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The F.V.W.G. meets every **2nd THURSDAY** of each month of the school year at 6:30 p.m. We meet in the woodwork shop at the Yale Secondary School in Abbotsford (Old Yale Road & McMillan). Next meeting is our Xmas Social on December 12th held at 33868 Essendene Ave., Abbotsford, B.C. Time: 7 PM

These folks are kindly asked to bring a snack to share for the coffee break or a piece of wood for the raffle. Thank you.

<p><u>Goodies – December</u> All members are requested to bring goodies for our Xmas Social. The Central Fraser Valley Woodcarving Society, Vancouver Woodturners Guild and Fraser Valley Woodworkers will be invited as our guests for the evening.</p>	<p><u>Wood Rotation – December</u> A donated wood turned Xmas ornament or other item for the auction. All monies to be donated 50/50 to two worthy causes. Abbotsford Food Bank and Care Bears of the World.</p>
<p><u>Goodies – January</u> Pilchak, Pitts, Pretty, Radke, Reeve, Feydra and Clarke Romanovsky.</p>	<p><u>Wood Rotation – January</u> Gienge, Gonzales, Griffin, Hansen, Harris, Heise, Gloria & Lee Herberts. Please write the Species on the donated wood.</p>

Cleanup Rotation – December
 All members, please chip in and give a hand for set up and dismantling. Thank you

BOWRIVER PRESIDENTS "THEME" CHALLENGE

There will be no "Theme Challenge" for this month, due to us having the Xmas Social. All members attending are requested to bring a Festive piece (Xmas Ornament, etc.) or other Turned item to be donated for the Auction. All proceeds will be donated 50/50 to the Abbotsford Food Bank and Care Bears of the World.

President's Column

December and the Festive season is upon us and some among us are busy selling our work at craft shows and gift markets. Others among us are busy creating gifts for those special ones for the holiday season. I could not help but be impressed by the quality of the pieces entered at this years turning competition at the wood show in Cloverdale. Congratulations to Stan Clarke for placing second in the Open division nice work Stan. While at the show, I observed many volunteers working unselfishly to make the competition an overwhelming success. I would like to pay tribute to all of the volunteers that make our guild successful. An organization such as ours succeeds or fails, is vibrant or complacent, grows or shrinks based upon the contributions of its members. Many find that the level of the enjoyment of belonging to the guild increases directly proportional to the level of their participation. I marvel at how each and every gathering, members pitch in on set-up, the raffle, tending the library, taking the gallery photos, serving coffee, teaching the fundamentals, sharing their techniques during show and tell, doing a feature demo presentation, or quietly helping new members to become orientated. Not to mention how spontaneously the room seems to get cleaned up after our gatherings. When everybody pitches in things seem to run so much better. However, I believe we owe a special thanks to those members that spend their precious time promoting the club in addition to attending meetings. I for one, find writing a difficult thing to do, I can't imagine the tasks that our newsletter editor and our web master tackle each month but I sure appreciate the result. In addition, the time spent by our event coordinators, treasurer, and membership chairman contribute immeasurably to our organization's success. I urge each and every one of you to think about how you could contribute to the success and vitality of our guild and make ours an organization that people are proud to be a part of. As with every year we have our Christmas party approaching and would like to thank in advance all the members that contribute items for the auction, great food and their time that always makes this special charity event an enjoyable and fruitful occasion.

Perry Niehaus

WEBSTER'S CORNER: Club Website: <http://www.lanslide.com/fvwg>
Check out our interesting sites. Click on LINKS and check them out. Looking for Woodchuckers website?
Ask John to mail you a catalogue. Website: <http://www.woodchuckers.com>
The education page is always looking for more woodturning articles. If anyone has articles he or she would
published, e-mail a copy to Colin at: c_delory@uniserve.com or mail him a copy. His address is on the
paid members list.

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Raffle – Wayne Cunningham and Peter Dykstra

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FRIENDS OF FVWG:

These fine retailers have donated items for our monthly raffles: space for meetings and/or equipment for demonstrations. They deserve our consideration when we make purchases that they can supply.

Bow River Craft Woods 604-795-3462 www.bowrivercraftwoods.com
KMS Tools (Abbotsford and Coquitlam) www.kmstools.com
Lee Valley Tools www.leevalley.com
Neufeld Hardwoods (Chilliwack) 604-795-7886
Mohawk Western Finishing Supplies
Reimer Hardwoods, Peardonville Road, Abbotsford
Windsor Plywood (Langley and Fleetwood)
Laser Valley Technologies Corp. (Langley) www.laservalley.com
Summit Tools 3905 E. 1st Ave., Burnaby, B.C. 604-294-1799 www.summit-tools.com

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EDITORS CORNER:

If you have any articles, **Wanted** or **For Sale** Ads, that you would like published in the next newsletter or any future newsletters, then email to fatboy_classic@shaw.ca, fax: 604-462-9173, phone 604-462-8665 or snail mail: 12670 Carr Street, Mission, BC V4S 1B9. Attention: Margaret
All classifieds or articles must be in my possession no later than the **30th of each month** to be published in the next consecutive newsletter. Thank you.

We now have an official mailing address: FVWG
Box 716
Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 6R7

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December:** Xmas party and auction. Hall: **Fraternal Order of Eagles, 33868 Essendene, Abbotsford, B C Time: 7 P M**
- January:** Guest Speaker – Les Jozsa a Wood Scientist from Forintek.
- February:** Surprise! **Bring your favourite woodturning tools.**
- March:** To be announced.
- April:** Timed Egg Cup Contest. Better start practising!!!!
Elections
- May:** Guest Speaker – Doug Tingly to discuss Chainsaw Safety.
Richmond and Abbotsford Woodcarving Show and Competitions. Woodturners are welcome to enter these competitions.
- June:** To be announced.
B B Q and auction.
- August:** Demo and display at the Abbotsford Agrifair.

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2002- 2003 PRESIDENT’S “THEME” CHALLENGES

- Dec- NO PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE**, this is our Xmas party. Please bring an item for the auction.
- Jan -** Square (ex: square bowl, square box, square candleholder, square carving)
- Feb -** Texture (ex: a piece with texture, carved, painted, distressed, beaded, sand blasted, chattered)
- Mar -** natural or nature (ex: bird house, bird feeder, natural edge bowl)
- April -** segmented (ex: has segments)
- May –** Between Centers
- June –** miniature (ex: small)

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GENERAL NEWS

We had another great turn out for our November Meeting. Two out of five guests signed the Guest Book, but all five joined as new members, welcome aboard. We now have 70 paid members.

Allan Berry, from Chilliwack renewed his membership after a year away from the fold. Glad to have you back Al.

Al has agreed to be our Auctioneer for the Xmas Social, so everyone be best prepared to be squeezed of your precious \$\$\$\$\$ when the bidding commences. We accept cheques or cash. Remember that all proceeds are going to good causes. 50/50 to the Abbotsford Food Bank and the Care Bears of the World.

It was agreed, at the last meeting that we will not donate a Xmas tree with lights this year. The monies that we receive from the auction and give to the Charities is generous enough.

We have to thank Al Berry for doing our Show & Tell at the November Meeting. Very interesting and fun but with so many items to talk about, we didn't have time for Ed Pretty to lecture us on Shop Safety. Hopefully we can re-schedule this lecture at another upcoming Meeting.

It certainly is great to see all the Presidents Challenges and Show & Tell goodies, but lets take into consideration that we have up to 50 Members attending the meetings and if everyone brings in 3 or more pieces, then our Show & Tell is going to take a long time to talk about. One Presidents Challenge and one or two pieces for Show & Tell per member would be more than sufficient. Thank you.

GENERAL NEWS cont...

Perry Niehaus attended a FV Woodcarvers meeting and formally invited the Carvers to our Xmas Social. We have extended the invitation to the Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild and the Fraser Valley Woodworkers Club.

Bob Burke has agreed to become a Mentor for the Chilliwack area. This will give Chilliwack two excellent Mentors to choose from.

We still need more volunteers for the KMS Demo's, which, starting in January will be held at KMS Tools in Abbotsford on the **3rd Saturday** of the month instead of the 2nd Saturday. This change will give us the opportunity to hassle our members to volunteer there time and sign up at our regular Meetings.

This is a lot of fun, remember, you don't have to be a professional Turner to Demo. **All** Turners have different techniques and styles. You could be trained by the best and still go home and Turn the way you did before but with more knowledge and skills to do it better.

I bet a lot of you have watched Demo's and then gone home and tried that technique and with luck it worked for you. Do you have a favourite Tool that you have mastered; this is an opportunity to show that skill.

A lot of members have a good laugh when they find out that I use a Parting Tool for more than Parting, so I did a demo at KMS Tools and I was a fill-in at a regular meeting when another Member was unable to attend. Some of the sceptical members were surprised at the outcome.

You learn to use the tools that you own, especially if you have a limited budget or you don't have the knowledge of what Tools to purchase or their specific use. They do not come with instructions or a video on how to correctly use them. This is where Instructional lessons and Demo's come to light.

We also need volunteers for the Focus on Fundamentals. If you can help out on teaching the Basics, it would be appreciated. One hour of your time (6:30 – 7:30 P M) on our regular meeting nights.

Volunteer and have fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Al Berry has asked us to consider making Lace Bobbins for one of our Presidents Challenges. If our Members agree, we could have our June Challenge on a miniature turned piece to make these Lace Bobbins. These Bobbins would then be donated.

Bill Griffin will get me more information on size and required shapes.

<p>This picture will give you an idea on what we would be Turning.</p> <p>More information will be provided in the next NL.</p>	
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November 25th Minutes of Executive Meeting.

1. Our Budget was discussed and approved.
2. We will be presenting Eleanor and her mother a restaurant Gift Certificate. This is in appreciation for the time spent on doing the Spinners and Weavers Artisan Show. They organised our Woodturners Table and handled the sales for this two-day function. Well done.
3. Raffle Ticket sales. We need more participation from the Members to make this a successful event. If we want to improve our Library, tools for Focus on Fundamentals or have Out-of Town guests at our meetings, then this is one way to get the required funds.

We also need to have donations of Woodturned items for the raffle. To-date: Ian Fulford – Pen Set, Perry Niehaus – Monkey Puzzle Tree Bowl, Herb Reeve – Bowl, Colin Delory - ?, Margaret Eisenman - ?

4. We have Les Jozsa from Forintek as our guest speaker in January. We requested that someone meet and escort him to the school. We are still wondering what happened to our November guest. Did he get lost?
5. We discussed our February surprise evening. Maybe the Members should bring two of their favourite tools for this evening of fun.
6. We have switched our March and April “President’s Challenges” around. March will be natural or nature and April will be segmented. I can’t remember why, didn’t write down notes on the reason.
7. Ian brought up an issue in regards to our Focus on Fundamentals. Members are asking why isn’t there more hands-on during the Demo’s, so that the members get a chance to try the techniques they are watching. We will try to initiate hands-on at future demo’s if at all possible.
8. There is ample parking at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, where our Xmas Social will be held.
9. Wayne talked about the upcoming Carvers Competition being held May 3rd, 2003 in Abbotsford. Woodturners are invited to compete in a special woodturning category. There will be three categories: Useable, Turned and carved item and Artistic/ Art form and three Skill levels: Novice, Intermediate and Advanced.

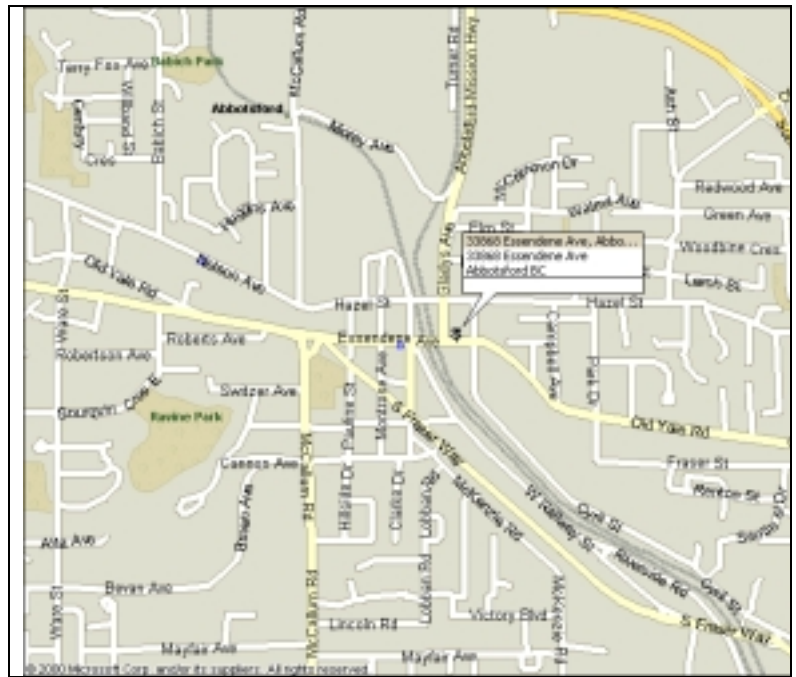
We will be selling our raffle tickets at this function and the draw will be made at the end of the event.
10. Kelly Maguire put in a request, that the Librarian could use a handcart to pack the books and videos to and from the Meetings. When this was brought up, Bill Olsen said that the Social Conveners wouldn’t mind one, too. It was approved that they can purchase a reasonable handcart to the price of \$50.00 each.
11. Kelly requested assistance to review and revise our Brochure. If any Members have any suggestions, please forward them to Kelly. They would be much appreciated.
12. Murray Harris was approached by Dennis Goosen in regards to anyone wanting to purchase a Pattern Making Lathe. Murray thought it would be very interesting to go and watch a demo on this lathe at a later date. The owner of the lathe would like to retire. Will keep you posted on the outcome.

Our Xmas Social will be held at:

Fraternal Order of Eagles
 33868 Essendene Avenue, Abbotsford
 Set-up time: 6:30 PM
 Start Time: 7 PM





Please help out and don't forget your potluck goodies and donated item for this evening of fun and entertainment.






Auctioneer:
 Allan Berry from Chilliwack, B C



SHOW & TELL and PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE GALLERY PICTURES

For all Members who bring in Woodturnings to our monthly meetings, please note:
 To ensure correct recognition on your posted Gallery pictures to the Website, write your name, project, wood type, and size on a piece of tape (best is Painters Masking Tape – peels off easily and does not leave a sticky mess) and stick this on the bottom of your Project. We have too many blanks on the Gallery Website. It is not up to the Photographer to do the recording; he is busy taking the pictures. Please be more considerate in the future.

	<p>Artist: Art Liestman Project: Artistic Forms Material: Madrone</p>		<p>Artist: Perry Niehaus Project: Bowl Material: Maple</p>
	<p>Artist: Walter Dow Project: Lidded Bowl Material: Bocote & Oak</p>		<p>Artist: Bob Gonzales Project: Natural Edge Hollow Form Material: Maple</p>

	<p>Artist: Murray Sluys Project: Bowl Material: Red Elm</p>		<p>Artist: Keith Bennett Project: Bowl Material: Maple</p>
	<p>Artist: Bob Gonzales Project: Natural Edge Bowl Material: Elm</p>		<p>Artist: Murray Harris Project: Plate Material: Maple Burl</p>
	<p>Artist: Wayne Cunningham Project: Pen & Business Card Set</p>		<p>Artist: Herb Reeve Project: Lidded Bowl Material: Maple</p>
	<p>Artist: Murray Sluys Project: Lidded Box Material: Grasswood</p>		<p>Artist: Ross Paterson Project: Natural Edge Bowl Material: Yellow Cedar</p>
	<p>Artist: Gary Cormier Project: Lamp Material: Maple & Purpleheart</p>		<p>All Berry Hosting "Show & Tell"</p>

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Ahhh Humbug