



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: Dan Michener

President's message, October 2026

The Annual General Meeting on September 17 marked the beginning of a fresh year for our wood-turning guild. I have become President once again and I welcome Remo Brassoletto who volunteered, with encouragement from André, to be our secretary. Officers for 2026-2027 were all volunteers who were appointed by acclamation. As far as I know there has never been a contested position resulting in an election in the history of the Chinook Woodturning Guild. This fact is both positive and negative. On the positive side, there are never hurt feelings from voting results. On the negative side, too few of our members are willing to spend a couple of hours once a month to help determine the activities and priorities of the guild. The result is that we have the same few guys who are on the executive year after year. Fair enough, they are willing and able, but they get burned out eventually and need relief.

One of my objectives, as President for this year, is to attract some of you guys for Board positions. We now have an executive position called 'Member at Large' which is available to any of our members who may be interested in attending the monthly executive meetings. These afternoon meetings are informative, often entertaining, and provide background on decision making, which we hope will make taking a position on the board more attractive. It is imperative that we have new blood, new ideas and personalities leading the guild.

It is autumn and we are on the run up to the Christmas season when the wood turners participate in the Regional Hospital Foundation's Christmas Tree Festival. We make Christmas tree ornaments and decorate a tree which is auctioned off, along with other trees decorated by businesses and organizations, to the benefit of the Hospital Foundation. Our past efforts have resulted in trees fetching where from \$1000 to more than \$20,000, depending on the bidding. This good community work requires lots of ornaments to keep it going. **Please make ornaments.** Bring them to the meetings where our tree marshal will collect them.

We also make spinning tops which we sell during the Allied Arts Council's Christmas art sale held at Casa in November. Last year we sold more than \$1000 worth of tops for the benefit of the food bank. **Please make tops**, it only takes a few minutes.

The ornaments and spinning tops are charitable projects which are good for our community and raise awareness of the Chinook Woodturning Guild.

Come to our meetings, bring a friend. We need all the members we can get.

Announcements

The Executive members of the Chinook Woodturning Guild for the upcoming year. President: Dan Michener; Vice President: Steve Munroe; Treasurer: Terry Beaton; Secretary: Remo Brassoletto; Newsletter Editor: Remie Benoit; Member At Large: André Laroche.

Annual membership fees: \$85 for regular members, \$140 for family membership, \$50 for students. FEES ARE DUE NOW.

Membership fees may be paid to Treasurer Terry Beaton, or by e-Transfer to cwgtreasurer021@gmail.com.

15 October 7pm at Casa. General meeting. Roger McMullin will demonstrate two splined bowls and embellishing with piercing and burning.

Wood and Tool Raffle on October 15 evening meeting. Please contribute pieces of wood, tools you don't use, materials, books, dvds, magazines of interest to woodworkers, etc. Raffle tickets cost \$2. If time permits, we will have a video on tool sharpening.

7 November, Saturday Sawdust Session 10am at Casa

19 November, General meeting 7pm at Casa.

Please make Christmas Ornaments for the Hospital Foundation Christmas Tree Foundation. Bring them to the meetings so André can collect. If you need wood for your ornaments the guild can supply, it. Just ask.



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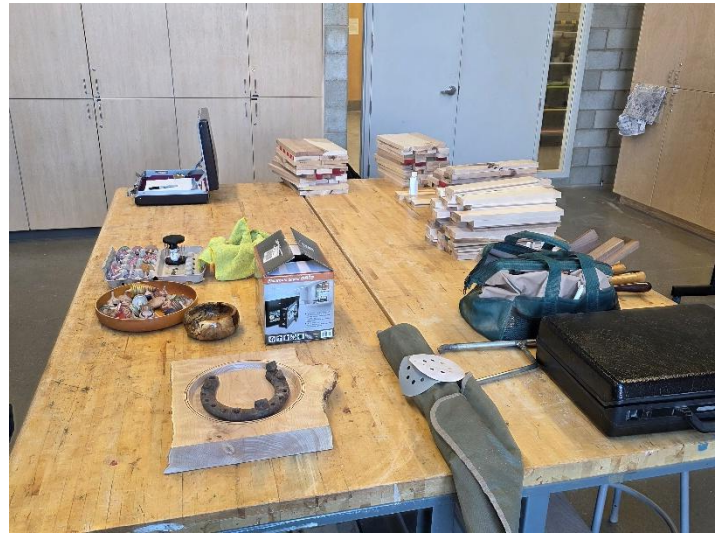


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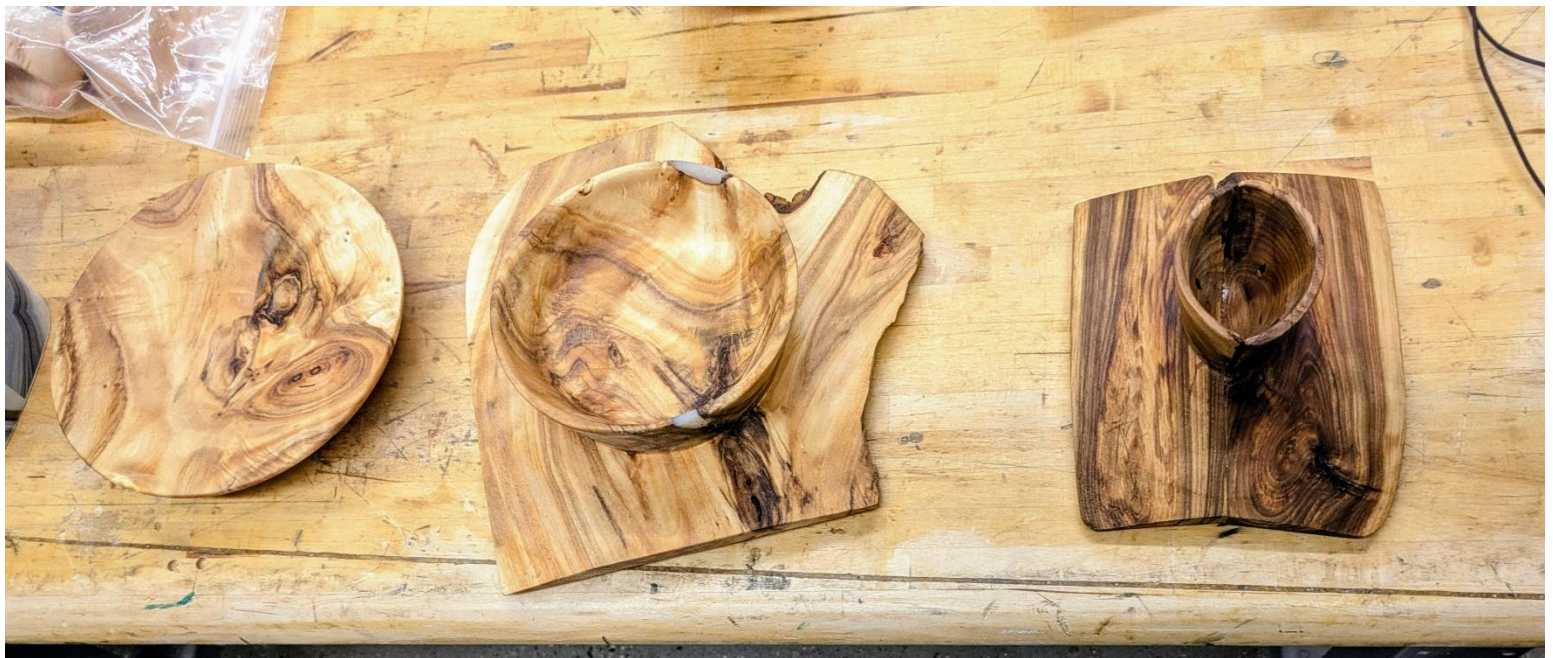
Special Request: In order to update a gap in the newsletters on the website. Would any of you have copies of the newsletters between November 2011 to October 2014? If you do, please tell André or make him aware that you have them.



Dan is demonstrating turning a top and enhancing the top. The wing bowls on the right are made from birch crotch wood. Stew Bremner demonstrated this in May of 2026



Tom Olfert displays a collection of tops and his method of embedding a nail in the tip to increase the life of the top. Picture on the right: Guild members display including a horseshoe displayed on a turned slab.



Remo embraces the crotch bowl with the thin wings. Great work



Steve Munroe display of Christmas ornaments. It is a challenge to keep up to Steve. Already 26 ornaments for the Chinook Foundation Auction in November. Steve makes it look easy. The Saturday sawdust sessions is a good place to learn how to make these ornaments.

October 3 Sawdust Session



Steve showing his caged snowman. The cage is built with metal support rods. Neil shows his aspen bowls with live edge. Neil thinks the live edge stayed in place due to the fact the tree fell in the winter. Roger is proudly holding a bowl with many features. Roger explained how he filled voids using dry coffee grounds. Very effective.



Friends having a conversation, much to discuss.
Dan holds a round table discussion.

André's preferred websites of the month

Great news! Our friend, Sam Angelo, who had his YouTube chains, his website, his Facebook page and email hacked this winter is back on social media since early August. He had over a thousand videos on YouTube and no backup for most of them. It was a loss to the woodturners community as Sam has always sound advice in his videos. You can find him in YouTube under "angeloturns" and here is a link to his latest video where he describes his preparation for his presentations at the Rocky Mountain Symposium where he is a future guest turner (https://youtu.be/IF118f_Ysb4?si=Tp8RzjO-iok7cjt2). So far, he has already 13 videos published and surely a lot more on the way. You will find him in Facebook under <https://www.facebook.com/samangeloturner>. Sam was in Lethbridge in 2014 visiting us for a demonstration and hands-on sessions.

Kimberley Franzen is an American-born turner living in UK for the last fifteen or so years. She received a lathe as a birthday present and started to turn in 2023. At that time, she suffered serious illness and had to protect herself against secondary infections. A second purchase was a sophisticated, motorized respirator to eliminate the possibility of any lung infection. Respirator that she wears all the time when working in her shop. Because of health issues, she had to learn to turn watching YouTube videos as she had to avoid contact with people during these years. She has had her YouTube channel since October 2025 (WernWood Turning) and has published 61 videos so far. She produced the videos with her husband. You can see the pictures of her work on her Facebook page (<https://m.youtube.com/@WernWoodTurning>) and videos on YouTube. She has turned beautiful bowls, a wonderful watermelon-like form and most recently, taking a 2D illustration from Banksy (https://www.bing.com/images/search?view=detailV2&ccid=Jaml1I0p&id=5AFBDB91FE60485617405BB5387FD3361CE4FD01&thid=OIP.Jaml1I0pqXnLqrMv1_S21gHaFc&mediaurl=https%3A%2F%2Fc8.alamy.com%2Fcomp%2F2JNXFWN%2Fgirl-with-balloon-reproduction-street-art-work-announcing-the-exhibition-at-central-station-milan-italy-april-2022-2JNXFWN.jpg&cdnurl=https%3A%2F%2Fth.bing.com%2Fth%2Fid%2FR.25a9a5d65d29a979cbaab32fd7f4b6d6%3Frik%3DAf3kHDbTfzi1Ww%26pid%3DImgRaw%26r%3D0&exph=956&expw=1300&q=banksy+girl+with+red+balloon&mode=overlay&ck=657178EF29BF84436A25FC745196F0DF&selectedIndex=0&idpp=serp&ajaxhist=0&ajaxserp=0&shtc=0&shth=OIP.Jaml1I0pqXnLqrMv1_S21gHaFc&shsc=idp&form=EX0025&shid=827e1338-cae9-4425-9d62-5d549eb3702f&shtp=Email&shtk=R2lybCBXaXRolEJhbGxvb24gQmFua3N5IEV4cGxhaW5lZCBhdCBEYXJjeSBTdW5kZXJsYW5kIGJsb2c%3D&shdk=VHJvdXBdQWUgc3VyIEJpbmcgc3VyIHNoYXJhZ2UuZ29vZ2xlYXBpcy5jb20%3D&shhk=Mbnu9oXVbz8%2BRjBuXYyHI2s5GQYNXrwD7yJNp1RgRzg%3D), she turned her amazing interpretation of 'Girl with Ballon' (<https://youtu.be/ssot3Gxwpm4?si=kdfdxMQeUyTxubZK>). Make sure to view some of her videos, they are great. Her Christmas Owl is just lovely. By browsing her pages, you will discover a turner with immense creativity.

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Message

SUBJECT: Oregon Woodturning Symposium 2027 - Would you consider a newsletter mention? I'm a woodturner up in Portland and I volunteered to handle marketing for the Oregon Woodturning Symposium. It runs from March 19 to 21, 2027 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany. I'd like to ask if you'd be willing to run a notice in your upcoming newsletter. We've got an amazing list of demonstrators including Eli Avisera, John Beaver, Mike Jackofsky, Eric Lofstrom, Janine Wang, and Elizabeth Weber, and many more. Eli is coming from Jerusalem and will be demonstrating all three days. A couple of details your members may care about. The vendor marketplace and Instant Gallery are free and open to the public with no registration. And the symposium is how the Oregon Association of Woodturners funds its grant program, which has put \$45,000 back into regional woodturning clubs and \$17,000 into school programs since 2015. Attendance from clubs like yours is what keeps that going. Here's a text version if that's easier to drop in (I can supply you with PNG notice in either full page, half page, or quarter page if you would prefer.): The Oregon Woodturning Symposium returns March 19 to 21, 2027 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. An amazing lineup of demonstrators includes Eli Avisera, John Beaver, Mike Jackofsky, Eric Lofstrom, Janine Wang, and Elizabeth Weber, and many more! The vendor marketplace and Instant Gallery are free and open to the public. Registration, schedule, and lodging at oregonwoodturningsymposium.com I know newsletter space is limited and you're probably fielding plenty of these, so thanks for considering it. Bill Karow oregonwoodturningsymposium.com