CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has passed. The guild has offered opportunities for learning both at our regular Thursday meetings and sawdust sessions. The added benefit is the chance to meet with fellow turners and exchange ideas, share some personal joy or grief. Most recently your executive hosted a BBQ at Indian Battle Park. There were 22 people at the event. Also, in May Kai Muenzer Challenged us with making figures. That project was not only fun but a learning experience.

Those that participated at Coyote flats report success in that sales were good.

Your executive is supplementing/replacing King Lathes with Coronet Lathes. These offer more dependability and are much sturdier.

Norm Robinson made some name tags for members that are lacking them. Thanks Norm.

If you have any suggestions for Demos or ideas that would be of interest at our meetings, please share them with your executive.

Some of our members are having health issues and I certainly want to say: Get well and enjoy the upcoming summer. A good turn deserves another good turn. Good Turning.

Remie

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*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

July 5, 2025- Sawdust Sessions at Casa. 10 am – 12 PM @ Casa

August 2, 2025- Sawdust Sessions at Casa. 10 am – 12 PM @ Casa.

September 6, 2025- Sawdust Sessions at Casa. 10 am – 12 PM @ Casa.

September **18, 2025, Yearly September AGM. 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** at Casa.

230 8th St South, Lethbridge

Steve will send out an email to remind us of plans for the Sawdust Session.

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.

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/

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

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Using Velcro on a blank to make a sanding disc

Jig for making 8 point star.

Drilling star for finials.

Kai Shaping a figure.

A teaching moment

Get it round

Shaping the figure

The students

Year-End Guild Picnic at Indian Battle Park

The Picnic was a great success. Dan Michener reserved The Baroness Shelter, Terry and Steve brought the hardware and Remie purchased and brought the food. Thank you to Claire and Wendy for looking after the table tops and assisting with cleaning up. We nearly lost all the coverings and plates when the wind came up but it quickly quieted down. Mrs. McGaffey Brought some homemade brownies. Yum. Everyone enjoyed the visit. Great time for all.
Terry turned a beautiful pen made from lilac for Diane.

Recognizing Diane Munroe for maintaining the website. Thank you

Dale Lowe and Andre

Note from André as he is away on vacation.

While traveling through Saskatchewan, we had the pleasure of visiting Dale and his wife Shirley. Dale had been working on a beautiful heart shape hollow form, a lovely bowl with a splashing colorful outside and a great natural finish inside and a spectacular sculpted and burned "pod" with bottom and top finial. Just beautiful! This work is for their September exchange where the guild members get a similar piece of wood in June (in this case it was walnut) and bring back their summer work and there is an exchange. No need to say that there will be an extremely happy member of the Regina Guild that will take home a magnificent piece from Dale.

In his garage he had also about 18 cored large bowls that he had completed a few days ago with one of his friends and they had been painted with Anchor Seal and will be ready to turn in 8-12 months.

As you can deduce, Dale is doing great. He is sending his best regards to all members of our guild that he met last year.