celebration, Party on the Square!

**Party
on the Square**

Saturday, May 12, 2018 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

May 12th marks Casa's 5th Anniversary of being the home for the arts in downtown Lethbridge.
Celebrate 5 years of making art accessible to all!
Join us on the square for a free BBQ, music, art activities, facility tours and birthday cake!

casa 5 anniversary

Please join us as we celebrate our 5th anniversary of being the home for the arts in downtown Lethbridge!

Saturday, May 12th, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Casa's Rotary Square

Join us for a free BBQ, live musical entertainment (including roots musician Dave McCann), family-friendly arts activities, and facility tours.

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:

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

(Registration will also be accepted at the door)

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