



# CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every November the annual Christmas at Casa Art Sale consumes a lot of our time and energy. Not only does the art sale give our turners an opportunity to meet the community and sell some of their turnings, but this is a time when our guild makes Christmas Ornaments and spinning tops to sell for the benefit of the Regional Hospital Foundation and the Lethbridge Food Bank.



There is also a self serving reason for the tops and ornaments. Making them encourages our woodturners to join in on a project and to get into their workshops and make some shavings after the slack late summer. It seems that a lot of our members have a little trouble starting up their woodturning again after a period off and the opportunity to donate to the community sometimes is the spark to dust off the old lathe and put on the smock.

This year our plan is to sell the Christmas ornaments from a tree set up at the cashier's table at Casa during the two-day Christmas At Casa sale on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Unsold ornaments will be on sale at the AAC store on 7<sup>th</sup> St. until Christmas.

Lorraine Mix has generously offered to collect the ornaments before the sale day. She wants all she can get. So, get out there and make some ornaments and tops!

Dan Michener

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

**Membership Fees.** About half of the membership on the list have paid their dues. Time to pay up!



Membership Fees are now due.

Student Member	\$40.00
Regular Member	\$75.00
Family Membership	\$125.00

Payment can be made in 1 of 4 ways:

E-transfer to – [cwgtreasurer021@gmail.com](mailto:cwgtreasurer021@gmail.com)

1. Send a cheque (payable to Chinook Woodworking Guild) to Chinook Woodturning Guild c/o Casa, 230 8- Street S., Lethbridge, T1J 5H2
2. Send or deliver a cheque to Terry Beaton at 269 Heritage Crescent, Lethbridge, T1K 7E4.
3. Deliver cash to Terry Beaton at 269 Heritage Crescent.

You can phone or text Terry at 403-308-4552

**Christmas At Casa** sale is on November 19 Friday, 4-9pm and Saturday 20 November 9am-5pm.

Six of our members will be selling their pieces in the Casa woodshop. Stop by and say hello. You can get in to Casa with a FREE ticket from Eventbrite available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/christmas-at-casa-2021-tickets-199300863247?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS continued from page

This is the announcement advertising poster.



As you can see the poster doesn't mention Lethbridge, or where Casa is. Nor does it say that this is a sale rather than an exhibition or a children's party. Finally, it mentions Eventbrite in small print but doesn't provide a link.

**At the Christmas at Casa Sale We will be selling Christmas Tree Ornaments and spinning tops** for the benefit of the Regional Hospital foundation and the Lethbridge Food Bank respectively. These pieces are individually made by our guild members who contribute their expertise, time and materials to these deserving causes. **We need more ornaments and tops.** Call Lorraine 403-634-6347, when you have some ready, and she will arrange to pick them up prior to the sale.

**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.

**Al Schaff has passed away.** Al joined our guild in its early days and remained an enthusiastic member until this year. Al was always willing to help in any way he could and served on the Executive for several years. The Guild's condolences to Sandie. Al will be missed.

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### Kai Muenzer IRD - November 3

Kai presented an IRD on creating a *Dented Cube Box*. As always, Kai puts a lot of creativity into his projects.

His demo included creating the mold to facilitate the turning of the box which included a spherical interior with a winged outer shell. All 6 sides were turned to a concave surface.

Kai, how do you even imagine these things?

Thanks Kai for thinking of us and sharing your imagination and skills.



Roy Harker

## INSTANT DISTANT GALLERY



Three little bowls, Beech I think from a tree at Coaldale, had a gray coloured bark. All are finished with two coats of Walnut Oil and hand rubbed.  
Jim Galloway



Russian Olive, a hole in the bottom filled with epoxy, added a green milk paint powder.  
Jim Galloway



Paul McGaffey



Just made this bowl 14 in a cross.  
Norm Stelter



Two bowls by our newest member from Twin Butte. The lower, spalted, bowl is cottonwood.  
Neil Stewart



## INSTANT DISTANT GALLERY cont.



*My contribution for the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation.  
Steve Munroe*



*Basket Illusion Box 7"x 4".  
John VandenBerg*



*The birds' bodies are about 1 1/2" D and 2 1/2 - 3" L. Caragana. Bell is Koa with maple and walnut layers 1 1/2" x 3". Finial ornaments about 1 3/4" D and 9" H - Russian Olive and Maple.  
Roy Harker*



*Lorraine's letter stimulated me to make ornaments. These are hollow tops with a finial glued on the bottom. Dyed and lacquered.  
Dan Michener*



*These are very quick to make with a roughing gouge and a parting tool.  
Dan Michener*

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## BEADS of COURAGE

Thank You to all the members who contributed to our Beads of Courage Program .October 31 is our year end and we received 22 boxes this year for a grand total of 221 boxes made to date ,donated to the Beads of Courage Program for the children . Keep them coming Thanks again.

John VandenBerg.  
Bead of Courage Coordinator



*Beads of Courage Contributions by Roy Reti.*

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## 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 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.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Say hello to our newest members.

**Ron Kisko** is joining us from Vulcan, Alberta. Ron is a retired journeyman cabinet maker and wants to hone his skills on the lathe.

**Don Reichert** is a tech, math and science teacher here in Lethbridge. He took an introductory class in woodturning from Jim Jones several years ago.

**Neil Stewart** has joined us from Twin Butte and has already submitted some work for our Instant Distant Gallery this month.

Welcome aboard. We anticipate the opportunity to get know our new members in person.

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## ANDRÉ'S PREFERRED WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

Christmas ornaments are a popular topic these days as we all want to surprise Lorraine with different ornaments. Are you aware of the Annual Ornament Challenge organized by Alan Stratton (<https://www.aswoodturns.com/>). This is the 10<sup>th</sup> edition this year. In the past, Alan has co-hosted the friendly challenge with Carl Jacobson (<https://thewoodshop.tv/>), Mike Peace (<https://www.mikepeacewoodturning.com/>) and this year with Matt Deighton, a Utah woodturner who runs the Woodturners Worldwide virtual group (<https://www.woodturnersworldwide.com/>). You need only send a picture to enter the challenge and become eligible for prizes. I am not sure if Canadians are eligible for the prizes. The link to participate is <https://www.aswoodturns.com/challenges/>. Good success and Lorraine will be enthused to see some of your ornaments for the upcoming sale this weekend going to the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation. If you do not want to repeat the same ornaments as last year, a great display of ornaments from last year's Ornament Challenge can be viewed for inspiration starting at 2min 25 sec on the kickoff announcement of the 2021 challenge (<https://youtu.be/hOeonF-wgVY>).

This past May, we had the immense pleasure to have David Ellsworth (<https://ellsworthstudios.com/about-david>), an icon among woodturners, to demonstrate for us. Another charter member of the AAW (American Association of Woodturners) still active with turning is John Jordan. John is in the Nashville area, Tennessee. He prefers to use fresh cut logs as he likes the responsiveness of green wood. His works is exhibited in the most prestigious museums and galleries in the USA and Europe. He is a regular contributor to the American Woodturner magazine since the beginning as well as other magazines. Stop by his web site (<https://www.johnjordanwoodturning.com/>) and you will discover his spectacular and elegant carved hollow forms, fantastic tea pots, and his

recent vases with metal lid. Stunning work! He also offers courses in his studio and classes in different woodturning schools in North America and Europe as well as IRD (Interactive Remote Demonstrations). He would be a great demonstrator to invite to Lethbridge. With Christmas coming up and if you are missing only one tool, he could help you as he is marketing his own tools on his web site as well as being a rep for a prestigious American lathe company.

There are many different methods to turn a wood sphere or a wooden ball, some easier than others. A dedicated jig can also be a fast option toward turning a perfect sphere. However, among the alternative methods, it can be turned simply by eye or using an approach termed as the octagon method which has been described in different articles and videos. Alan Stratton (<https://www.aswoodturns.com/>) has demonstrated the two different methods; the first one by eye (<https://youtu.be/3lConTQ-cUw>) and the second using some simple mathematical formulas to simplify the task ([https://youtu.be/u\\_dp\\_TAvX-s](https://youtu.be/u_dp_TAvX-s)). Dennis Delaney, a former member of our Guild, did demonstrate the same octagon method many years ago during a demonstration of the flipping top. His handout must be still around. Dennis did also demonstrate turning a perfect sphere more recently using the shadow technique which was shown this spring by Theo Haralampou (<https://www.woodturner.com.au/>) on a Record Power sponsored demonstration. Whatever the approach you select, either way is a simple approach to get a perfect sphere according to Alan Stratton! Are we going to see perfect spheres among the different Christmas ornaments?

Enjoy the websites, happy turning and remain safe!

André



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## THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

**T**he 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

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### 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](mailto:nlharker@gmail.com)

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### 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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