

Chinook Woodturning Guild Newsletter



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<http://www.chinookwoodturning.org>

President's Message

Our guild has grown from a couple of guys with an interest in woodturning getting together in 2004 to what we have now 15 years later. I wanted to know how the guild originated and who was involved, so I started asking.



Dan Michener

This guild started up when Roger McMullin and Bryan Matthews, who already knew each other through the Home Builders Association, discovered that they were both interested in woodturning and they decided it would be a good idea to form a group. Roger had taken turning lessons from Jim Farr and Bryan had done a 3 day course at Black Forest in Calgary. Jim Farr, who had learned the craft from woodturning legends like Richard Raffin and Ray Key, was doing woodturning demonstrations at Windsor Plywood here in Lethbridge.

To get some members for the club, Roger, Jim and Bryan approached Windsor Plywood for the names of people who had purchased lathes. Windsor generously supplied some names and agreed that the group could meet in their store after hours. So the first five or six meetings, among the stacks of lumber at Windsor, included Roger, Bryan and Jim as well as Vern Miller, Al Schaaf, Dennis Delaney, Rob Martin, Norm Stelter, Doug Campbell, Terry Beaton and Roger Olson. Probably there were others.

The group named themselves the Chinook Woodturning Guild, Roger McMullin was the first president and they were off and running. Regular monthly meetings were held at Roger Olson's cabinetry workshop starting in the autumn of 2005. The guild secured a grant from the city and from lottery money to purchase equipment and more members joined. In 2011 the guild moved from Olson's to the Bowman Art Centre in Lethbridge and two years later moved again into the brand new Casa Arts Centre, where it still meets.

One of the primary objectives of the guild was, and still is, to bring renowned wood turning artists to Lethbridge for demonstrations and classes. The first such was Binh Pho (might as well start at the top!) followed by Art Liestman, Ron Falconer, Don Derry, Mike Hosaluk and others, including Marilyn Campbell, Molly Winton, Cindy Drozda and J. Paul Fennell. There are others, dedicated teachers all, who are not listed here.

Roger McMullin, Jim Farr, Jim Jones, Vern Miller and me, Dan Michener have all been president of the guild, and others have been VPs, Treasurers and Secretaries. Fifteen years on, the guild has around 40 members, our invitees teach classes as well as demonstrate, we have 5 lathes, put on sawdust sessions and contribute to several charitable causes.

You founders, back in 2004, you really started something! Thanks.

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Coming Events Schedule of Meetings, demos and events

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

2019	<i>unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are held in the woodshop at CASA</i> - a map to the meeting place can be found on our website	
Nov	2	Sat, 10am, Sawdust Session -
	15-16	Fri & Sat, Christmas at Casa sale
	16	decorating the Hospital Foundation Christmas tree
	21	**Thurs, 7pm - Roger McMullin, pierced lidded bottle.
Dec	7	Sat, 10am, Sawdust Session -
	19	**Thurs, 7pm, Annual Christmas top making and spin off.
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Jan	4	Sat, 10am, Sawdust session -
	16	**Thurs, 7pm -
Feb	1	Sat, 10am, Sawdust session -
	20	**Thurs, 7pm -
Mar	7	Sat, 10am, Sawdust session -
	19	**Thurs, 7pm -
Apr	4	Sat, 10am, Sawdust session - Kai Muenzer lamp demo.
	17	Fri. Kai Muenzer, all day hands on class
	16	**Thurs, 7pm -
May	2	Sat, 10am, Sawdust session -
	21	**Thurs, 7pm -
June	6	Sat, 10am, Sawdust session -
	18	**Thurs, 6pm, Casa woodshop. BBQ
July	4	Sat, 10am, Sawdust session
Aug	1	Sat, 10am, Sawdust session Coyote Flats demo, Picture Butte

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Announcements

- Members of the Chinook Woodturning Guild are pleased to share their knowledge and experience with nonmember guests and visitors. It is our policy to encourage visitors to attend one or two meetings or sawdust sessions to make up their mind about becoming a member. After a few visits, please join us. Memberships are \$75 regular, \$40 for students and \$125 for families.

Dan Michener, President CWG

- Inclusion Lethbridge is a local, nonprofit organization that has been supporting individuals with development disabilities and their families for more than 60 years in our community. Inclusion Lethbridge is hosting a fund raiser at Casa on 29 November. President Dani Hanna has asked if any of us would like to contribute art pieces to their Art For Awareness campaign. I have offered to contribute a piece following the weekend art /craft sale, and some of you may also be willing to contribute an item.

Contact Dan if you can contribute an item, michenerdan@gmail.com

- Maureen Sexmith-West from Ladybug Arborists has contacted the guild to say that her company is willing to give woodturning artists and craftsman pieces of cut trees. Maureen's objective is to prevent perfectly good wood from being destroyed if there are serious woodturners and carvers who could use it.

If you need material for a project you can call or email Maureen to find out what she has on hand and what may be available in the future. Phone: 403-634-3062, ladybugarborists@gmail.com.

It is a good practice to reward wood donors with a woodturning.

- We are in need of demonstrators for our monthly Thursday evening meetings.

Please tell me that you would like to demonstrate. It could be for any meeting in the new year.

Alternatively, some technique you have learned or figured out that most of the rest of us are unfamiliar with. How about how to use a tool you find useful. We can always use more reinforcement on sharpening jigs or finishing.

A demo can be as short as 10 minutes or take an hour, it's up to the demonstrator.

If you have some idea for a demo but can't do it yourself, tell me and maybe I can get somebody else to do it instead.

Send me your thoughts on what demo you would like. Dan

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From the Editor

Thanks to Dan, André, Jim Galloway and Lorraine for their contributions.

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Meet our Members

name: Bryan Matthews
member since: Sept 2004 - (Charter Member)



As with most of the wood turners my exposure to wood turning started in junior high school. My life time job was in the credit industry. As a partner in the ownership of 21 credit bureaus in western Canada I didn't have any contact with wood turning. The true interest was when I retired in 2003. Black Forest in Calgary offered a 3 day course to get anyone started so I signed up and was hooked. After selling all the credit bureaus to Equifax I was hired to help the Lethbridge home builders get their organization up and running better. After 13 years with LHBA I retired for good and was involved in the starting of the Chinook wood turning along with some great partners. My first lathe was bought at House of tools along with the worst set of tools and a chuck that won't hold anything but I struggled on, gained some skills and move up to better equipment. I have attended a couple AAW symposiums and gained more knowledge from watching the experts. The learning still continues.

The process, types and styles in my wood turning venture have change greatly through the years. When I first started there was no way I could embellish any project by cutting or covering it in color as I was

overwhelmed with the beauty of just the wood. Now I can cut huge holes and add color that would completely change the look of any project. The type of turning I now enjoy is the unusual. Such as cat tails, tulips, and adding segmented rings to bowls plus changing a You Tube project to add my spin to it. My recent whim was an old fashion phone that I saw on You Tube but I did it my way so it looks a lot different but the idea still belongs to You Tube. I am a strong believer that if you can think of something different in wood turning someone has already done it, but keep making nice wood into sawdust it's fun.

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Oct 2019 meeting

As at every meeting, before the meeting can start there is quite a bit of set up work that needs to be done.

Chairs need to be set up, the safety screen equipment frame needs to be set up and the lathe brought out and made ready for the demo.

The help of those who assist with set up before the meeting is appreciated by Board members.

When we have a demo we set up at least one large screen TV so that all in attendance can see the demo.



President Dan opens the meeting with announcements



André setting up cameras for the demo

Along with regular activities such as show & tell, announcements by the President and of course discussions between members we had 2 demonstrations and a presentation by a vendor of woodturning tools.

Bryan Matthews demonstrated how he makes his bird house ornaments. The body out of a composite wood product which gives a very nice striped appearance along with an icicle of the same wood & a roof of more conventional wood.

Starting with a square blank of composite wood Bryan turns the blank into a round barrel for the body of the house



Once the barrel is formed, the centre of the house is hollowed out using a Forstner drill bit.

A finial is made to form the icicle of the bird house and sized to fit the barrel of the house.



The stripe pattern is aligned and the icicle glued into place.



The roof is shaped and sized to fit the barrel from a contrasting wood blank



The roof is sized and ready for assembly



Voila



The finished product

Norm Robinson gave a demo and discussed various techniques for decorating ornaments. Using trees previously turned he demonstrated colouring and adding accents using an air brush, aerosol spray can and bristle brushes.



members paying close attention



Members are always very interested in what other members have made

Ken Rude from Branches to Bowls Ltd, presented various products he has for sale. A woodturner himself, Ken has made it his mission to make quality products available to local woodturners.

Ken is from Calgary and represents the following product manufacturers.

Canadian Vicmarc Dealer
Carter and Son Toolworks Dealer
Clear Vue Cyclone Dealer
He can be contacted at
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Email:

ken@branchestobowls.com
www.branchestobowls.com

Ken brought with him a wide variety of products to show and make available to our members.



as always members discuss various techniques(Terry & Brian)



Roger & Dan share a joke

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Nov 2, 2019 Sawdust Session

Month to month the sawdust sessions are increasingly well attended. This November Saturday get together was crowded and lively. The main event was the collection of the Christmas tree ornaments our members have been making. Lorraine's scroll saw work exemplifying the 12 days of Christmas was a standout and everybody marveled at the skill and imagination which she put into the pieces, not to mention the time required. The pictures show examples of many of the other ornaments contributed by the guys.

We were going to work on finials this session, so Suzi and Norm set up a lathe and showed several of us ways to produce the delicate points and shafts without the vibration breaking them off.

Terry coached Saeedeh who was making a goblet. Dan showed a couple of members how his homemade tool is used to make sequential slices on a spindle. Some sharpening was going on, as usual, and there was much discussion about everything woodturning and probably lots of other things as well. According to the picture, Jerome was showing Luke how to make a silhouette of a horse head on the wall.

Saeedah said she was grateful to the guild for welcoming her and mentoring her woodturning, so she brought coffee, cookies and sandwiches for everyone. What a wonderful gesture! Thank you. Saeedah also brought Navvab (aka Nav) her husband; that was nice too.

The pictures tell some of the session story.
Next Sawdust session is December 7th.

As usual we also had our show & tell session followed by a casual time of discussion amongst members



Norm, Suzi & Dan chatting

Al Stirt carved square platters

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgowuh_SapE

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Guild Website<http://chinookwoodturning.org/>

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Waterton Wildlife Weekend & Artisan Fair, Sept 20, 2019

The Retis were at Waterton

Roy Reti brought some of his turning projects to the 12th Waterton Wildlife Weekend & Artisan Fair on Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 20, 21 & 22. Roy was assisted by his spouse Geri during this event that saw around 250 visitors each day. They were both busy interacting with customers, explaining wood turning techniques, presenting different wood species and handling sales.

The Guild thanks you both for representing wood turned art and utility objects at the Festival. You had a very nice selection of pieces in your display.

Andre



The Retis at Waterton

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Beads of Courage

chairman: John vandenBerg

You can find a selection of boxes we have donated to the program on our website

Thank you to all who have made and donated the beads of courage boxes this year. Our year end was October 31 and we have received a total of 31 boxes this year. This makes a total of 174 boxes in our 4 years of involvement in the program.

The kids appreciate it. Thanks again.

John VandenBerg



Oct 2019 Roy Reti

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There were many tree ornaments which can be seen further on in the newsletter.



Terry Beaton 3 miniature goblets



Bert Kadijk



Bert Kadijk

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Website of the month

We do not endorse any of these sites or products that may be promoted thereon. We merely reference these sites as interesting to check out. It is up to you to determine the quality of information therein.

To our members - if there is a website you have found useful, send the link to the editor so we can make it available to our members through the newsletter.

A word of caution: Not everything you see on the internet is always 100% cosher or safe. For example videos are sometimes uploaded to youtube without experienced oversight and can show techniques and procedures which are unsafe at any level of experience. It is the viewer's responsibility to assess what is or is not safe to do. If unsure, we suggest you err on the side of caution.

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Most of us have a bandsaw in our shop. Here are 3 bandsaw videos which you might find helpful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4k-r5utmU2Q><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sY7xKKUGBgE>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8k0_HP8srQ

Carving Texture & Patterns into Turned Bowls

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=KcWDoHvksA4

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.

May Bring Back #35



Cedar_ from Norm Stelter to Terry Sutton



Sept Bring Back #36



BB-36_Sept 2019_Russian Olive_ from Terry Sutton to Lorraine Mix



Next month Bring back



Elm_ from Lorraine Mix to Terry Beaton

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Are you a member of the AAW

AAW Craft School Scholarships for 2020

The AAW have made changes to the program to expand eligibility to every individual AAW member in your chapter, and have introduced a self-nominating process using an online submission form at <http://tiny.cc/AAWScholarships>.

28 scholarships will be awarded to selected AAW chapter members to

attend classes at one of two craft schools. The AAW Endowment Trust Fund (ETF), in combination with craft schools, provides funds for the scholarships.

For more information see the email Pres Dan sent out Nov 14, 2019

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Lethbridge Hospital Foundation Tree Project

Thanks to the decorator team this morning: Ken Mix, Mireille Cloutier, Norm Robinson and André Laroche and to the relieve team that helps us to complete the work: Howard Heil (Norm's friend), Ross Robinson and Jerome Veenendaal in good time!

217 times thanks to all members you supplied beautiful ornaments and to Dot Tomita for the gift of beautiful decorating bows.

All of the trees, including ours, will be on public view in the Canadian Western Bank Lounge of the Enmax Centre on Sunday 17 November, noon until 4pm and Monday and Tuesday, 18 & 19 Nov., noon until 8pm.

André



Bryan Matthews



Dan Michener



Norm Robinson



Dan Michener



Bert Kadijk



Earl Stamm



Gunter Schulz Bird houses with birds



Dennis Hooge 4 plaques



Dennis Hooge



Lorraine Mix



Earl Stamm



John Vandenberg



Norm Stelter



Remo Brassolotto



Lorraine Mix_12 Days of Christmas



Roger McMullin



Ross Robinson



Roy Harker



Terry Beaton



Terry Sutton



Roger Wayman



Show and Tell Table/ Instant Gallery

First off I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of the Turners who have brought Christmas decorations for the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation Christmas tree festival.

We have Terry Beaton who brought in three functional bells made of Maple, and three tops that are anatomically correct, but don't spin all that great. That's okay, the Christmas tree won't mind at all! LOL ??

Roger Wayman also did a great job making decorations. He produced three bells made of Maple also anatomically correct, along with two snowmen icicles made of Ash and their hats are Zebra wood, and 3 cute little penguins that were made out of Maple and walnut. ??

Dan Michener dug-in and made 14 Christmas trees and 4 ball type ornaments. The trees were turned off centre so they looked more like the real thing and nicely painted for the occasion. ??

Ross Robinson contributed five colourful ornaments that included embossing from his wonderful Rose Engine??

Brian Matthews brought in six sweet little snowmen fully attired with scarves, belts and hats. ??

Roy Reti turned 5 colourful inside out ornaments made from Oak and Ash. ??

Earl Stamm was creative in making 7 candle ornaments painted appropriately and showing what looks like melted wax. He also made 2 acorn type ornaments. ??

Our regular show and tell consisted of Norm Stelter bringing a Steampunk Pepper Grinder made of Walnut, and a beautiful bowl turned from Curly Maple.

Terry Sutton was able to show his bring back from June. He explained that the piece of cedar he had to work with had significant rot areas, so he had to reconstruct with segments from other woods. Terry admitted it didn't have the polished finish he usually produces, but it sure looks like a nice Beads of Courage box to me.

Paul McGaffey came up with yet another unusual bowl. It was made from Willow which had some serious flaws in it. But Paul is not about to be outdone buy a piece of wood, so epoxy became a major contributor to the success of this story. He also used copper binding around the top edge to hold the whole thing together. When he found another flaw he decided to add an antler to enhance the finished product and cover the flaw.

Remie Benoit made a 3 potted bowl that is intended as a collector for rings, earrings and necklaces. It was turned flawlessly and the finish is spectacular. He also made a walnut ball and embedded a small mirror on it. His third piece was a handled dipper that was made from mesquite, and proudly demonstrated how it would be used in yesteryear. ??

So as always we have had a marvellous Instant Gallery. Keep the sawdust going. Lorraine Mix



With the ornaments & everything else, it was a full table.

Regina 2020 Symposium

Hello from the woodturners in southern Saskatchewan (South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild - SSWG).

We are putting on a Symposium in July of 2020 and thought as you attended our 2016 event you may be interested in details of our next symposium. Our lineup includes turning Masters, Nick Agar (Britain), Jason Breach (Britain), Jean Escoulen (France) and Michael Hosaluk (Saskatchewan) as well as local artists who are very skilled in their own right. The event will take place July 17(evening), 18 and 19th 2020, at the Regina Trades and Skills Centre.

Registration information is on our website at: <http://southsaskwoodturners.ca/>

There will also be two early bird draws for a one-year membership to the AAW which includes the journal.

On July 20 we are offering a hands-on workshop with Nick Agar. We have limited space for this workshop so will be drawing Nov. 15 from registered attendees who want to attend this workshop. There is an extra charge for this workshop.

Accommodation and other information will be available on our website by early December.

We are looking forward to meeting up with previous attendees at this event. Should you have any questions, please contact Bryan Milne at: jbmilne@accesscomm.ca

Please feel free to pass this email on to your club members for their consideration.

Regards,

Bryan Milne, Symposium Chair
South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild



Norm Stelter_tops for the Food Bank



Norm Stelter



Norm Stelter



Norm Stelter



Spinning Tops for Food bank sales



Paul McGaffey



Remie Bennoit



Remie Bennoit



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Rob Thomsen



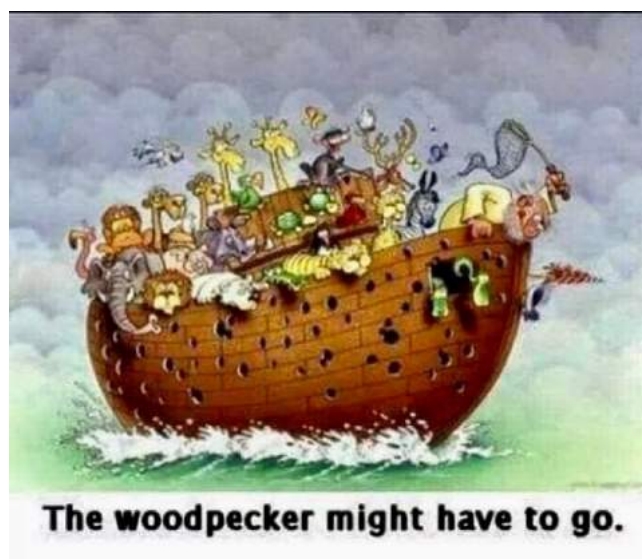
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CASA Christma Sale

Friday afternoon and Saturday, Nov. 15 & 16, saw six of our woodturners displaying their work at the annual Christmas At Casa art and craft sale. There was a nonstop flow of curious shoppers circulating among our displays, asking questions and considering their choices. Regardless of the sales it is rewarding to be able to talk with so many people about our obsession and see the pleasure on their faces upon seeing things they admire. Many had questions about wood and woodturning. Several people remarked on how they love the look of the grain and the tactile quality and smell of wood. Me too.

Sales were good. Thanks to Terry Beaton, Lorraine Mix, Roger McMullin, Dan Michener, Roy Reti and Norm Stelter for participating. Thanks to André Laroche, Remo Brassolotto and Earl Stamm for looking after the cash out table.

Pictures of the displays and shoppers in the December newsletter.

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About the Guild

The Chinook Woodturning Guild was formed in September of 2004. The Guild's main emphasis is on skill improvement and camaraderie.

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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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