



Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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<http://www.chinookwoodturning.org>

President's Message

The Chinook Woodturning Guild is about to begin a new season and we are going to experiment with a few changes. The Sawdust Sessions, introduced last year, have been successful, and now we can fine-tune them a bit.

Sawdust Sessions will be on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9am at Casa in Lethbridge (except when they are not, such as a special circumstance). Previously the sawdust sessions were held irregularly. This way they will be about two weeks before and after the regular monthly evening meetings.

The Woodturning Guild will pay the woodshop fee based on the number who show up at each session. In a year's time we will know if the guild can continue to assume this cost.

Everybody who uses the Casa woodshop must sign a waiver and have a short safety tour of the woodshop. Most have already done this, but the few who have not can arrange for this very easily, it only takes a few minutes.

Other woodworkers, who are not guild members, may be using the woodshop at the same time as our sessions. We will welcome them and accommodate their needs.

Our first Sawdust Session is a visit to the Remington Carriage Museum's restoration workshop in Cardston. The main part of the restoration area is off limits to most visitors, however Jeremy Masterson, Master Wheelwright and professional in all other areas of horse and carriage restoration, has invited our guild to an in-depth visit of his workshop. This guy has an answer for every question! The workspace is loaded with specialized, 100+ year old tools for making and repairing horse drawn equipment in the era before electrical and hydraulic power.

Our visit to the museum is probably the morning of **October 20**. Details are yet to be finalized. The Museum is open all day and is truly amazing, but the workshop, which is not usually open at all on Saturday, will be open to us for a couple of hours or as long as Jeremy is prepared to stay.

There will be an entry fee to the place, around \$11-\$13 per person, which may vary slightly depending on age and how many of us show up. Each of us will have to pay. Having paid you have access to the Museum all day. There is even a café there. Hope its open that day!

Although this is a Guild activity, feel free to bring family members (no children in the workshop) to see the beautiful collection if they don't want to learn how to make carriage wheels. Check out the carriage museum at this website: <https://remingtoncarriagemuseum.ca/>
Dan Michener



Coming Events Schedule of Meetings, demos and events

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

- 2018** *unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are held in the woodshop at CASA*
- Sept** 20 Thurs, 7pm - Annual General Meeting, Financial report, Election of Officers
- Regular Meeting follows the AGM - Roger McMullin
- making a woodburner
- 28 - 29** - Art Walk demos at CASA
- Oct** 18 **Thurs, 7pm - Beads of Courage presentation; Terry Beaton – make a dibble
20 Sat, time to be announced, Sawdust Session. Visit to Remington Carriage Museum, Cardston, restoration workshop tour.
- Nov** 3 Sat, 9am, Sawdust Session – Making woodburning pens
15 **Thurs, 7pm, Roger Wayman TBA
16 - 17 Fri & Sat, Christmas at Casa sale
- Dec** 1 Sat, 9am, Sawdust Session – Spinning top making in preparation for the Christmas spinoff.
20 **Thurs, 7pm, Annual Christmas top making and spin off.
- Jan** 5 Sat, 9am, Sawdust session
18 **Thurs, 7pm, Workshop Safety
- Feb** 2 Sat, 9am, Sawdust session
21 **Thurs, 7pm, Norm Robinson – Finishes and finishing for woodturners
- Mar** 2 Sat, 9am, Sawdust session
21 **Thurs, 7pm, Dan Michener – make a quash.
- Apr** 6 Sat, 9am, Sawdust session
18 **Thurs, 7pm, TBA,
- May** 4 Sat, 9am, Sawdust session
16 **Thurs, 7pm, TBA.
- June** 20 **Thurs, 6pm, Casa woodshop. BBQ.

From the Editor

Thanks to Dan, Andre and Jim Galloway for their contributions.

Contributions from members are welcome. Please feel free to help by contributing an article, photos, etc. Contributions can be emailed to the editor

Guild Website

<http://chinookwoodturning.org/>

2018 AAW Symposium

The AAW 2018 symposium was held in June in Portland, Oregon. A number of our members attended and hopefully we will learn more in the future.



JPaul Fennell with Pres Dan Michener at 2018 AAW conference in Portland

What we did last summer

The Chinook Woodturning Guild begins its 2018-2019 season on September 20th. Although the guild typically meets from September until June every year, this past summer we decided to do a few things in July and August to keep up interest and maybe attract a new member or two.

So this is what we did last summer.

The June regular meeting was a BBQ woodturning season ender. Nobody went home hungry and Terry Beaton and André Laroche showed us how its done. Thanks Guys!



Dan Michener opening remarks



Terry Beaton shows us how its done



Woodturners & guests dig in



Socializing after the meal



Norm Robinson, Bert Kadijk and Suzi Tomita



Dan Michener and Jerome Veenendaal do the draw for a J Paul Fennell unfinished piece

The guild displayed some of our members work in the Lethbridge Public Library for the month of July. Library staff later told us that lots of library patrons stopped and commented on how much they were impressed by the work.



Lethbridge Library display_July 2018



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For the first time we held sawdust sessions in the summer, 7 July and 11 August. We had a good turnout both days, and we were having so much fun nobody remembered to take pictures at the August gathering. But we have a few from the July session. We did pen making and some members tried out a carbide tipped hollowing tool. As usual there was much discussion about sharpening and some tools got reshaping, but not necessarily improved, while others went home ready and willing to slice into some wood. As usual, our most popular pastime, talking about all things related to woodturning, was diligently pursued. Everybody went home happy. Especially Baz, our newest member, who walked in, declared she wanted to join, paid her membership and started turning then and there. Welcome Baz!



Jamie, an enthusiastic young man, working on his first pen



A lot can happen when you talk and eat donuts!



Almost everybody has something to discuss



Suzi, Jerome and Terry solve some problems



Terry Beaton shows Jamie Klop how to prepare a pen blank

Late in August our guild put on a 2 day public demonstration at Coyote Flats Pioneer Village in Picture Butte. This was the second time we have been there during the Harvest Days celebration and apparently we are a crowd pleaser because we have been asked to return next year. We made dozens of spinning tops for the kids, a few small bowls and scoops and spurtles for the adults. The

weather was OK except for the wind which tried to blow away our instant gallery, but it sure made cleanup easy because the shavings headed south as fast as they were produced. Thanks to those who came and turned and supported us: Norm Robinson, Jerome Veenendaal, Terry and Claire Beaton, Jim Galloway, Richard and Dorothy Shelton, Bryan Matthews, Roger Wayman, André Laroche, Baz Skinner, Roy Harker, Rob Thomsen, and John VandenBerg. My apologies if I missed anyone. Now summer is over (sniff), and we are on the threshold of a new woodturning season.

Dan Michener



"Dad, that is so cool!"



André, John and Roger take a break, Dan soldiers on



Claire and Terry Beaton sold some pieces



Roger Wayman with lots of audience



Father and children pay close attention as Dan hollows a small bowl



Roger Wayman refines the stem on a spinning top



Roy Harker lends a hand



Terry Beaton giving Baz Skinner pointers on pen making



Woodturning set up on the front of the old railway station

About the Guild

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