



Thames Valley Woodturner

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(Meetings held at 2155 Crumlin Side Road, London)



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Any member wishing to contribute content to the newsletter in the form of articles, tips, or want-ads PLEASE contact

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web site at:
<http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/>

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October Meeting Demo: Turning for Furniture Making by Al Tamman



Al shared with us during his demo that he took inspiration for his round tables from the work of Christian Beckvoort (seen in the image here - and more of this work can be found in Fine Woodworking Magazine) and his shaker table making in conjunction with Al's own past

experience in making wig stands. The end result was a beautiful combination that Al demonstrated for us by using video clips he took using Movie Maker to show the process he took along the way in creating his own unique pieces.



November Meeting Demo: Therming by Dave Bell

Therming is the process of turning multiple spindles or off-centre spindle turnings. A process that has been in existence since the early 1700's. All of the spindles will have an identical turning form when completed. Dave demonstrated to us all the process of this type of turning and the construction of jigs to help make this art happen. Please see more information provided by Art Liestman on 'Therming' here: <https://www.artliestman.com/resources/therming-article.pdf>

Here are a few photos provided by Dave of what he walked us through during his demonstration along with a photo of the finished product of the red oak piece from the 2 sided therming jig portion of the demo!



December Meeting: IMPORTANT

For those members that were unable to attend this very important Zoom meeting, the PowerPoint presentation can be accessed easily in PDF format for those wanting to be sent a copy. A brief synopsis of the slides presented are summarized below:

A Path to New Beginnings: Changes are needed.

2021 Exec

- first and foremost, thanks to current exec
- 2020-2021 has been a serious challenge
- we did our best
- most have been on exec for past 3-4 years and a couple far beyond
- sincere gratitude for all they have done!
- many leaving - members needed!
- need for change!
- 2022 exec can leverage our suggestions

Our Goal

- provide an improved path forward to protect the future of our Guild

Areas of Concern

- only 6 to 8 members consistently contributing to presentations and demonstrations - we have 74 members currently in total
- challenges, projects, special interest groups proposed - lack of participation ~25%
- support at meetings - set up, clean up
- lack of input for newsletter items, social media content to post
- executive committee feeling more like entertainment providers, this structure needing to be modified

Proposed Suggestions

- decrease the size of the exec committee - President, Vice President, Treasurer (all required) and maybe 1-2 key members-at-large (website/communications, AV support)

- increase all member support by way of committees (set up/clean up for meetings, organize/provide demonstration/presentation either external or internal)
- Meetings: more focus on detailed education, hands on lathe nights, summer meetings, show and tell done by each participating member
- Demos/Presentations: provide general training, how to's, inter-guild sharing of demos (Wi-Fi issue possibly), making the Guild more self sufficient with video equipment, large monitor, Wi-Fi capabilities to participate in presentation sharing across guilds

2022 Executive Committee - POSITIONS TO FILL

PRESIDENT -

VICE-PRESIDENT -

Treasurer, Membership & Dues - John Rice

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBMASTER -

Audio Visual - Scott Beverley

PLEASE NOTE: Our constitution states that we MUST minimally have a President, VP and Treasurer to continue. Please find the particulars of the constitution here (found on our website, click on Privacy/Legal tab at the bottom): <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/privlegal.html>



The Guild is on Social Media!

A new step into the Digital world for the Guild's communications. The Thames Valley Woodturners Guild now has a presence both on Facebook and Instagram! Renée Sferrazza will be handling the social media accounts for the club so please contact her if you have any questions.

Click on the links below and check it out!



<https://www.instagram.com/thamesvalleywoodturnersguild/>



<https://www.facebook.com/Thames-Valley-Woodturners-Guild-101557104676603/>



****Please send items you wish to advertise for sale to TVWGnewsletter@gmail.com****

Ads are free for members and run until you sell your item or withdraw your advertisement. To run an ad or to remove one, email Jen & Kyle TVWGnewsletter@gmail.com. Members support other members by **buying or selling - good deals and at good prices!** Ads when received are sent to our mailing list which cover our membership as well as surrounding Guilds. 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 issue our newsletter targeting every two months. Our newsletter is found in glorious **colour** on the internet at <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/> . Any newsletter photos are available to members by request to the Editor at (TVVGnewsletter@gmail.com).



Guild Advertisers:

A horizontal banner for Woodchuckers.com. On the left is a cartoon woodchuck holding a piece of wood. The text "WOODCHUCKERS.COM" is prominently displayed in large, dark, wood-grain letters. Below this, a central wooden plaque contains the text "SOLID WOODS WOODTURNING SUPPLIES & FINISHES". To the left of the plaque is the phone number "416-241-8654" and to the right is "1-800-551-0192". At the bottom center, the address "50 Venture Dr., Units 4 & 5, Toronto, ON M1B 3L6" is listed. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "Ontario Wood The natural choice" with a green leaf icon.

An advertisement for William Wood-Write. The background shows several pens and pencils resting on a blue notebook on a wooden surface. The text "william wood-write" is written in a red, cursive font. Below it, the website "penblanks.ca" is listed, followed by "shop online or call" and the phone number "1-877-585-0403".