



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Turners. I am hoping for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year for you and your Families.

Many of us have had challenges this year but we still managed to explore woodturning, have meetings and enjoy the fellowship of our guild. Some of our members have not returned to the guild this year for one reason or another, but we wish them a club membership as a Christmas gift and a warm welcome when they return.

Your guild is grateful for the members who have given their time and expertise to make our guild successful and a learning place.

Personally, I will be enjoying January and part of February in a warmer climate. Terry and Steve are stepping up and organizing the two meetings

Once again Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Remie

Coming up:
Require instructors for Teacher's convention in February

We are planning to run a course a CASA next spring. We will need instructors.

Volunteers to teach the 4H club members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

December 19, Regular monthly meeting. 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM @ Casa.
230 8th St South, Lethbridge.

January 4, 2025- Sawdust Sessions at Casa. 10 am - noon @ Casa. 230 8th St South, Lethbridge. Steve will send out an email to remind 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 questions 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.

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

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.

Remiebenoit@shaw.ca

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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The Following Page is of the CASA sale.



Terry Beaton and Wife Claire



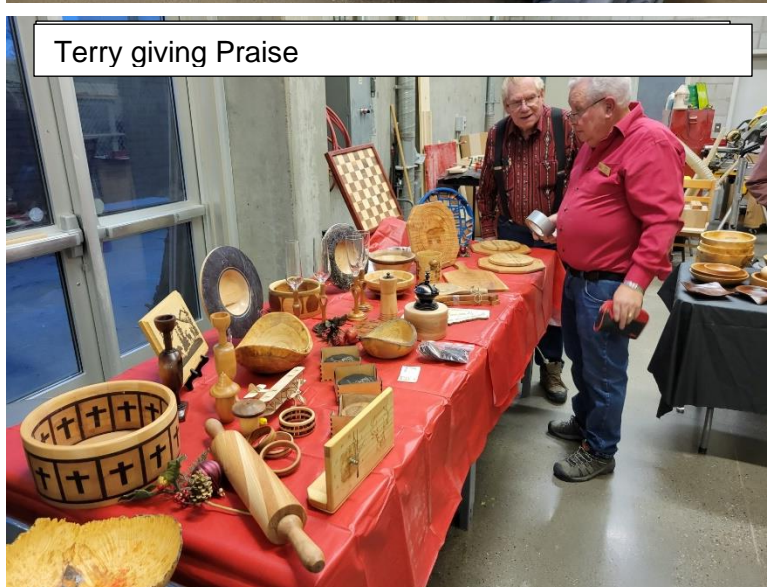
Neil Stewart Cottonwood Bowls



Paul McGaffey – Wild things



Norm Stelter, Turnings.



Terry giving Praise



Roger McMullin – Feast your eyes.



The 30th Annual Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation's Christmas Tree Festival was an outstanding success!!!

Thank you to all members for their outstanding contribution of ornaments. We had a good variety. Your contribution yielded an auction sale of \$5500, to the Regional Hospital Foundation. Thanks again.

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This year the members of the magic team are Dianne and Remo Brassoloto, Norm Robinson, André Laroche, Steve and Diane Munroe, and Mireille Cloutier (absent from the photo). As we put the tree together, we always get a lot of praise from the other people putting their trees together and walking by. Always nice moments. Here is the tree in all its splendor. Perhaps the **best ever**. The owl is taking care of the ornaments.

Christmas Tree 2024

Again, another great tree this year. I say the same thing every year but again, I believe this is one of the nicest trees ever assembled by the woodturners. Thanks to all the contributors. All together we produced 246 unique and beautiful ornaments. On top of the ornaments, it is important to acknowledge the people who decorated the tree. Dianne and Remo Brassoloto, Norm Robinson, André Laroche, Steve and Diane Munroe and Mireille Cloutier (absent from the photo). Your magic hands made the task easy and enjoyable. Please zoom on the tree to see many of the lovely ornaments that are decorating the tree.

The selling value of the tree at the auction during the Gala night at \$5,500 makes an important contribution to the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation and demonstrates that together with the sum of our individual actions and contributions, we can create a profound impact for the community.

André
Christmas Tree Captain 2024



November 21, Meeting



Attention is riveted on Roger's Demo



Roger McMullin – how to use a ONEWAY BOWL SAVER



Roger. Great work as usual



John, Makes it look easy.



Steve making a ball.



Remie with a new turner



Neil and Ron(potential new member)



Roy Looking in the mirror. It's a gnome



Candid Camera

Brian Oliver, Beautiful Pen Box as well as a pen made from a Sumac Tree. Great grain and appearance.

André's preferred web sites of the month

Buyers of turned works are always appreciated especially for those selling they work actively. A particular group of purchasers are the collectors of wood arts. Patrons of wood turned works are important to our ecosystem and it is time to acknowledge their support. We know that some collectors are around but sometimes it is difficult to know about their collections. An example is Fleur and Charles Bresler from Maryland who are well known as craft collectors including wood and recognized for their philanthropy over the years. Fleur at 98 is still an active collector. An example is a visit to their home that was conducted in 2015 (<https://museumforartinwood.org/the-collectors-tour-fleur-breslers/>) by representatives of the Museum for Art in Wood. On some of the pictures, we get a glimpse of how pieces are displayed in the house. But a much better view is obtained from different exhibitions. The first one at the Smithsonian American Art Museum (Washington D.C.) known as "A Revolution in Wood: The Bresler Collection." This exhibition was based on their fabulous gift of sixty-six turned and carved wood items to the museum (<https://americanaer.si.edu/exhibitions/bresler>). Among all the exceptional works presented, "Hana Valley", "Autumn Vase", "Golden Shell", "Five Candlesticks" and of course, being a baseball fan, "Rejects from the Bat Factory" are on top of my list. Make sure you take a moment to discover the words produced by many outstanding wood artists. There was another exhibition more recently based on another gift from the Bresler's at the Asheville Art Museum in 2022. Although you can read who were the artists contributors only the amazing twenty-one nesting bowls from Christian Burchard are visible. Its surely worth the visit though (<https://www.ashevilleart.org/exhibitions/natural-collector/>). Judith Chernoff and Jeffrey Bernstein are also avid collectors of wood art. In two photos, you can get a quick glimpse to a small part of their home collection (<https://www.craftinamerica.org/artist/judith-chernoff-and-jeffrey-bernstein/>). Finally, a short section (4:14 min:sec) of a documentary produced this year by PBS about these two groups of art supporters (<https://www.pbs.org/video/wood-objects-in-fleur-judy-and-jeffs-collections-2nzfod/>) shows an impressive exploration of their collections. You will see a lot more that wood but it is totally worth it to see their wood art collections at home.

Mike Darlow (www.mikedarlow.com) is a civil engineer from UK who emigrated to Australia where he pickup woodturning and cabinet making at school. He then became a production woodturner. He is well known for his teaching around the world. His production of books and videos (you can find some in the library and from your colleagues in the guild) is impressive and varied. You can find the complete list on his website. His modern view about how chest pieces should look-like is unique and worth the detour. Under his turned works tab, you can find examples of some of his utilitarian works. With the upcoming Holidays, perhaps you can pick up a book from the library or pickup of a video, if you still have access to that technology.

Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Please remember to stay safe while working in your shop or studio.