



## From the Editor:

If we want the newsletter to continue each month it would be awesome to get some help from you guys. This may come in the form of an article, photo or link to some web page you found that is interesting. If you get it to me before the 9<sup>th</sup> of each month I will see that it gets included in the newsletter. Thanks, Jim

As with any organization, keeping an up to date email list is a challenge. Please try to keep us in the loop if you change emails – other wise you may end up missing this newsletter or other information that the executive decides that wish to share with you. If you do not get a newsletter (we will try and send it out a week before the monthly meetings) then please get ahold of me and make sure I have your correct email address. Thanks, Jim

January 15<sup>th</sup> – regular monthly meeting at CASA  
 January 17<sup>th</sup> – a Beginners Bowl making workshop instructed by me at my shop SE of Claresholm – 1 pm to 4 pm or so. \$10 each.  
 Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - Regular Club meeting at CASA – demo by Dennis Delaney on making an off-center threaded box.  
 March 19<sup>th</sup> – a demo by Jim Jones on “a cool new process for surface decoration” – with luck  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cindy Drozda – demo \$60/member  
   - non-members \$70  
   - students \$30  
 May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Cindy Drozda workshops hands on workshops at CASA \$175/person



### **Guild Website:**

<http://chinookwoodturning.org/>

Diane Monroe still acts as our web master and our thanks to her for all her work in maintaining the site. It always worthwhile to take the time to add a few of your own pictures of new work. Having said that I need to do that myself. I said I would do it last month but have not gotten there yet. I did, however, find the time to go and visit the web site. It looks great. Here's hoping some of us will find the time to do it this month.

### **Are you a member of the AAW?**

The American Association of Woodturners membership year begins Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The best part about it for me is the arrival of 6 copies of The American Woodturner that arrive each year. It is a great organization that seems to have its heart in the right place. They have themselves launched a new web site in the last few months. It is [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).



### **Guild Library:**

I know that the library was brought out and opened up at the last meeting. I also know that Vern added a couple of new videos to it. I hope that some of you are using it. It is a wonderful resource and I can only hope that it continues to be well used.

### **Last Months Top Turn-off:**

In lieu of a monthly demo we had our annual Christmas top turn-off. Although I participated in the turn-off I did not stay until the awards were given out. Thankfully, the executive recorded them for me. Top spinning awards were

Gold - Vern Miller

Silver Roy Reti

Blue - special award - Norm Stelteer - successful avoider of the pocket search



### **Beginners Bowl Turning Workshop:**

On Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> I will run a beginners bowl turning class. It will run from 1 – 4 pm and will be held in my shop SE of Claresholm. I will provide all of the lathes and will have enough turning tools that everyone will be able to use them. Please bring your own tools too so that we can look at sharpening them for you. Or at least discuss the possibility of sharpening them. There are now 6 people signed up so the class for this time is full. The cost will be \$10/person to cover the cost of the wood. Those attending are: Roy Reti, Terry Sutton, Suzi Tomita, Ross Robinson, Byron Pychalski and Phil Hierath. I am looking forward to seeing you all on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Editor's Message:**

I was so impressed by Roger McMullin's demo on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> that I just have to spread some good cheer for him over it. It was a wonderful afternoon that

was I believe enjoyed by all that were in attendance. I believe we had more people there than we usually do at our regular monthly meetings - now that is called success. I am guessing (and hoping) that the executive will likely be looking to do more of this sort of thing in the future. Roger's pieces were awesome and John Vandenberg actually got it together to do two pieces in time for the Dec. meeting. I am hoping that the Beginners Bowl turning workshop will be half as successful. I just can't get over the growth in the turning skills within this club since I joined some 5 or 6 years ago. It has a much more intimate feeling to it than the Calgary club - not to knock them as they have a highly successful club to which I have belonged since the very first year the club was organized (15 years ago?).



### Some Interesting Links:

If (as I suspect) these do not load directly from this newsletter, then simply high-light the topic you wish to see and copy it in to your browser. I am

trying to rectify this but so far have been unable to.

Two Segmented turners of interest:

Curt Theobald – [www.curttheobald.com](http://www.curttheobald.com)

Malcolm Tibbets – [www.tahoeturner.com](http://www.tahoeturner.com)

Some interesting web sites on turning wooden vases:

[http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning\\_projects.php?catid=60](http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning_projects.php?catid=60)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yv0hCijeZes>

This last one is actually a video (ignore the ads at the start of it – they only last a short minute)



### For Your Information:

I just finished ordering some 2" – 3" Sea Urchin shells from the US. I had to order 8 dozen for them to ship to Canada (what a surprise). The actual cost of the shells was \$5.40/dz US dollars. The shipping was, however, \$40.57 to get them here and that does not include and exchange or duty. I am assuming they will come in at somewhere around \$1 each at 15% exchange. If you are interested in any please let me know. I doubt that I will have them in time for the January meeting but you never know and I will not be at the February meeting as I am teaching at the Palliser District Teacher's Convention on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.





Suzi doing another fix job for the guild – what would we do without him and Ross Robinson. I believe we would all have a lot more broken and useless tools.



### President's Message:

Happy New Year to one and all. I look forward to seeing you all in the new Year. For those of you who have abandoned us here in the frigid north so that you can frolic in the sun & warmth elsewhere -  
- enjoy.

We are continuing to workout the details for Cindy Drozda's Demo and workshops in May. This is a big undertaking for us as there will be 2 workshop days. We have commitments for all but one slot in the workshops so if interested please let me know as it is on a first come basis. For that weekend to be a financial success we need as many as possible in attendance. It would be appreciated if you have not already done so, to let us know whether you plan on attending the demo or not. That will help us in our planning. By all means promote the event to your friends and other who might be interested. We want this to be a successful event in all ways.

Our Jan meeting will be "Using the Skew" For many turners it is a tool they have come to hate but it needn't be so. We hope that by the end of the meeting. You have a better understanding of the skew and be prepared to give it another try. Of course as with any other tool, practice is the key to mastering the skew. It seems us that while a demo can certainly be helpful, actual hands-on as well would be better. We have therefore planned a hands-on workshop for those of our members who want some help getting the skew under control.

We can hold it on a Sat afternoon at CASA and would set up a number of lathes and helpers. Either Sat Jan 24 or Sat Jan 31 are available. We will set the date at our Jan 15 meeting and you can sign up at that time as well. In order to plan the workshop we will need to know how many are attending. Ther will be a small fee for the workshop of \$10.

Our window to the world is our Website. <http://www.chinookwoodturning.org> This is maintained by Diane Munroe on a volunteer basis. While I have expressed our appreciation on many occasions, I'm sure it must seem a thankless task as our members don't seem to make much use of it nor to upload many pictures of their work. I'm not much better as I have been rather slow in providing up-dated information to Diane.

I encourage all members to do what you can to make our website a better place to visit. Upload photos of your work. One of the best thank you's we can give Diane and for her to see that we value her efforts is for her to see that the website is being used.

American Association of Woodturners (AAW) is the primary resource support for woodturners in North American. In fact its reach is world wide. The AAW have make a great many changes over the past couple of years. The Journal has been much improved and is now issued 6 times a year either electronically or has a hard copy magazine to its members. In my view worth the price of a membership on its own, but wait, there is much more, as a member, all Journal back issues are available electronically in the members area of the AAW website <http://www.woodturner.org/> . But wait, there is even more. The AAW website has been completely re-done. Due to personal circumstances I hadn't been the AAW site for a long time. Within the past couple of months, I have been to the site and can tell you it is much improved and easier to navigate. The new approach seems to be resource based and there are resources galore for the woodturner - a regular newsletter in the alternate months to when the journal is released, many how to videos, many How to articles and more, all of which continues to grow.

By becoming an AAW member, you will not only be supporting the Association which will help it support the woodturning community and improve how it does that, You will have access to a large source of resources, mostly prepared & written by well experienced woodturners & teachers, resources which will help you improve your skills and enjoyment of woodturning.

I have no hesitation in recommending membership in the AAW, especially now, with all the improvements, membership is good value.

Regards and have a great 2015

Vern

