



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems as if every time I think it might be a good idea to resume face to face meetings, another phase of the pandemic rears its head and we postpone once again. I have been saying I hope we can meet early in the new year and I'm not ruling that out, but I seem to have a habit of misplaced optimism so I will only say I have no idea.

One of the great benefits of woodturning is that it requires attention and care. When the wood is spinning and the shavings drop away to reveal a new creation, the mind is wholly occupied with the project and the outer world recedes. It's good for what ails you in these troubled times. To reap this benefit, it is important to be comfortable in front of your lathe, and lately it has become clear that some of our members, be they new turners or just a bit rusty, could use a little coaching on chucking, tool use and sharpening.

Maybe, in these days of uncertainty, we woodturners should be meeting in small groups in our private workshops to hone a few skills and trade ideas. Groups of 3 or 4 vaccinated guild members could spend a half day on woodturning basics. Make a bowl, make a top, get comfortable, take the comfort home to the workshop and continue turning.

We can talk about formalizing this as the new year approaches, but until then...

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!!

Dan Michener



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

6 February 2022. Eric Lofstrom will present an IRD on making his elegant, internally decorated bowls. Eric is an experienced and entertaining teacher. His attention to detail and eye, hand, body coordination in tool handling has lessons for us all.

Membership Fees.

Stud. Member	\$40.00
Reg. Member	\$75.00
Fam. Membership	\$125.00



Payment can be made in 1 of 3 ways:

1. E-transfer to –
cwgtreasurer021@gmail.com
2. Send:
3. Or Deliver: a cheque (payable to Chinook Woodworking Guild) to Chinook Woodturning Guild c/o CASA, 230 8- Street S., Lethbridge, T1J 5H2

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS AT Casa SALE

The annual Christmas at Casa sale was on November 19 and 20th. The free entry tickets from Eventbrite didn't keep buyers away and the Woodturners had a record sale. Thanks to Roger McMullin, Paul McGaffey, Lorraine Mix, Terry Beaton, Duane Vandenberg and Dan Michener for offering a wide range of beautiful creations for sale.

Our cashiers, who handled the money during the sale were Earl Stamm, Kenn Haase, André Laroche, Remo Brassolotto and Roy Harker. Thank you, gentlemen!

Terry Beaton has summarized the sale results:

Total Guild Sales:	\$8,046.00
Funds raised for Lethbridge Food Bank:	\$420.00
Funds raised for the Hospital Foundation	\$560.00
Guild Gross Commissions	\$1,059.90
Costs (Table rent, Square charge, Casa charge)	\$555.43
Guild Net Income from Sale	\$504.47

The sale was well attended and as a Guild we sold really well. Dan Michener had the highest amount of sales. Two others members were very close to Dan's sales.



Dan Michener's bowls 'n stuff.



Lorraine with her Mix of items.

Roger McMullin almost lost behind all his bowls.



Duey Vandenberg's pens 'n more display.



Paul McGaffey and his wild, wild wood.

Terry Beaton's display isn't pictured here, but it WAS on the front page of the Lethbridge Herald. Good going Terry!

INSTANT DISTANT GALLERY



I thought it was time to show some new turnings. Trinket boxes for a couple of granddaughters. First box made with Yellow Tarara and Purple Heart. Had to leave it thick in order to handle a young girls abuse. The second box is made with Black Walnut and Purple Heart. Both boxes are finished with a home made French Polish.

Steve Munroe

Dan asked Steve for the French Polish recipe.

Reply:

There are a few recipes out there. I used Shellac, Solvable Methyl Hydrate and Solvable Linseed oil.

Mix 1/3 equal parts. Only mix what is needed for short term workability.



Norm Stelter



Roy Harker

BEADS of COURAGE

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year to all our members and again thank for your contribution to the program.

John VandenBerg.
Bead of Courage Coordinator

NEW MEMBER BIO

A born and bred Alberta boy, I have lived in and around Calgary most of my life, took 10 years out to go try the “island life” in Victoria BC but returned home to the sunny blue skies and endless horizons. I am a Red Seal Journeyman Cabinet Maker and have been creating in wood for a little over 50 years. I keep hoping I will get it right someday. After retiring in 2015 I turned to my artistic side and bebopped along doing scroll work, flat work, carving and teaching future woodworkers the craft. Had fun for a couple of years but life had other plans and in 2017 the radiation from cancer treatments in 2007 caught up with my vocal chords and throat causing me to “lose” my voice. That ended the teaching end but it was then I discovered turning and oh my it’s been a journey to discover all the things that you can do with a lathe and the endless array of tools and gadgets one can acquire! I’m still a beginner when it comes to lathe work but I am definitely hooked and look forward to my new shop which I hope to have completed in the spring and a new bigger better lathe!. In the meantime, I have found a great mentor in Dan Michener and look forward to learning from all of you.
Happy turning!

Ron Kisko

We invite you to tell your story. It is a great way for us to get to know you.

How to join a Zoom Meeting

This information is from a previous Central Alberta Woodturners newsletter

On desktop, tablet or phone by downloading the app.

1. Download the **Zoom desktop app** on your Mac or PC. <https://zoom.us/download>
2. Open the **Zoom app**.
3. Click **Join a Meeting**.
4. Enter the **Meeting ID** and your **name**, and set **audio/video permissions**.

On desktop, tablet or phone via meeting invite link.

1. Click on the Meeting Invite URL that the host shared
2. via email or text.
3. Open the **Zoom app**.
4. **Approve** the request for **permission** to use your computer's **audio and camera**.

Depending on the meeting's set-up:

- you may enter the meeting right away
- you may need to wait for the host to arrive first or
- you may be placed into a waiting room that the host controls.

ANDRÉ'S PREFERRED WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

Did you vote for the most stunning Christmas ornaments of the year? If yes, you know the web site. If not, you can still admire the ornaments at <https://www.aswoodturns.com/challenges/2021-christmas-ornament-challenge/> and get inspired for a last minute gift or for next fall when to return to the ornament making. A very nice display of over 200 of mostly turned ornaments is presented. A few Canadians did participate including our colleague Bert Delisle from the Edmonton Guild with a collection of over 18 turned bells. Well done, Bert!

Kade Bolger is a very skilled Canadian production woodturner from Whitby, Ontario (www.kadebolger.com). On his website you can discover diverse types of vessels including bowls, spectacular boxes with finials, and hollow forms. Make sure you stop by his stunning 'Butterfly' turned from a red mallee burl. He also offers a few IRD (interactive remote demonstration) demonstrations. The thin walled live edge bowl one seems particularly interesting. This fall, he was offering an IRD on making Christmas ornaments: a Christmas tree, a snowman and Christmas globes with finials using only the skew. Our good friend Vern who did like his skew gouges would have smiled all along this presentation. Watch his web site as new demonstrations will be available this spring. Of course, he also offers his IRD to Guilds around the world.

Jacques Veserey is an acclaimed wood turner from Maine, USA. He is known for his embellishment work on his turned objects. His work is featured in modern art museums and private collections around the world. He has demonstrated in North America, Europe and Asia. He was a guest demonstrator at the South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild Symposium in 2016. A few members of our Guild did attend this meeting that also featured J. Paul Fennell and David Ellsworth. I have been looking for some time to find his web site with no success. However, you can find information on his woodturning activities on different sites. A first one being the American Woodturners Association as he was selected as the Professional Outreach Program (POP) Merit Award recipient in 2015 (<https://www.woodturner.org/common/Uploaded%20files/POPMeritAward/2015Vesery.pdf>). In this article you can learn more about this artist but also see some of his work. A second place to find more information is on the website of the Association of Woodturners from Great Britain (<https://awgbwoodturningseminar.co.uk/jacques-vesery-profile/>) where you can also see some of his works. Finally, you can find some of his work on his Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/jacquesveseryart>. As mentioned in his Facebook page, his own website page is down (and I believe it has been down for quite some time).

Enjoy the websites, happy turning, remain safe and a great Christmas with yours!

André

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

The American Association of Woodturners is a huge source of information on all things related to woodturning. This is a worldwide organization encompassing woodturners of all interests and skills. Many benefits accrue to members. If you are not a member you can check out their website here

SUBMISSIONS REQUEST FROM GUILD MEMBERS

I again want to encourage any of you who have a story regarding wood and turning, or anything related, to feel welcome to write up your experience and submit it to me for inclusion in the newsletter.

It has also been quite some time since anyone has written an introduction of themselves to the Guild. Several new members have joined while we have not been able to meet. Please take a few moments to tell us about yourself, your experiences and your dreams and I will include it in an upcoming newsletter. (New members encouraged).

If you are not comfortable writing, contact me and we will work on it together. We would like to know you.

Roy Harker - nlharker@gmail.com

ABOUT THE GUILD

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

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Meetings are at 7 pm the 3rd Thursday each month, Sept through June at the Casa building on 8th Street South in Lethbridge

A map to the meeting location is found on our website.

[http://
www.chinookwoodturning.org/](http://www.chinookwoodturning.org/)

Guild meetings are being held on line via Zoom until it is deemed safe to meet face to face again.



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