Chinook Woodturners Guild Newsletter

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Well here is newsletter #2 – the last one seemed well received and I certainly appreciated all the comments I got from members about starting it up once again. With any luck my format will be better this time and Vern will have less work to do to make it so that it actually appears the way we want it to. At any rate, be patient.

Coming Events:

Dec. 18th – Regular Monthly Meeting at CASA
Jan. 17th – A beginners bowl turning workshop to be held at Jim Jones' shop and taught by him. This is a beginner's only class please.
May 23rd – Cindy Drozda – demo $60/member
- non members $70
May 24th and 25th Cindy Drozda workshops
- hands on workshops held at CASA

Guild Website:

http://chinookwoodturning.org/
Diane Monroe still acts as our web master and our thanks to her for all her work in maintaining the site. It always worthwhile to take the time to add a few of your own pictures of new work. Having said that I need to do that myself. I said I would do it last month but have not gotten there yet. I did, however, find the time to go and visit the web site. It looks great. Here's hoping some of us will find the time to do it this month.

Are you a member of the AAW?

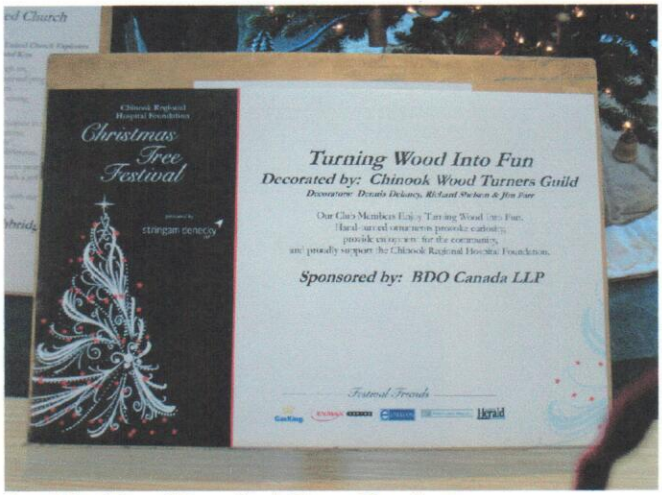
The American Association or Woodturners membership year begins Jan. 1st of each year. The best part about it for me is the arrival of 6 copies of The American Woodturner that arrive each year. It is a great organization that seems to have its heart in the right place. They have themselves launched a new web site in the last few months. It is www.woodturner.org .

Guild Library:

I know that the library was brought out and opened up at the last meeting. I also know that Vern added a couple of new videos to it. I hope that some of you are using it. It is a wonderful resource and I can only hope that it continues to be well used.

Last Months Demo:

As those of you who were there realize, I did a demo on sharpening. I was really impressed that so many people actually brought tools so that they could access the sharpening rigs that were set up. I know that I left out lots of things that I would have liked to bring up but then after 35 years of teaching school, I am not sure that I ever taught a lesson where I actually covered everything that I wanted to. Thanks again to Dennis Delaney and Vern Miller for also bringing their sharpening systems for us to use. I encourage all of you to work on your sharpening as it will help you become a better turner.



Lethbridge Hospital Tree Project:

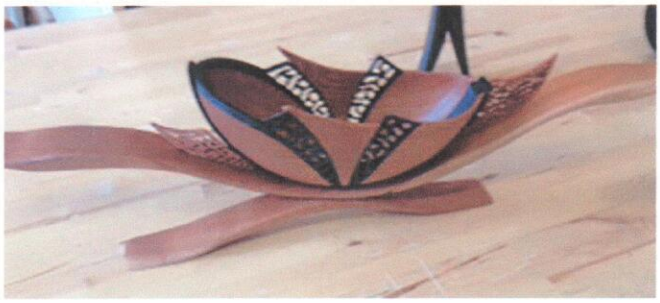
I know that there were 160+ ornaments placed on our tree this year and that the tree raised $3200 for the hospital foundation. Many thanks to Jim Farr for coordinating this again this year and to Dennis Delaney and Richard Shelson for helping decorate it. From what Jim Farr said, there were 13 of us who contributed to this. It is such a worthwhile project that I commend each and every one of us who took the time to contribute. A large pat on the back to all concerned.

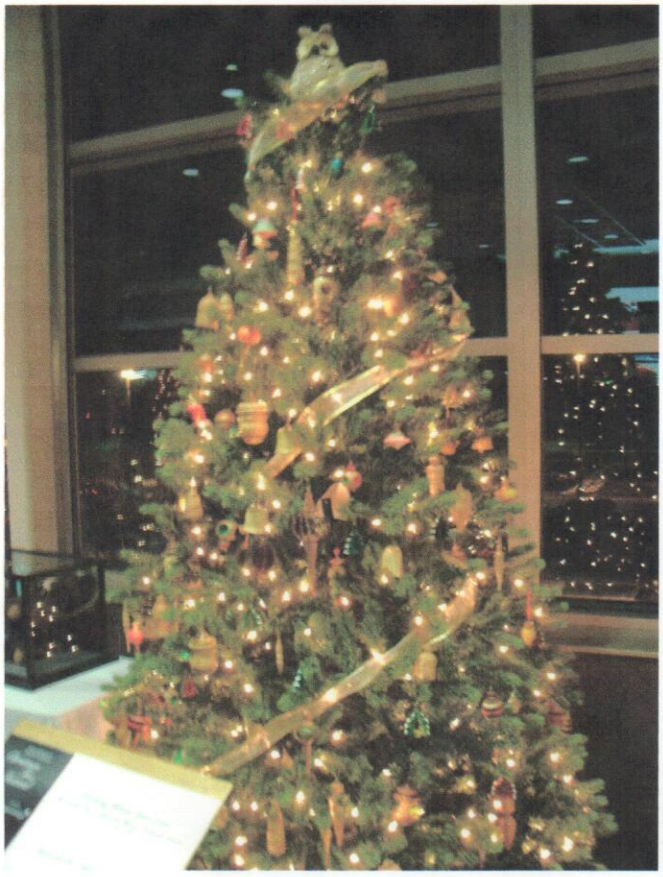
Editor's message:

Well I don't know whether this is normal or not but then most of you know I am not a normal kind of guy. At any rate, I am going to add an Editor's message to at least this newsletter. I can't thank the 3 guys enough who took the time to decorate the tree. What a great thing to do – it is such a wonderful project and it makes me feel good that our club has for years on end taken this project on to help Albertans get better Health Care. Thanks guys.

Roger McMullin's Demo – Dec. 6th - CASA

Roger McMullin did a wonderful job of putting on a demo on the 6th. He was showing us a technique he learned from Marilyn Campbell on Split Bowls. I have included a picture of her work here in the newsletter to give you an idea of what the similarities between their works are. Her web site is at www.marilyncampbell.ca. I included some pictures of Roger's work as well. It was a great afternoon and I learned several things that I think will help make me a better turner. I also learned some things, as did Roger, from some of the others that were attending. It was a great afternoon. Thanks, Roger.





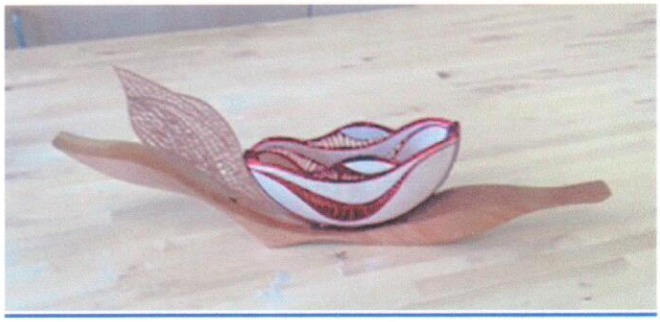
Interesting Websites:

I found these interesting web sites that I thought you might like to take a look at:

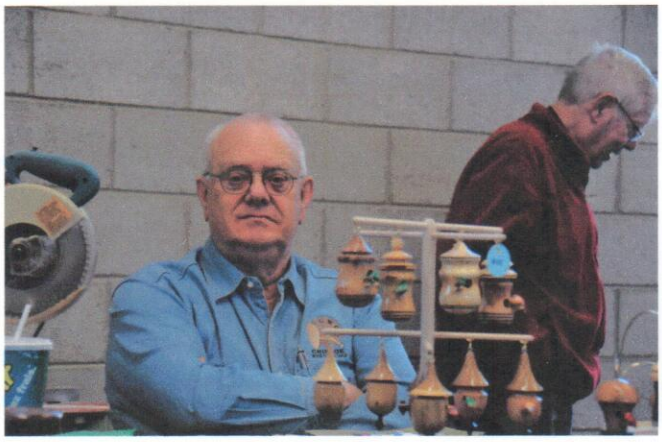
www.marlilyncampbell.ca – this shows a wonderful collection of Marilyn's work. Many of you will remember her from a couple of years ago when she did a demo and workshop for us.

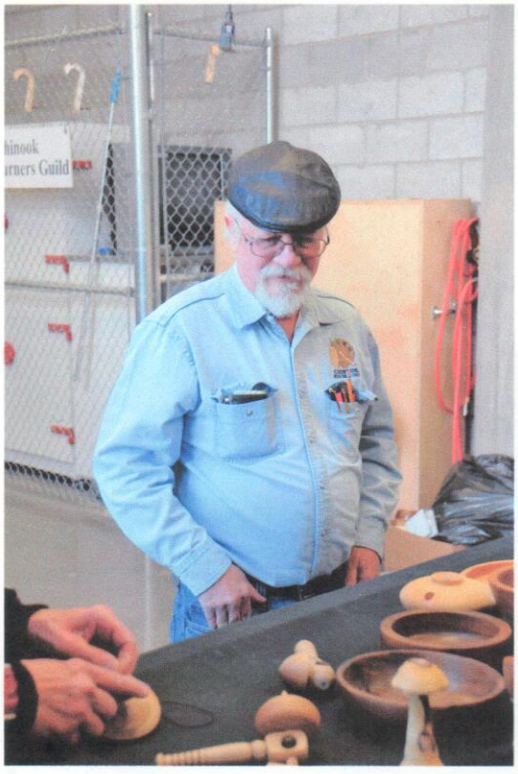
http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning_projects.html - I found this interesting for the wide range of projects that it shows and the variety of results.

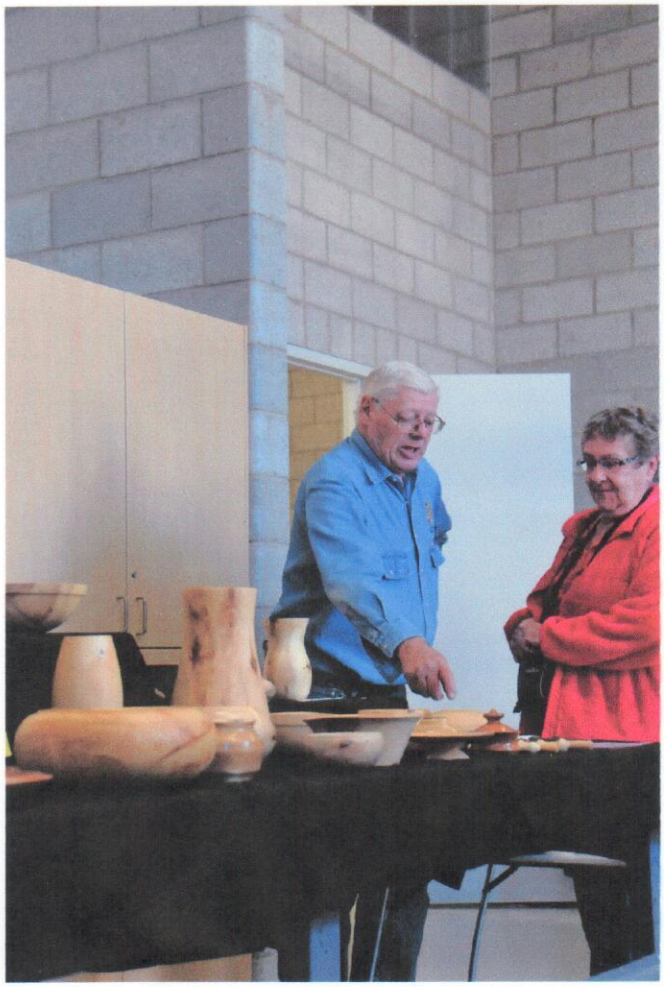
www.jimlorriman**woodturner**.com/ - I have talked to Jim several times over the years as he used to be involved in helping run one of the biggest woodturning shows in Ontario. I really like his work.



CASA Christmas Sale:
Dennis Delaney, Norm Stelter, Al Schaaf, Arnold Siemens, Ross Robinson, Phil Hierath and Very Miller all took part in the CASA sale. They sold close to $3000 worth of product and I hope that they all went home happy at days end. Here are some pictures of the sale.







Many thanks to Andre, Richard and Dan for sending me some pictures and helping with the input in to this newsletter. It was much appreciated and I am sure that as I get more comfortable with the whole process they will continue to get even better. Thanks, Jim

Presidents' Message:

Welcome to our newest members, Les Weekes, Byron Puchaliski & Roger Wayman

The Christmas at CASA sale is now behind us and while not as good as last year, nevertheless it was successful with sales of $3,179. Thanks to those who contributed tops for the food bank. Almost all the tops sold and we raised $185.00 for the food bank.

Thanks to Jim for his sharpening demo at our last meeting. It was a good demo and lots of members brought tools to be sharpened. Hopefully that

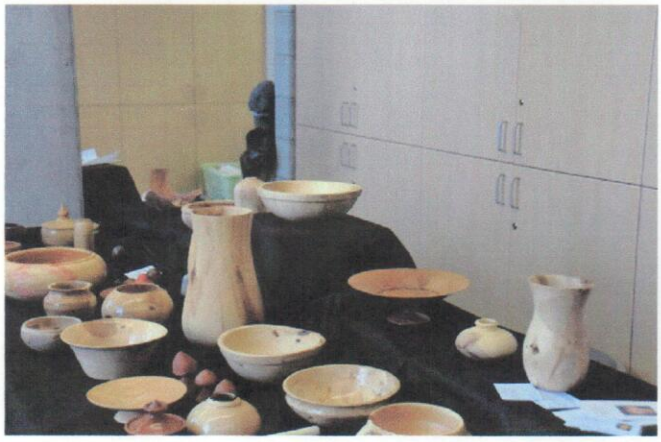
helps sharpen your skills and make your turning more productive and enjoyable.

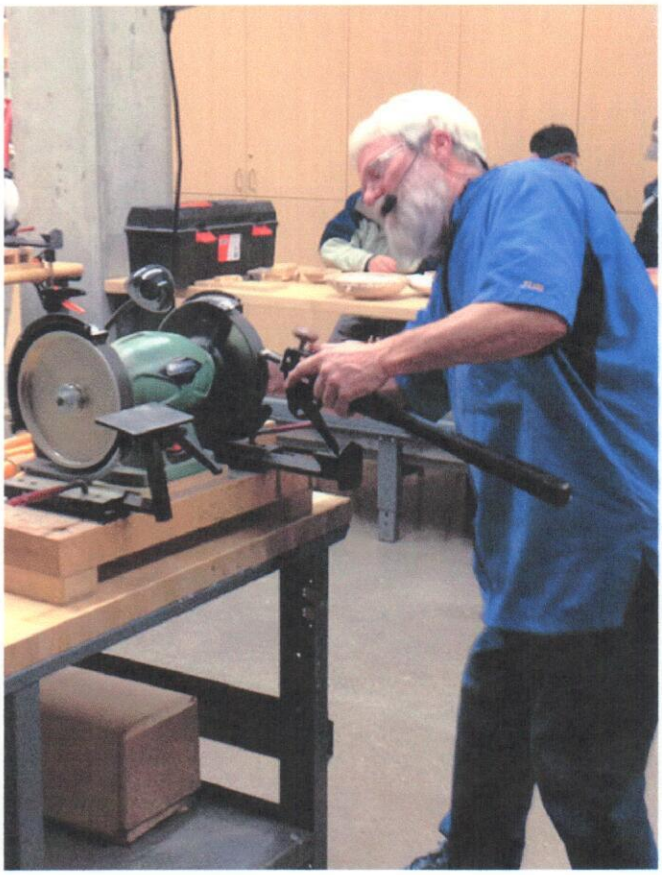
I wasn't able to be at Roger McMullin's demo on Dec 6 but all accounts are that it was an excellent demo. Thanks Roger.

Our Dec meeting will again feature the annual spin off where members will turn a top at the meeting and then there will be a spin off to determine the best top. Dennis will frisk members as they arrive to ensure no ringers are brought in.

Of course the the coveted golden & silver tops will be awarded Last years winners are asked to bring them to the meeting so they can be passed on.

To each and all, here's wishing you and your families an excellent holiday season and a prosperous New Year





Beginners Bowl Turning Workshop:

On Jan. 17th I will run a beginners bowl turning class. It will run from 1 – 4 pm and will be held in my shop SE of Claresholm. I would ask that those that sign up are in fact real beginners to turning bowls. I will provide all of the lathes and will have enough turning tools that everyone will be able to use them. Please bring your own tools too so that we can look at sharpening them for you. There will be a small fee attached to cover materials costs etc. You can sign up with either Dan Mitchener or directly through me. Thanks, Jim