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

Jen & Kyle (Photos, articles, sites of interest) at TVWGnewsletter@gmail.com

For a Guild info/policy sheet or mentors list, email info@thamesvalleywoodturners.com or refer to our web site at: <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/>

A message from your President:

May 2022

We did it! We rolled out the logs and laid down the shavings. We had our First Eyes Only meeting. Sorry if you missed it! Those who did attend were treated to a presentation by Mark Lush and Tim Schinkel on what I call getting the gold out of the tree. Very informative followed by some good questions and input from the members.

Past president John Scott gave an informative presentation for us to continue with our program of tops for tots. John initiated this back a few years ago and has said that he would like someone else to take care of this program. We would like someone to step up and manage this. Let me know if you're interested?

Our future looks bright! Our May 12th meeting should be a good one. There will be the announcement of this year's president's challenge which promises to be a little different! The Guild will be hosting Kevin Clay from ONEWAY tools in Stratford. Kevin will show us how to sharpen our tools, along with some maintenance tips on care of our chucks. Got a question?

As you may know on May 27th the club is traveling to ONEWAY to have a tour of their facility in Stratford. The tour is to start at 3:00pm in Stratford. AS it is very important that we have an accurate number of people who will be attending, an online survey will be emailed to members to find out how many people plan to attend.

Please reach out to us if you have something that you would like to see demonstrated or would you like to demonstrate for us? We are always looking for more input. Our latest newsletter should be out soon on the website, and Reg is managing the posts on our Facebook site.

June meeting will be a swap meet to purge our shops of unwanted and unused (another man's treasure) woodworking tools, etc. Also, if you could bring in your bloopers, you know the ones that have not made it to the firebox, maybe we can all learn from you or make suggestions.

Please join us at the Hall if you can, the meetings are quite interesting right now guessing the people behind those masks! We will continue to space out as much as possible and be wearing masks!

May your shavings be long & curly.
Rob President



Our January meeting also served as our Annual General Meeting for which we met quorum with 27 members in attendance. A new executive committee was elected, voted on and accepted for this year.

CONGRATULATIONS To our new 2022 TVWG Executive:

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| President | Rob Williamson |
| Vice President | Tim Schinkel |
| Secretary | shared role |
| Treasurer, Membership, Dues | John Rice |
| AV, External Program Coordinator | Scott Beverley |
| Member at Large | Rick MacKinnon |
| Member at Large | Reg Rumble |



January Meeting Demo: Jewelry Making by Carl Durance



Carl Durance led this Zoom demonstration on wood turned jewelry which covered rings, bracelets, pendants as well as segmented jewelry. Carl showed how a ring, napkin holder and bracelet could all be made from one blank – among many other fascinating things! This demonstration was recorded at Carl's request so if you missed it, get in touch with the Guild or Carl to see if you can access the recording.



February Meeting Demo: Basket Illusion by Carl Durance



Carl graciously agreed to demonstrate for the Guild again this month when our planned presenter had an emergency that cancelled his planned demonstration. Carl comprehensively walked us through what it takes to create the basket illusion in woodturning.

Here are a couple of links to get the graph paper that Carl uses to guide him in creating:

<https://mathpolate.com/graph/polar>

https://www.blackcatsystems.com/software/graph_paper_maker.html



March Meeting: Chainsaw Safety by Rick MacKinnon

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. Rick's comprehensive presentation covers all facets of personal protection equipment, the mechanics of the chainsaw itself to make sure its use is safe, properly using the saw when cutting including kickback and types of chains, and even felling trees!



Please email: twgnewsletter@gmail.com to ask for a copy of this presentation to view in its entirety.



April Meeting: Return to In-Person Meetings at the Hall

Demo: Mark Lush – Chainsaw: Bowl Blanks



Shown here: the turned products from the wood cut in the video – large Mulberry cookie added to the raffle table.

Building on the chainsaw demonstration we saw last month, our demonstrator and guest, Mark Lush presented a previously recorded video of how he approaches cutting logs to get the best blanks for use in woodturning. Mark talked about chopping the tree or log into manageable sizes keeping in mind the type of project you want the wood for (whether you want bowl blanks, spindle blanks, etc.) and where there may be the most figure found in a log. He also covered in his presentation the best practices in cutting the log safely and provided tips when cutting out the pith. There was discussion about the types of chainsaws to use as well as the use of a ripping chain that may help when harvesting your wood. Mark mentioned the work of Phil Anderson (that can be looked up on YouTube) as a turner that turns a lot of imperfect or natural pieces, as well as AAW videos by Dale Larson as ones that members may want to check out.

If you would like to view Mark Lush's video and missed the meeting, please contact twgnewsletter@gmail.com to get access to view it.



Loss of a Turner: We would like to acknowledge the loss of a long-time member, Tom Pinches. Our condolences to his friends, family, and fellow turners. He will be missed by the Guild's membership.



The Guild is on Social Media!

The Thames Valley Woodturners Guild has a presence on Facebook!
Click on the link below and check it out!



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



“Tops for Tots”

The “Tops for Tots” initiative is an on-going challenge, initially started as a President’s Challenge in June 2018, for all Guild members to generously give their time and share their talent for a great cause!

We have a collection box at the Hall so please continue to bring in your tops to donate to the Children’s Health Foundation!

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 except for carnauba wax
- No wood from nut producing trees



Interesting Info for members:

- Check out this link on the ultimate sandpaper test with surprising result... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZDCRFi8dKY>
- An amazing spindle turning demo! Watch this exceptionally skilled turner use a different technique than typically seen. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYIK_njna_M&ab_channel=GwinnettWoodworkers



Calendar of events for 2022:

| Date | Meeting or events | Details |
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| January 13 th | Monthly meeting | Zoom: Demonstration by Carl Durance of Jewellery Making |
| February 10 th | Monthly meeting | Zoom: Demonstration by Carl Durance on Basket Illusion |
| March 10 th | Monthly meeting and Demonstration | Zoom: Presentation by Rick MacKinnon on Chainsaw Safety |
| April 14 th | Monthly meeting and Demonstration | Return to in Person Meeting at the Hall! Demo – Mark Lush: Getting the best blanks from a log |
| May 12 th | Monthly meeting and Demonstration | Oneway Sharpening Demo *May 27th Field Trip to One Way Facility* |
| June 9 th | Monthly meeting | Swap Meet/Yard Sale planned for this month! |
| July | Monthly meeting | No regular meeting scheduled |
| August | Monthly meeting | No regular meeting scheduled |
| September 8 th | Monthly meeting | TBD |
| October 13 th | Monthly meeting | TBD |
| November 10 th | Monthly meeting | TBD |
| December 8 th | Monthly meeting | TBD |

Call for Demonstrators

We are looking for people who are willing to do demonstrations. Please let the Guild's Executive know, or email info@thamesvalleywoodturners.ca

- **Meetings new start is at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm.** 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 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 6:30pm and 7:00pm as well as during the break period.

Items wanted and for sale:

Doreen Bowden is **selling!!** If interested in what she has, please call 519-264-2361 or arrange to go see what is available.

****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 (TVWGnewsletter@gmail.com).



Guild Advertisers:

A horizontal banner for Woodchuckers.com. On the left is a cartoon woodchuck holding a pencil and a piece of wood. The text "WOODCHUCKERS.COM" is in large, bold, wood-grain letters. Below it, a central oval contains "SOLID WOODS WOODTURNING SUPPLIES & FINISHES". To the left of the oval 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 is the "Ontario Wood The natural choice" logo.

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Ontario Wood
The natural choice

An advertisement for William Wood-Write. It features a photograph of several pens and pencils on a blue notebook. 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".

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