



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dan Michener, President



When you are hollowing a vessel and you see light at the end of the tunnel, that means you cut through the bottom; not what you wanted! However, when you are a woodturning guild and you see light at the end of the current global tunnel, that means resumption of face to face meetings, side by side woodturning, shop visits, guest demonstrators and art sales. We aren't there yet by any means, but we can anticipate and that is good for morale.

While we wait for that glimmering to brighten, our guild continues with virtual Sawdust Sessions on the first Saturday of each month, an intermittent email Instant Gallery in which members share pictures of their recent work as it becomes available, the monthly newsletter by email and also on our website, and often one IRD (interactive remote demonstration) with a paid expert woodturner each month. These efforts have been well accessed by our members, and the majority of last year's members have renewed their memberships for this year. So, clearly we still have an enthusiastic, functioning guild.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Harvey Meyer**, master of the basket weave illusion, will present a Zoom demonstration on 23 January, 2021 at 1pm. The meeting will open at 12:30 mountain time. Harvey's webpage is <http://www.harveymeyer.com/>. This great demonstration is open to all members of the Alberta Guilds and also the Great Falls Woodturners in Montana. Don't miss it!
- The **Basket Weave Illusion Challenge** encourages members of the participating guilds and club to make pieces inspired by Harvey Meyer's demonstration and send in pictures to enter a draw. The winner will receive an assortment of foam backed sandpaper.
- **There will be no** January 2021 general meeting. Instead, there is the Harvey Meyer demo.
- **Sawdust Session** on 6 February 2021 (Saturday) at 10am. This is a virtual meeting using Zoom.
- **Contact André** to make arrangements to pay **membership dues**. gplaroach@telus.net, 403-393-5337. You may also drop off payment at André's home. Phone ahead for the address and to be sure he is there. Although Casa has installed a mailbox to receive mail, our guild is missing several payments which were mailed to the Casa address. For the time being avoid using the Casa mailing address.



COMING EVENTS

Schedule of Meetings, Demos and event

JANUARY

Harvey Meyer Demo

January 23

1:00 PM

(Zoom)

February

Sawdust Session
Monthly Meeting

February 6
February 18

10:00 AM
7:00 PM

(Zoom)
(Zoom)

Guild Meetings are cancelled due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Casa is closed to large group gatherings.

President's Message

That being said, I am concerned that perhaps we should be offering more. Our traditional monthly general meetings on the 3rd Thursday evening of the month have kind of gone by the wayside. That's because we have had several IRDs at about that same time of the month and it didn't seem to be a good idea to have things too close together. Also, how would the general meetings be much different than the Sawdust Sessions? If we had a few members who like to demonstrate and have suitable camera/computer setups in their workshops we could have in-house demos. Some of the other guilds

do this and invite us to tune in, thank you. For a while, at the Sawdust Sessions we showed short videos of some of our member's workshops. Those were great. Should we revive that?

Considering there are many on-line resources for woodturning stimulation available on YouTube, through AAW, and from private woodturning teachers around the world, do you think we should try to find more ways to engage with woodturning, or are we doing ok?

How to join a Zoom Meeting

This information is from the 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.
2. Open the **Zoom app**.
3. **Approve** the request for **permission** to use your computer's **audio and camera**.

Depending on the meeting's set-up:

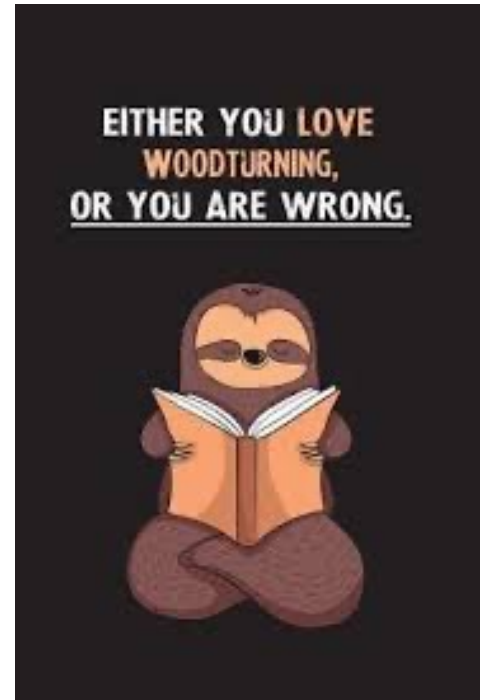
- you may enter the meeting right away
- you may need to wait for the host to arrive first or
- you may be placed into a waiting room that the host controls.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chinook Woodturning Guild is pleased to welcome **Brian Oliver** and **Ian Maclachlin** as first time new members. We hope you two will attend our Zoom demos and Sawdust Sessions and join us in person when it is permitted.

SAWDUST SESSION

This is what a Sawdust Session looks like these days. See the dust?



Notwithstanding dustlessness, this is our best opportunity to stay in some sort of group contact. This Zoom meeting lasted nearly 2 hours and had 18 participants. Several of us showed items they have been working on and there was discussion roaming over many topics. Especially Yellow Poplar and how is it related to poplars, aspens and cottonwoods and what is it good for. It turns out to be hardly related at all to the cottonwood family, more like a magnolia, but is a great wood for straight grained, strong furniture. Just not especially attractive. It's great to turn, by the way, but requires decorating or good finishing to stand out.

It was an enjoyable meeting. Zoom has improved and we have got better at using it, so get together like this run pretty smoothly. Thanks to you guys for turning up and keeping our guild unified.

BEADS OF COURAGE

For those of you who are planning on making a beads of courage box I'm sending you the guidelines:

1. In order to hold the beads, turned boxes for the Beads of Courage program need to be about 6 inches in diameter (5 inches minimum) and 4 inches deep (3 inches minimum).
2. If possible, have "Beads of Courage" engraved or burned in the lid, or leave a place to insert a bead.
3. Make sure the lids are easily removable. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate.
4. John (John Vandenberg fayjohn@shaw.ca, phone 403 380-0141 has the beads to be glued on after the box is finished. He has a limited number of them so will give them out, one per box, when you have a box ready. Contact him to request a bead.
5. Please complete a donation form with your finished box or bowl. You can get the forms from the Beads of Courage Canada website, or from John Vandenberg

The boxes will be collected at each meeting, or phone John to make arrangements for them to be collected. They should have your name and city written on the bottom. You can enclose a card with your name and "Chinook Woodturners" written on it, or there will be cards printed for you to sign when you bring a box.

Thanks, John

INSTANT DISTANT GALLERY

The gallery is a bit thin this month. Must be the holidays.



Large Red Oak bowls, one finished, one rough.
Roger Wayman



Norm Stelter



Pendants. They are 1 inch tall and about $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter.
Terry Beaton



Celtic Knot in a pen
Roy Harker

An elbow in a
Scots Pine limb
made this stand.
The finial was one
I had around from
some other
project.
Dan Michener



INSTANT DISTANT GALLERY cont.



Went to Harvey Meyer's website and liked what I saw and made a 6" plate.
John Vandenberg



6" basket weave, trial run. Now I have received the right tools I'll try another.
Dan Michener



The Crook family stepping out. Scots Pine, tallest is 18".
Dan Michener



Rather elegant cups and bowls.
Remo Brassolotto



INSTANT DISTANT GALLERY cont.



Beads of courage boxes.

Jon VandenBerg



Pyramid Cedar block from Roger McMullin.
Turned by:
John VandenBerg



Terry Sutton

Roger Wayman Battles COVID-19

Our member Roger Wayman tells us a bit about his experience with COVID-19. We are thankful Roger is recovered, but this is no joke and underlying medical issues would make it much worse for many of us. Stay safe guys, this too shall pass.

"It seemed to be the worst cold I've ever had. But, didn't go away after 4-5 days, so I suspected it might be Covid. My primary symptoms were an extreme tiredness, and muscle aches. So I just didn't feel like doing anything. This lasted about 3 weeks. Toward the middle of the second week several family members were tested positive, so I finally was able to be tested. The results were finally relayed to me by the end of the second week. This meant that I could consider myself free from complete isolation by the second day after my positive result came in. I am fortunate that I do not have any heart, or lung problems which would have caused a much more severe reaction. I think I simply returned slowly to normal activity levels following Thanksgiving. I would consider myself recovered since the beginning of December 2020."

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - Late

Record Power is restarting its weekly series of free demonstrations from Australia's Theo Haralampou. These are excellent demos. If you want to access them, the instructions are:

"send an email with RSVP in the subject line to miked@recordpower.co.uk and we will reserve a spot for you. Your log in details will be sent in return."

REQUEST SUBMISSIONS FROM GUILD MEMBERS

I would like to encourage **anyone** who feels so inclined to **share an adventure in wood turning** with other guild members. If you have enjoyed what seems to you a **great success**, an **absolute failure by which you learned valuable lessons**, or just want to **lift our hearts with levity**, please submit your thoughts via email to Roy Harker (Editor) nlharker@gmail.com.

Depending upon the content load in the newsletter for a particular month, the submission may need to be delayed or edited for brevity. Any editing will require the acceptance of the author.

We only ask that your **comments apply to woodturning** in some way. Please try to limit the submission to 400 words.

Roger McMullin shared an experience a couple of months ago which I personally enjoyed and hope to read of more experiences. It may also help us to become better acquainted with each other and develop rapport within the guild.

Roy Harker - Editor

ANDRÉ'S PREFERRED WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

A master of woodturning lace-like delicate shapes, Malcom Zander (<http://www.malcolmzander.com>) a Canadian turner from Ottawa has produced some unique and beautiful work. Numerous beautiful pieces are shown on his website. In his résumé, he indicates that he started turning after retiring from his Professor position and was deeply influenced by Binh Pho (<http://www.binhpho.com>, 1955-2017) after participating at one of his demonstration in 2003. Our more experienced members will remember a Binh Pho demonstration to our guild a few years after its founding in 2003. Binh Pho's web site always remains an exceptional display of the most beautiful woodturning works.

Sally Burnett is a brilliant British woodturner who produces beautifully shaped vases that are embellished with texture and paint, mostly black and white and some colour accents (<http://www.sallyburnett.co.uk>). Her professional training was in 3D design and she worked in the design and manufacture of hand-blown glass vessels and ceramic tiles before discovering woodturning. She is now a full-time woodturner who likes to use English native "green" timber. Her work has been exhibited in different higher end UK galleries and can be found in several private collections. She interacts closely with different interior designers to market her production.

Enjoy the websites and happy turning!

André

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/>



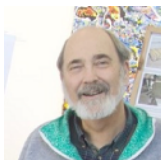
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