



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

A CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS APRIL 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Day and Happy Turning.

Unbelievably another month has passed by. I am sure everyone is busy doing yard work but hopefully you have had time to turn something.

This is Going to be an abbreviated newsletter with the focus on an upcoming Demonstration and Hands-on with Stu Bremner. The poster is on page 4. A considerable amount of planning and organization goes into planning this event. Your participation is greatly appreciated in supporting the guild.

I am sharing with you, a near scam when I tried to sell a lathe on Kijiji. Hopefully it makes you aware if you are selling an item on Kijiji.

See page 3.

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

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT CASA

230 8th St South, Lethbridge

May 2, 2026- Sawdust Sessions at Casa. 10 am – 12 PM

Guild meeting April 16, 2026, 7 PM at CASA

Membership Dues

Dues remain the same as 2024.

\$75 for in town and \$50 for out of town.

E-transfer. Payment to:

Cwatreasurer021@gmail.com

Sawdust Sessions.

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

ABOUT THE GUILD: **Please check out the website if you have not already**

[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 at the Casa building on 8th Street South in Lethbridge

Sawdust Session - 10:00 - 12:00 1st Saturday each month at Casa. Interested individuals are Welcome.

A map to the meeting location is found on our website



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Dan Michener - Board Member

This happened to me this month.

Spring is here. This message relates to Woodturning but more about selling items on KIJJI.

The story:

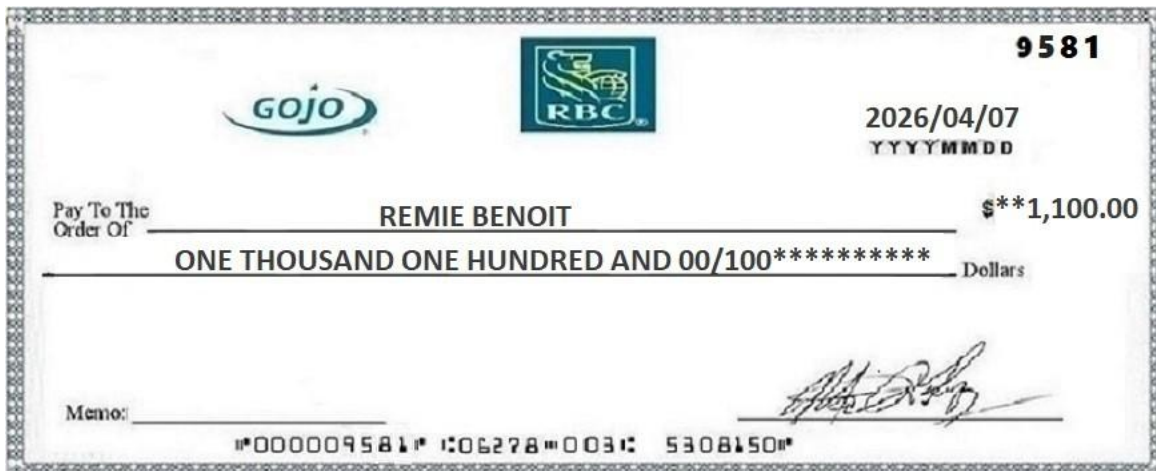
As you all know I am selling a small Lathe and shortly after I sent the message out to the membership, I decided to list it on Kijiji also. Within minutes a buyer sent a message that he would buy it. Wow!

What Followed: The fellow said he could not come and buy it right of way could he send me a "mobile cheque". I have never heard of it, but new things come every day even though I think that I keep up with new events. OK. I replied. This cheque appears on my Gmail. Suspicious but what the hell, I deposit the cheque and tell the fellow I will wait till it clears. He insists that the cheque is good, the money is in my account and of course it appears in my balance.

Continuing: Next he calls and says, "I can't pay the driver to pick it up, can I send you a cheque, and you can pay him?" By this time all my antennas are buzzing. I called my bank to see if this was real. First rep said yes. Still suspicious. Follow up with a bank teller. NO, good, scam. Next my accounts are all locked up, 2 hours at the bank to get everything corrected. No sale, on the lathe and no money loss.

Learnings: Mobile checks do not exist. You cannot print a check that is sent electronically. It must be a cheque written by someone. One more thing; if you are receiving an e-transfer via email and you are not set up so that it is deposited directly into your account, the Gmail can be intercepted, and the interceptor can the transfer the deposit to his own account without you ever knowing where the money went. So set up your account to deposit directly to your bank without having to choose where it is deposited.

Cheque example that is not acceptable:



Woodturning Demonstration May 30, 2026

The Chinook Woodturning Guild
is pleased to host
Stew Bremner

Woodturner and teacher from Spruce Grove, AB



Join
us
for
an

informative and entertaining
Woodturning Demonstration
Stew will make, colour and finish
a whimsical bowl from a tree crotch

Saturday, May 30 2026, 9am - 4pm.

Location: Casa building, 230 8th St. South, Lethbridge

Registration: \$55, includes lunch

(Non-members \$90) (under 18 \$35)

Two all day hands-on workshops with Stew Bremner

Sunday & Monday May 31 and June 1st, 9:30 - 4pm in Dan Michener's workshop
Turning a wing bowl and exploring thread cutting during the first day,
coloring your bowl and epoxy coating during the second day.

Registration open to all skill levels
\$155 (\$220 for non-members) lunch included.

Register early to be sure you get in.

For information and registration contact:

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Here is a shot with Stu Bremner and Michael Hosaluk when he did a two day on hand in Stu's Shop.

Yellowstone Woodturning Symposium

September 25,26,27 2026

Tom Wirsing Demonstrator

At the Roaring 20's Auto Club- 7400 Grand Avenue-Billings, Montana

Early Registration must be received by mail Before September 1st

Lunch will be provided Saturday and Sunday: Fabulous door prizes!!!

2026 Registration Form:

Name _____

Address _____ City-State _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Check One of the options below:

Early Registration \$125.00 ____ Due before September 1st 2026

Non Turning Spouse ½ Price \$60.00 ____ Due before September 1st 2026

One Day Registration \$60.00 ____ (Either Fri, Sat, or Sun)

Late registration \$135.00 ____ (Paid After 9/1/26 (Or at the door)

No Charge for minors under 18 (Must be accompanied by an adult)

Payment: Make Check payable to Yellowstone Woodturners Club

Mail to: Yellowstone Woodturners
Post Office box 21836
Billings, Mt 59104

If you have questions, please call Roger Kesler (club President)

1-406-671-3372 or email rogerkesler@msn.com

Items for Sale.

Remie selling a Nova 1624-44 Wood Lathe. \$1100

