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The F.V.W.G. meets every **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Focus on Fundamentals: Jim Peardon will demo Basic Cuts and Paul Wiebe will demo the fingernail grind and how to mount the Wood Worm. This starts at 6:30 p.m.

<p><b><u>Goodies – February</u></b></p> <p>Meier, Monkman, Munshaw, Murphy, Murphy, Niehaus and Nelson</p>	<p><b><u>Wood Rotation – February</u></b></p> <p>Friesen, Fulford, Forshaw, Guerts, Giesbrecht, Gienge, Gonzales and Griffin Please write the species on the donated Good wood.</p>
<p><b><u>Goodies – March 4<sup>th</sup></u></b></p> <p>Olsen, Paterson, Peardon, Pilchak, Pretty, Pitts and Radke</p>	<p><b><u>Wood Rotation – March 4<sup>th</sup></u></b></p> <p>Gregson, Hansen, Harris, Heise, Herberts, Horne, Hughes and Huston</p>
<p><b><u>Cleanup Rotation – February</u></b></p> <p>Paterson, Peardon, Pilchak and Pitts</p>	

**BOWRIVER PRESIDENTS "THEME" CHALLENGE**

This month is turning a Walking Stick or Cane. Whether you need one or not, give it a Turn.

**WEBSTER'S CORNER:** Club Website: <http://www.fvwg.ca> <<<<<< **NEW ADDRESS**

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 like published, e-mail a copy to Colin at: [c\\_delory@uniserve.com](mailto:c_delory@uniserve.com) or mail him a copy. His address is on the paid members list.

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All classifieds or articles must be in my possession no later than the **30<sup>th</sup> of each month** to be published in the next consecutive newsletter. Thank you.

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## 2004 PRESIDENT'S "THEME" CHALLENGES

February: Walking Stick or Cane  
March: Vase  
April: Bottle/Wine Stopper  
May: Spinning Top – Hope we see a demo on these.  
June: A Bell that rings or a Rattle that makes noise and is shaped like a Bell.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February: Hands On Turning and guest Speaker: Stan Clarke, who will watch us Turning and will officiate our Show & Tell.  
Steve Hansen will be making a presentation in regards to the West Coast Round up Symposium.  
March: Doug Nuefeld. Demonstration on how to get the best cut from a piece of wood.  
April: Don Derry from Washington.  
May: Scot Belway will talk about sanding, finishing techniques, different finishes and waxes.

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## GENERAL NEWS

I have finally completed the Current Members List for 2003 – 2004. A copy will be mailed to all members.

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Don't forget to sign up for the next KMS Demo days, which will be February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

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The Vancouver Woodturners Guild is having a Woodturning Symposium, namely : West Coast Roundup, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Held at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel in Surrey. Early registration will be at a cost of \$225.00 for the 3 days. Deadline date for pre-registration is July 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information contact Marco Berera at 604-274-7594 or check out our website for the contact links and download the forms. This is going to be a fantastic opportunity to watch and learn from some of the Worlds best Woodturners. **Don't miss it.** The Woodturners are going to be: Richard Raffan, David Ellsworth, Lyle Jamieson, Jacques Vesery, Michael Werner, Vernon Liebrant, Joe Fleming and Martin Thorne. This event will cater to all levels of turning enthusiasts.

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A reminder to all members who would like to participate in a 1 day course with Don Derry, then please bring your CASH or CHEQUE with you at the next meeting. It will be \$50.00 per each 1 day course. Please read Pages 5 & 6 for a briefing on the Don Derry courses and what you will be watching at the all day demo. Remember: All FVWG Members can attend the All Day Demo on April 10<sup>th</sup> at **no charge**.

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We will be **holding Elections in May**. Please consider volunteering for any of the positions, other than Past President. Please review the Executive/Committee List on Page 2 and decide on which one of these positions you would like to volunteer for. Don't be shy.

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Stan Clarke will be our guest at our February meeting. He will be celebrating his **90<sup>th</sup>** birthday this month and he is still an avid and active Turner. Keep up the good work Stan!!!

**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.



Rona Home Centre's 34530 McConnell Rd., Abbotsford, BC



[www.kmstools.com](http://www.kmstools.com)

110 Woolridge St., Coquitlam, BC and 30824 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC



[www.leevalley.com](http://www.leevalley.com)

1401 United Blvd., Coquitlam, BC and 1180 S.E. Marine Drive, Vancouver, BC



(Langley and Fleetwood Outlets)

**Bow River Craft Woods** 604-795-3462 [www.bowrivercraftwoods.com](http://www.bowrivercraftwoods.com) or email: [bowriver@cwk.imag.net](mailto:bowriver@cwk.imag.net) address: 11443 McSween Road, Chilliwack, B C

**Laser Valley Technologies Corp.** (Langley) [www.laservalley.com](http://www.laservalley.com)

Supplier of our paper and printer toner so that our Newsletter gets printed every month.

Neufeld Hardwoods (Agassiz) will advise on new phone number

Mohawk Western Finishing Supplies

Reimer Hardwoods, Peardonville Road, Abbotsford

Summit Tools 3905 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Burnaby, B.C. 604-294-1799 [www.summit-tools.com](http://www.summit-tools.com)

**CLASSIFIEDS**

<p><b>FOR SALE:</b></p> <p>“French Curve Style” Tool rest that will fit on your Jet Mini Lathe or the “New” King Mini Lathe. Great for doing the inside and outside of bowls. \$30.00. Contact Margaret at 604-462-8665</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE:</b></p>
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### BIOGRAPHY for DONALD DERRY

Donald Derry has been a woodworker for the past 35 years. However, He's only been a Wood Turner since 1994. Don started woodturning because he needed a change from the endless cutting fitting and measuring that had made up the rest of his woodworking experience. The craft fair circuit made up the first part of his professional wood turning career. He produced pen and pencil sets, turned boxes and even earrings. But the bread and butter product of his line turned out to be Christmas ornaments. Donald states, "I had several styles all based on the same basic techniques and I sold almost 500 per year."

In the summer of 1999, Donald's career took a major shift in direction. "I quit doing craft fairs to focus totally on artistic studio wood turning." This became a full-time obsession and he is now known for turning large state-of-the-art hollow forms of wood that are brightly colored and polished too such a high optical luster that they are often mistaken to be fine art glass. Interestingly, the wood turning techniques learned as a craftsman doing Christmas ornaments have served him well as an artist. Donald says, "About the only thing that has changed is the size of the lathe, tools and the wood which are much larger."

#### All Day Turning Demo Demonstration Description

This six-hour demonstration consists of a broad group of techniques exhibited with humor and philosophy. The day begins with a demonstration of how to turn a very delicate and extremely lightweight traditional style ornament with the lathe going backwards and tools so big that it will surprise even the most seasoned turner. Don has a broad-minded approach to the craft of wood turning and feels that no single turner's approach or turning technique is correct for everybody. He proves this by showing and explaining how he discovered that by using objective self observation, and asking oneself the proper questions a person may be lead to answers and techniques that are often contrary to establish tradition. Don will then show how turning a small hollow ornament ball is no different than turning the gigantic artistic hollow forms that he is the gaining a worldwide reputation for. He will demonstrate the state-of-the-art torque arresting hollowing tools he has developed and show that they are so easy to use that anyone can learn the techniques and become a master hollow form turner. Don will also exhibit a way to prepare a shear scraper that is so sharp you may never need sand paper again. Throughout the day, between flying wood chips and entertaining banter Don will be expressing his unique point view on the art world and what is needed for the craft of wood turning to blend seamlessly within it and why this is absolutely necessary for the health and longevity of our craft.

#### Ornaments for All Seasons Class Description

This is a one or two day course on how to produce the Traditional Style Turned Wood Ornament consisting of a hollow globe with decorative top finial and a matching long icicle bottom. The first half-day consists of an introduction to the techniques for hollowing the globe using a reverse lathe rotation technique and special hollowing tool supplied by the instructor. The tools and the techniques can easily be learned and adapted to the more traditional counter clockwise lathe rotation. The second half of the first day will be used for developing the spindle turning techniques needed to turn a long and delicate decorative ice sickle that will match the top finial which covers the access holes that were used for hollowing the small globe. The second day will be used to further expand the hollowing techniques by learning to make Rustic Bird House style ornament.

Upon completion of the class all participants should have several examples of each style of ornament and have a complete understanding of the techniques and tools used to produce these projects in their own studios.

This is an intermediate level class. All participants should have reasonable experience with, a roughing gouge and a half-inch spindle gouge. Minimal experience with a skew chisel is also helpful but is not necessary. The tools required for the class shall include a 1-inch or larger roughing gouge, a half-inch spindle gouge and a parting tool. Participants are encouraged to bring any other tools that may help adapt their personal style. Any special tools will be supplied by the instructor. The instructor or the sponsor of the class will also supply any wood, finish materials or adhesive.

**Backward hollow form turning  
All Day demo**

This is a six hour demonstration on how to produce a hollow form vessel using Don's easier more comfortable, but more unusual reverse rotation of the lathe, technique. The first portion of the day consists of an introduction to the techniques of mounting the material and shaping the outside of a pleasing vessel form using traditional turning practices. After a lunch break Don will present slides of his work and answer questions on the color and finish he uses to produce museum quality art work. These extensive techniques make his artwork appear to made of fine art glass rather than fine crafted wood. The day will then progress with Don covering how to hollow the inside of the form using the reverse lathe rotation technique and special hollowing tools he has developed. Two different but complimentary methods for gauging wall thickness will be taught. The first is by, low tech, wire caliper. The second is with the use of a, high tech, laser pointer. Don will show that all the tools and these techniques can easily be learned and adapted, by anyone, to the more traditional counter clockwise lathe rotation. Spindle and bowl turners will also enjoy the day as Don shares enough information that is relatable to all turning interests. Don illustrates that the way we think about turning wood is far more important than how we turn wood .The entire day will be filled with secrets, stories, philosophy and don's notorious humor.

**CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES FOR:**

MONTH	Fraser Valley Woodturners Guild Thursday	Fraser Valley Woodworkers Guild Wednesday	Vancouver Woodturners Wednesday	Fraser Valley Woodcarvers Wednesday
February	12 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>March</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b>
April	8 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
May	13 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>June</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
	Meetings are held in the Woodwork Shop at Yale Secondary School in Abbotsford. (Old Yale Road and McMillan) Start Time: 6:30 PM	Career Technical Centre 2272 Windsor Street, Abbotsford Demo's start at 6:20 PM Start Time: 7 PM	Meetings are held at the Sapperton Hall, 318 Keary Street, New Westminster  Start Time: 6:30 PM	Meetings are held in the Woodwork Shop at Yale Secondary School in Abbotsford. (Old Yale Road and McMillan) Start Time: 6:30 PM

**Minutes of Executive Meeting held January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

1. No Treasurers report. Gerald was unable to attend meeting.
2. The February Meeting is a Hands-on evening of Turning. Hopefully Ian Fulford remembers to phone some Members in regards to bringing in there Small Lathes.
3. Don't forget to bring your money for the Don Derry courses. We need confirmation from our members so we can book Don Derry for the Friday and Sunday, 1 day course. \$50.00 for each course.
4. The hours for the courses and demo will be 9 – 12 Noon, lunch break, 1 – 4 pm.
5. The Executive members agreed to move the Elections to May this year. So it will be Elections and the presentation of the Goosen Award in May.
6. With the elections coming up in May, please consider volunteering for a position.
7. A Woodworkers association has asked our Guild and other Guilds if there would be any interest in Group Liability Insurance. At present we are paying \$690.00 per year for ours, where as, if we went for group insurance it would be around the same cost but split equally between the participating Guilds. Sounds good. We will be asking the members at the February meeting what they think of the idea.
8. Paul Wiebe is to buy a good Microphone for the video taping of our guest Turners.
9. Ian Fulford advised us that when we participate in the KMS Demo days that we should restrict our sanding to a minimum, being that we are situated by shelved merchandise. We are also requested to clean up a little better at the end of the day. Ian is hoping to bring in a vacuum cleaner to help with the clean up.
10. Sam Nelson has confirmed that Stan Clarke will attend our next meeting. He will be **90** years old this month. Happy Birthday Stan.
11. Perry was approached by the persons in charge of renting out the Elks Hall in Aldergrove, and asked if we would be interested in holding our meetings there every month. At a cost of \$300.00 per year. The price is great, maybe we could find something like that in Abbotsford??? If we were to move our meeting place, it would be brought up at a Meeting and voted on.

Attended by: Bill Olsen, Keith Bennett, Sam Nelson, Colin Delory, Margaret Eisenman, Perry Niehaus, Wayne Cunningham, Ian Fulford and Paul Wiebe.

**SHOW & TELL**



**Jim Peardon Demo on How to Turn a Bracelet.**



**Assortment of Plates & Platters from our January Presidents Challenge.**

**A LOVING SPOONFUL is asking for Donations.**

Dear Friend,

We invite you to participate in Project Empty Bowl. As you may know, this is an event through which the artisan community provides nutritious meals to men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS. On the evening of Wednesday, March 31st A Loving Spoonful will host a gala evening of art and fine food at the fabulous Heritage Hall Ballroom.

Arriving guests will be gifted with a hand-made pottery or wooden bowl, which they can fill with a variety of foods from different cultures. The highlight of the evening will be the live auction, featuring 22 major works in clay, wood, glass, fibre and precious metals. Bidding begins at \$200 and can rise into the thousands. We are asking you to participate, in the hope that you will be part of an evening that will provide a month's delivery of meals to A Loving Spoonful's clients.

Project Empty Bowl, 2002 at the Canadian Craft Museum was hugely successful. Tickets sold out and the silent auction revenues equaled the live auction. The wood turner guilds raised nearly 5% of the revenue from the event. Gifted wooden bowls were hot commodities and rivalry for the bowls created for the live and silent auctions was intense.

During the month of March, selected pieces will be exhibited at one of several locations, including Holt Renfrew, Virgin Records and other prominent windows in Yaletown and on Robson Street. The event and exhibition will be publicized in print and electronic media, including our website. Project Empty Bowl is a wonderful way of turning the gift of talent into tasty, health-sustaining meals for those fighting the devastating effects of AIDS.

Project Empty Bowl, Heritage Hall 3102 Main Street, Vancouver, B C  
Wednesday, March 31, 2004 @ 7:00 pm  
Tickets \$55.00 at A Loving Spoonful 604-682-6325 Or on-line at [www.alovingspoonful.org](http://www.alovingspoonful.org)  
Deadline for presentation pieces: February 27th  
Deadline for small pieces to gift attendees : March 15th