



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Fellow Woodturners:

Here goes another adventure into the world of newsletter writing. I know that some of you would have much better skills on word than I have. However, I think that the best way to communicate our accomplishments, our community is to Share our ideas, plans and to encourage others to join our guild is through a newsletter.

The Guild needs a member to take the newsletter in hand. I will attempt to fill in until we have someone, please forgive my grammar, spelling errors and so on.

The question that is on my mind is what does the Guild Mean to you? For some of us it is a means of growing our skills, challenging ourselves to try something new or just to share a turning. For others it is a place to share fellowship. What does it mean to you?

Why did I decide to remain as President this year? The answer is the I have gained experience as a wood turner, both in a personal way and as a woodturner. Learning from observing my fellow guild members, demo's, the privilege of having accomplished turners come to the guild a provide all day Demonstrations and opportunity to have Hands on experience is invaluable.

This why I felt a need to give back to the guild by donating my time to maybe improve the club, attract more members and help to enhance your experiences this year.

You have a very dedicated executive ready to help you advance your skills. At our executive meetings we ask, what, can we offer to our guild members so that they can be challenged in what they do, be excited to come to hands on sessions and demonstrations. Please let us know what would interest you. Remie

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

October 17, Regular monthly meeting.
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM @ Casa. 230 8th St South, Lethbridge.

Nov2, Dec 7, 2024 - Sawdust Sessions at Casa. 10 am - noon @ Casa. 230 8th St South, Lethbridge. Steve will send out an email to remind and inform us of plans for the morning.

Tool Sharpening is encouraged as you require. The grinder will be set up and ready to go. If you have any question as to how to accomplish any task, bring your materials and ask for help. Someone will surely know how to help you.



Remember, the best part is sharing some quality time with friends of like interests. Bring something you have made.

CASA CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

November 15-16

The guild has six tables, please contact Terry at 403-308-4552 to reserve a spot.

The 30th Annual Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation's Christmas Tree Festival is coming! Join us from November 17th to 20th for the annual four-day Festival, where the [Visit Lethbridge.com](https://www.visitlethbridge.com) Arena will be transformed into a whimsical winter wonderland featuring beautifully decorated trees, festive activities, and a glitzy Gala. **Gala and Auction**

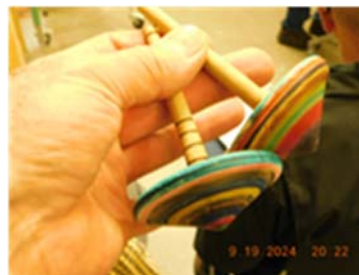
(Tickets \$125/each)

Wednesday, November 20th

The meeting was well attended with 29 paid memberships paid. The AGM was first on the agenda and minutes of the 2023 were read and accepted unanimously. The September monthly meeting quickly followed. Tom Olfert demonstrated his version of a TROMPO and how to operate it.



Tom holding up a TROMPO. Great Demonstration.



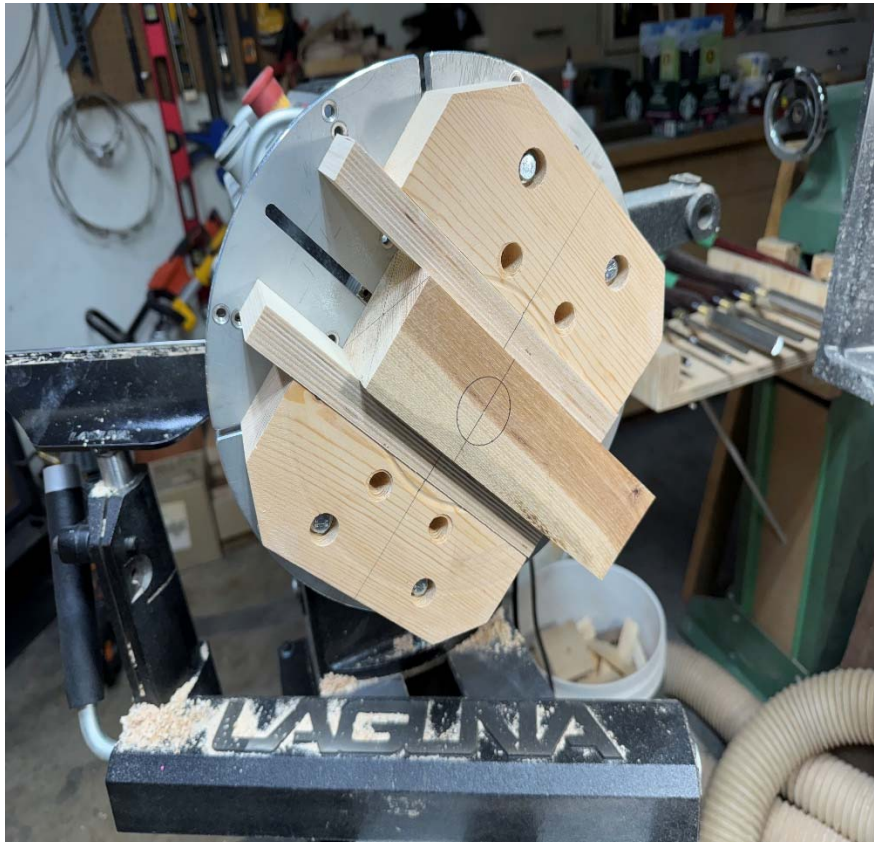
Just to TOP things off.

JULY 6, SAWDUST SESSION Hosted By Steve Munroe



August Sawdust Session and Pioneer Village in Picture Butte

August 3, Sawdust Session. Hosted by Steve Munroe



Jig made by Steve Munroe. Very Effective way to hold a square piece for turning.





Tom Olfert working on a Christmas ornament.
Steve's jig in practice for turning a Christmas Ornament..





Pioneer Village
Picture Butte.

Dan Michener and
Tom Olfert
Demonstrating



Donna Shelson
showing off
displayed
turnings.

Pioneer Village in Picture Butte





André's preferred web sites of the month

The October chronicle is becoming a repetition of the previous years but for excellent reasons so it is worth keeping reading. The results for "The Art of Wood Exhibition 2024", the annual competition organized by the National Association of Woodworkers Inc. in New Zealand were made public just a few days ago. (<https://exhibition.naw.org.nz/>).

There are ten categories in which participants submit their works ranging from bowls, hollow forms and platters. For our enjoyment, the competition is dominated by the woodturner membership. By clicking on each category tab, you will find exceptional works by different Kiwi turners. This is real candy for the eyes and the soul. Take time to see and enjoy each work. This is wonderful woodturning. Of course, you could cheat and go directly to the Award tab and find the best pieces from every category, but you would deny yourself the pleasure of seeing all the amazing work submitted by many exceptional turners.

In the Natural section, two bowls by Terry Scott, "Falling Leaves" and "Leaves Matter" with carved rims are just spectacular. The "Natural Edge Puriri" (*Vitex lucens*) bowl by Connie van der Walt with its almost square opening is puzzling. Under the Boxes section, most entries are turned, and I really like the spectacular "Peel Me a Leaf" by Terry Scott made of black maire (*Nestegis cunninghamii*) wood. Another beautiful box is "Fantail Jewelry Box" made of ancient kauri (*Agathis australis*), a spectacular conifer native of New Zealand by Connie van der Walt.

In the Hollow Forms/Vases category, "Inferno" in ancient kauri by Connie van der Walt and "Pohutukawa in Bloom" in English oak (*Quercus robur*) by Terry Scott representing the spectacular red flower tree (*Metrosideros excelsa*) seen in New Zealand at Christmas time are just astonishing. To shorten the suspense, Neil Clayton was the extraordinary turner this year clinching the award with "Simulation", an amazing wall art circular "wheel" measuring 600 mm (24") diameter made from a highly figured Rimu (*Dacrydium cupressinum*) another large evergreen coniferous tree endemic to the forests of New Zealand. Be assured that you will treasure every moment spent on this site as the turned items are all just beautiful and I am sure that you will agree with me that Kiwis have access to many spectacular wood species.

With the upcoming 30th Annual Christmas Tree Festival (<https://crhfoundation.ca/content.php?n=472>) next month, our Guild will be again contributing to the decoration of a tree. So, it is timely to visit some sites related to Christmas ornaments. If you need inspiration for making some ornaments, the first website to consult is our Guild Newsletter page (http://www.chinookwoodturning.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20&Itemid=226).

If you select the November and December issues from 2022 and 2023 and from 2019 and each previous year, you will find a tremendous collection of Christmas ornaments turned by you and our colleagues over the years. A second site to consult is the announcement of the Christmas Ornament Challenge 2024

(<https://www.aswoodturns.com/2024/10/2024-challenge-kickoff/>) put forward by Allan Stratton (AsWoodTurns) and Matt Deighton (Woodturners Worldwide). Starting at 3'07" you will find the contributions from last year's challenge, all very interesting and surely inspiring. Now that you have the site information you could also contribute a photo of your best ornament and perhaps becoming a winner of one of the many prizes to be awarded.

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 <https://www.woodturner.org/>. *We recommend membership to all our members.*

SUBMISSIONS REQUEST FROM GUILD MEMBERS

I Again, I 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.

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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 - 7 pm - 3rd Thursday each month, Sept through June @ Casa building on 8th Street South in Lethbridge

Sawdust Session - 10:00 - 12:00 1st Saturday each month @ Casa. Interested individuals are Welcome.

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

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



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