

Thames Valley Woodturner

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Shows

AAW symposium in Louisville - **Cancelled**

Saskatchewan Woodturners Symposium - **Cancelled**

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<http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/>

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A message from Bob

Hi everyone. I hope you continue to be well. So far we are lucky, none of our members have reported being in the grip of the virus.

We hope our **special** edition newsletters give you some pleasure and perhaps an idea or two for projects to keep busy during the isolation we face. Who would have thought we are going into our 7th month!

We will not be meeting at the Guild hall for some time yet, so I hope we can use the newsletter to keep in touch and share web sites, stories, and photo of your work. I plan to scour my old files and will include some nostalgia in the next issue. Pictures of people, places, and some earlier work of members over the last 20 years.

Help make these "special editions" work by sending me information that may interest and intrigue your fellow turners.

Please send web sites addresses, stories you want to share, digital photos files of your new work (a digital **Show and Tell**) or a special projects to me at 66.bobhewson@gmail.com . I will send them out to the membership in an abbreviated newsletter (hopefully monthly).



Our finances

At the end of June we have \$4,246 in the bank with our insurance due (\$1,100) and other accounts are current.





How fast was the ostrich running when he hit the tree? (Courtesy of friend of Mike Malone's)



YouTube viewing

John Kime has compiled a list of great turners for you to view on **YouTube**.

for Videos go to **YouTube** and use the name as listed in the *YouTube search bar*. There are hours of great viewing

- Rocky Mountain Woodturners
- Jimmy Clewes
- Cindy Drozda
- Wortheffort (this is not a spelling error)
- Barbara Dill
- Mid-Maryland Woodturners
- Wyomingwoodturner
- As Wood Turns
- M. Saban Smith Woodturning
- Olivier Gomis
- Yuval Lahav Woodturning
- Woodturner21
- These are not specific links to the turners but specific turner sites can be found by typing their name into Google search which will bring up any site where there are listed.

If you wish to find more of these turners you can search **Google** by adding the word “turner” and you will get many sites that discuss their work such as presentations at Guilds and chapters around the world.

If a turner is particularly interesting in their presentation techniques or topic matter please let us know so we can share.



Internet sites of interest to turners

- How to use magnets to help store your chisels. A short article by Lee Valley using their high strength magnets: https://www.leevalley.com/en-ca/discover/woodworking/2020/july/using-magnets-to-store-chisels?utm_source=Newsletter---Woodworking&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=200720---How-to-Use-Magnets-to-Store-chisels---WW
- Turn a wood croquet set. A good Covid-19 project and a good way to pass the time once it is complete. This project comes by way of Wood News by Highland Woodworking: https://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodturning/woodturning-a-wooden-croquet-set.html?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Read+the+August+2020+Issue+of+Wood+News+Online&utm_campaign=August+2020+Wood+News&vgo_ee=AJ5jn%2FfMhhWXfFqCrNBt8RwUnRnlmwiuCIJkd9A7F3A%3D
- A project from **Instructables workshop** for a automated perpetual calendar might interest a few of you: https://www.instructables.com/id/Automated-Perpetual-Calendar/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email



Digital show and tell



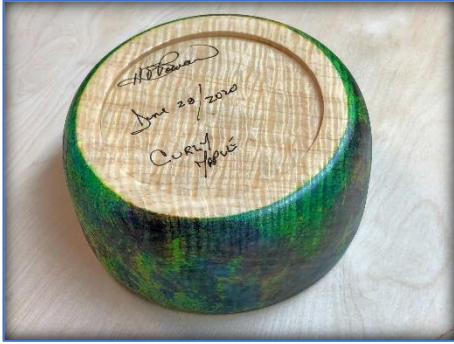
Maple bowl by Harold Bownern

A coloured bowl

I have attached a few pictures of some bowls I have turned and coloured using Chestnut Products Spirit Stains Rainbow Colours.

The Maple bowl is about 6" in diameter and about 1 1/2" deep. The rim is coloured with yellow, red, orange and blue spirit stains. I used a dabbing method with a folded paper towel section to apply each colour and left the bowl an hour or so between colours to dry. After applying all colours, I let the bowl sit overnight. I then applied 3 coats of cut sanding sealer, waiting 1/2 hour between coats and denibbing between coats. Letting the bowl dry again overnight I then applied several light coats of Minwax spray on Poly.

Harold



Maple bowl by Harold Bown

A coloured bowl

The camouflage bowl is a 6" diameter 2 1/2" deep Curly Maple bowl. The colours used were yellow blue, royal blue, purple, green and a light white wash coat of white. The application and drying between colours was the same as other maple bowl. After I left the bowl to dry overnight, I applied a very light coat using dabbing method of the white. I let the bowl sit overnight. I then applied 3 coats of cut sanding sealer, waiting 1/2 hour between coats and denibbing between coats. Letting the bowl dry again overnight I then applied several light coats of Minwax spray on Poly.

Harold

Nick Henshaw, nut-cracker bowl



A nut cracker

A nut cracker bowl by Nick. A project that helps keep him from going "nuts during the pandemic.

Turning by

Nick



Top of Walnut cake platter by Kyle



Cake Stand

Kyle was commissioned to make this stand for his Grandparent's 50th Wedding Anniversary last week. It is 11.5 inches in diameter and stands about 6 inches high. Made of Crotch Walnut, and accented with Box Elder Burl in the middle of the pedestal.

Wood burned engraving on the bottom of the pedestal to memorialize the occasion



Salt & Pepper set by Kyle Desjardine

Salt and Pepper Shakers

These were made for his Mother as a birthday gift. Made of Black Walnut and beautifully coloured Box Elder. "Love them!" She says



Ring

This was also made as a gift. Made of purple stabilized box elder burl.

This is just a few of the projects that I have been working on lately. Look forward to one day being able to re-assemble at the Guild!

Kyle Desjardine



"Tops for Tots" Follow-on Challenge

"Tops for Tots" is a good turning pastime/project during our enforced isolation due to Covid-19. Those made and collected have been passed on to the kids. It is of interest to note that collectively the Guild members have turned **535 tops to date!**

How does a target of 1000 tops sound? That is 465 tops!

We will have a collection box available once we are back to normal.

Please remember the guidelines for tops:

- One piece
- Minimum size. At least 1.75" (45 mm) diameter (**smaller tops are a choke hazard**)
- No sharp points or edges
- Sand to 400 grit
- If you are colouring them use water-based markers only
- No finish unless you wish to use carnauba wax
- No wood from nut producing trees



For Sale items

I wish to draw your attention to the “**For Sale**” section of the newsletter. There are a number of newly listed items that should interest some of you. We also have a number of sponsoring vendors that we ask you to consider when buying new tools and supplies.

Please remember too that our “**For Sale**” section has an excellent record for the sale of items listed. We circulate our newsletter to all surrounding guilds. You have a large group of turners and woodworkers.

Good deals for sellers and buyers!

Calendar of events for the 2019-2020 season

Date	Meeting or events	Details		
September 12 th	Monthly meeting and competition	<u>Our guild's 1st annual Turning Competition.</u> Judging will be by the membership. Segmenting using a "Wedgie" sled by Bob Fenn.		
September 27 th – 29 th	Woodworking Show	Woodstock Woodworking Show with Guild participation. Take in some of your turnings for the People's Choice Award(s).		
October 10 th	Monthly meeting	Hollowing demonstration by Dave Bell .		
November 14 th	Monthly meeting	Hands-on lathe turning at meeting. Multiple active turning stations in lieu of a normal meeting. Our sharpening station will also be active. Textured box challenge based on earlier demos in April meetings by John Calver and June by Gary Miller.		
December 12 th	Monthly meeting	- Christmas social, please help to fill a "Goodie table." - Ornament challenge/exchange. - Show and Tell (Bring in some of your favourite items turned this year).		
January 9 th 2020	Monthly meeting	A Jigs and Tips meeting for Jan. Business meeting for the Guild (change of bylaws if required and review of finances)		
February 13 th	Monthly meeting	Eric will demonstrate the construction and turning of a Cryptex.		
March 12 th	Monthly meeting	Carl Durance will demonstrate new and advanced pen making techniques		
April 9 th	Monthly meeting	CANCELLED	Cancelled	
April 18 th	Turning 101	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Turn a simple box with a lid and finial. This is a limited space session and is directed towards novice and intermediate turners.	
May 14 th	Monthly meeting	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Bob Fenn will demonstrate the turning of a square bowl.	
June 11	Monthly meeting	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Dave Hudgel will demonstrate a winged bowl. A box with a finial is our challenge.	
September 12 th	Monthly meeting	DIY deep hollowing system demo with camera system as well by Keith Mombourquette of the Grey-Bruce Guild.		
October 8 th	Monthly meeting	A wig stand demonstration by John Scott		
November 12 th	Monthly meeting	Renee Sferrazza will demonstrate pyrography with a Christmas theme		
December 10 th	Monthly meeting	Ornament swap.		
Ideas	We welcome member input for meetings	-Design? What makes a "good" turning into an "outstanding" turning? -Metal spinning -Safety night (discussion/panel)	--Salt box -Homebuilt kiln/ drying wood -A simple weed pot -Sharpening refresher -Basic drying of wet wood -A seed-pod turning	-Shear scraping -Inlace -Finishing -Chucking and holding -Jigs and fixtures -A wall or desk clock

- **Meetings start is at 7:00, doors open at 6:30.** The pre-meeting period from 6:30 and 7:00 is a great time to discuss problems or successes at the "Show and Tell" table and to converse with other members.
- **There may be last minute schedule changes** due to weather or other unforeseen causes, if in doubt, check the website for the latest meeting info as the date draws near.
- **Raffle tickets** are usually available between 7:00 and 7:30 as well as during the break period.

Items wanted and for sale

Ads are free for members, to run or remove an ad, call or email Bob at 519-457-6555 or 66.bobhewson@gmail.com. Members support other members by **buying or selling - good deals and at good prices!** We advise our members and surrounding Guilds when our newsletter is published. The ad is published in our newsletter until sold or removed.

Commercial "business card" advertisements are available for \$75 for insertion for one year (5 – 6 issues).

Please note: The Guild provides a means of connecting buyer and seller through these ads. It is up to the buyer to ensure the item offered is as stated and the two parties should agree between themselves as to any warranty guarantee. The Guild does not accept any liability for any such sale.

Sales tables: Members are welcome to set up a "sales" table in the bar section/room during **Swap night** at our June and January meetings. There is no charge to the member for the sales table.

We are found in glorious **colour** on the internet at <http://www.stockroomsupply.com>. Photos are available to members by request to the Editor.

Lathe for sale

- Mastercraft 12" swing by approximately 35" between centres.
- All cast iron with variable speed Reeves drive. 120 Volt, 4.5 Amp Motor.
- headstock for outboard turning.
- 1" X 8tpi spindle.
- #2 Morse taper – headstock and tailstock
- Good working condition but some rust on ways (from storage) will need cleaning up.
- Includes drive spur and live centre
- A couple of dozen turning gouges/chisels (mostly high carbon steel).
- Outboard attachment for tool rest.
- Stand included.
- to be considered a good/practical low-end lathe.

Asking \$200.00.

Call Gary for referral 519-858-2445

Summer is a good time to check your shop for any tools you may want to sell now or in the fall!

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W <https://www.youtube.com/user/stockroomsupply>

Located: Niagara, 53032 Perry Rd., Wainfleet, ON. Canada. L0S 1V0

For Sale

Complete Oneway Vacuum System. \$800US
American dollar value.

Sell for \$450.

John Calver: 519 455-6998



For Sale



12" Craftex disc sander and stand. **\$75.00**

John Calver: 519 455-6998

For Sale



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\$150



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For Sale



A Paache Airbrush exhaust hood. Internal Fan or
 hook to dryer vent - **\$75.00**

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Bowl blanks for sale

I had a call last night from Carol MacPherson,
 Vaughan's widow.

Vaughan was a long time member of the Guild and
 upon his death had a supply of unturned bowl blanks to
 liquidate. The blanks are of various wood types,
 various sizes, and have sealer applied to preserve
 them.

In addition she has a number of woodturning books and
 magazines available.

If you are interested in seeing these blanks or books
 please call Carol and arrange a mutually convenient
 time to see what is available.

Phone: 519-245-2289 in Mt Bridges.