



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello May. It seems like I have just finished the last newsletter and here we go it is May. Great effort that has been made to bring you the opportunity that Kai Meunzer is giving you. There are weeks of planning in the selection and organizing to bring this together. Your executive is always challenged to bring topics that are interesting to our membership and to provide a learning path.

As a member of the Chinook Woodturners Guild, it would be rewarding to your executive and more so to yourself if you attend this demonstration and hands-on. Always remember that any organization is only as good as the support given by its members.

Your executive has purchased a used Record lathe to replace a malfunctioning lathe.

Remie

Be sure to attend the meeting and bring your projects to share.

Attention: Coyote Flats has offered our members 8 tables to display and sell items on May 17. Contact Dan Michener at 403-331-9177 to book your table. Coyote Flats is located in Picture Butte.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

May 15, 2025, Regular monthly meeting. 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Casa. 230 8th St South, Lethbridge.

May 24,25,26 Kai Meunzer Demo and Hands-on.

June 7, 2025- Sawdust Sessions at Casa. 10 am – 12 PM @ Casa. 230

8th St South, Lethbridge. Steve will send out an email to remind us of plans for the morning.

Tool sharpening should be done as necessary. 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.

June 19 SOCIAL For paid dues Guild members.

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.

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ABOUT THE GUILD

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

The **Chinook Woodturning Guild** was formed in September 2004. The Guild's main emphasis is skill improvement and camaraderie.

mailing address: Casa: 230 - 8 Street South Lethbridge, AB Canada T1J 5H2

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



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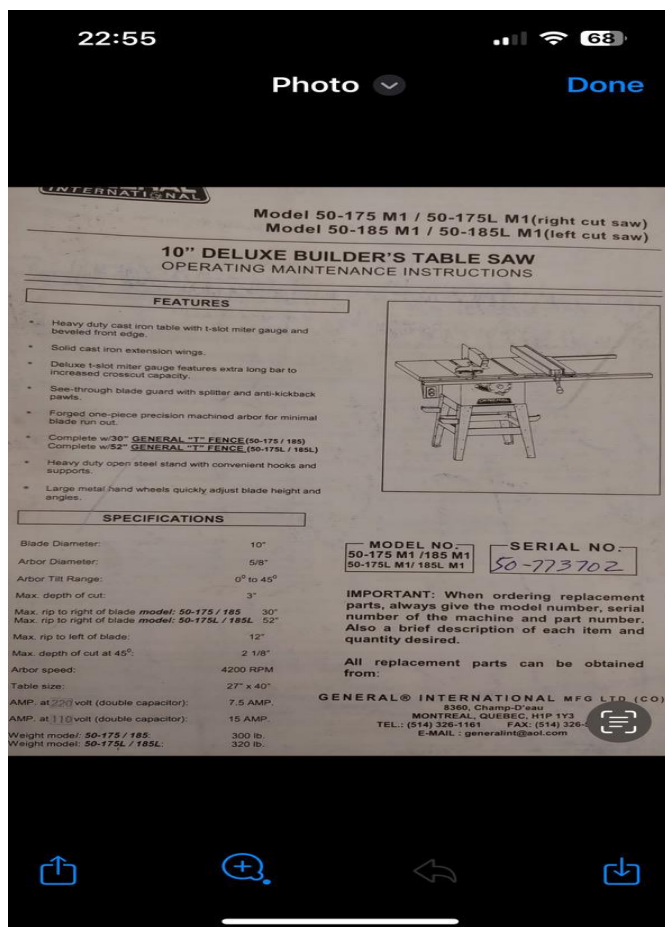


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EVENTS AND OTHER ANOUNCEMENTS

1. Check out our website at www.chinookwoodturner.org
2. Training and learning. Once again Terry Beaton organized training for the TNT 4H club on how to use a lathe and to turn wood. This year with the help of guild volunteers 8 possible future members were exposed to the fascinating hobby. 2 of the young learners are female. Parents attended as well, and all seem to enjoy Dan Michener's shop.
3. At the May 15 Meeting Remie will be demonstrating a review creating a spiral effect on a Candle stick. This was presented by Dale Lowe at last year's guest demonstrator and hands-on.

General International table saw used carefully by a professional cabinet maker. Specs are attached. Asking \$1,000.
 Ian MacLachlan 730 10th Street South Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 2N2, Land line: 403 328 9027



Craftsman radial arm saw, 30 yrs old, works fine.
 To give away to a good home.



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Registration fee reduction to the virtual AAW Symposium June 13-15

We can obtain a \$20 reduction on the registration fee if we are five or more interested participants from our guild. Let me know by May 25 at gplaroch@telus.net if you are interested. With at least five members, I will proceed with the guild registration to obtain the discount. The discounted price by May 31st is \$99 for AAW members and \$129 for non AAW members. There are 20 live demonstrations included and they will be available to watch in real time and then until September 24, 2025. See all the info at https://www.aawsymposium.org/?utm_medium=web&utm_source=woodturner_org&utm_campaign=2025symposium&utm_content=registration.

Please note that the upcoming weekend with Kai is much cheaper.

About the Kai Muenzer demonstration and hands-on workshops 24-26 May, 2025:

1. The Saturday, 24 May, demonstration will be held at the Casa Building (230 8th St. South, Lethbridge, Alberta), 9am - 4pm. We will supply a light lunch on site so we don't lose too much time.
2. Following the demonstration, **hands-on workshop registrants and their partners** are invited to a Saturday, 5:30pm buffet dinner at the New Oriental Restaurant, 1255 3rd. Ave. S., Lethbridge, where we have reserved a private room. This is an opportunity to meet and chat with Kai Muenzer and other woodturners. Everyone except Kai pays for their own meal and drinks.
3. The hands-on workshops on Sunday and Monday will be held in Dan Michener's shop near the town of Picture Butte, about 25 min. drive from Lethbridge. Workshops are 9am - 4pm. Snacks and sandwiches for lunch will be provided.

Directions and further details will be sent out when registrations for the workshops are full.

Reserve your spot today with DAN. Mark May 24,25,26 on your Calendar.

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The Chinook Woodturning Guild, Lethbridge, Alberta presents: Kai Muenzer



Kai enjoys crafting wood, combining its possibilities with ideas for practical and useful or just interesting designs. Sharing ideas has been important to Kai since the beginning of his wood-turning career back in 2008. Kai is equally drawn to help new turners succeed with the craft as well as experienced turners who are interested in exploring new ideas.

**Join us for an entertaining and informative
Woodturning Demonstration**
Saturday, May 24, 2025, 9am – 4pm.
Location: Casa building, 230 8th St. South, Lethbridge, Alberta

Registration: \$40, including lunch

Non-members \$50: 18 and under \$25

Hands-on Workshop with Kai Muenzer

Sunday, 25 May, 9:30 - 4pm in Dan Michener's workshop, Picture Butte

Monday May 26, 2025, 9:30-4 PM

Registration open to all skill levels

\$60 for members lunch included.

\$75 for non-members lunch included.

**This workshop is limited in size to allow personal instruction.
Register early to be sure you get in.**

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André demonstrated how to make a 3 footed bowl. Andre turned a small vessel leaving a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch cavity at the bottom. The cavity is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of inch inset from the outside diameter of the bowl. The feet can be carved with a micro carver or similar wood carving tool.



John, great work as usual. "name tag on!"



Remo "notice he has on his name tag"



Vern McNelly showing a handmade tool from an old file and a handle made from caragana wood.



A display of projects organized by Terry for the development of TNT 4H students.



Dan's shop set up for instructing



TNT 4H members and parents socializing and learning.



Roger and Herb Culler using a beading tool to decorate. Steve observing.





Roger, Tom and Herb enjoying creating various patterns on a special jig made by Steve Munroe at the Sawdust Session May 3.

What is the jig you ask? The purpose of the jig is to create 3 bud vases (or weed pots) at the same time. Patterns are created on all 4 sides of the 3 square turning blanks. Once the patterns are created the turning blanks are then reshaped and drilled between centers (spindle turning).



I start with a piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood glued to a block with a tenon mounted on to dovetail chuck jaws. Adapt the size to fit your lathe.



In this scenario I have 3 square blanks 12" long screwed to the plywood. The 2 outer blanks are scrap wood to assist with tool control. Care is taken when drilling the screw holes as the turning blanks will be flipped on all sides.



Once you have patterns on the four faces remove the turning blanks from the jig and remount each piece between centers on the lathe. I create a tenon to hold the blank in a chuck and then drill the hole.

This jig can be adapted to create many forms of bud vases. Short, fat, square, not square just use your imagination and creativity. Use spiral, texture and chatter tools. Use colors or glue different species of wood.

Steve Munroe

André's preferred websites of the month

Kai Muenzer web site (www.kaimuenzer.com) is entitled FineArt Woodturning. A very appropriate title when you discover the richness of his site. To explore the site, start with the Art Gallery tab. There you have three choices, the first one Almost Classic Shapes is quite stimulating due to the beauty of the different items and the variety. I like the three feet bowl, and the two half-moons entitled LET`S TALK. There is animation for the different works and you click on the picture and then at the bottom left of the screen, you click on it to get the title of the work and on the left pointing arrow to initiate the automated display of all the works. A very neat feature. Click on the "X" on the upper right corner to exit the automation. The second line of that tab is Burls; beautiful burls with impressive color accents. I like the ones with feet. Quite different. The last option for this tab is the Figures that Kai will demonstrate and teach us during the hands-on session. They are so cute! Under the Functional Art tab, there are five different options. Under the Cabinets option, you will find Kai beautiful boxes with drawers. They are all stunning and impressive. I like them all. The ancient members will remember Kai's spectacular demonstration on a box with a drawer a few years ago in Lethbridge. Under Boxes, you will discover unique and lovely boxes. Different ideas for unique boxes. Under the Kitchen option I really like the salt and pepper mills with their unique top and the Wacky Shakers. Kai has also a tab entitled Tips for Turners where he provides some information about how to complete different projects.

I am sure that you will like the different works presented on Kai's web page. **We are in for a great treat with is coming up demonstration and hands-on activities on May 24-26. Make sure you register!**

Rex Kalehoff of Luxembourg is the second artist selected for the Professional Outreach Program for the 2025 AAW Woodturning symposium. It is interesting that this year two European artists have been selected for this award. The other one is Lorin Bruckin from France (March 2025 Newsletter). Rex is a sculptor and turner producing quite distinctive work. When visiting Rex webpage (www.rexkalehoff.com), click on the Gallery tab and then on the middle picture, RexDolls, and you will discover a unique display of amazing works. I like the different fishes and the "humans" representations. Click on the photo of the different works and you will find a lot of information. You can find other works from Rex on his Instagram page (www.instagram.com/rexkalehoff). It is nice to see something quite different occasionally.

Enjoy the websites. Please stay safe while you are in your shop.

André