



February 2007 Edition

Meeting date is:

08 February, 07



The FVWG meets every **2nd THURSDAY** of each month of the school year at 6:30 p.m. We meet in the woodwork shop at the Robert Bateman School in Abbotsford (35045 Exbury Avenue-Room N-103)

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	<p><u>Goodies – February 07</u></p> <p>Issak, Lightfoot, McMath, Monkman, Lance Murphy, Don Nelson</p>	<p><u>Wood Rotation –</u></p> <p>Anyone who can spare some Good Wood</p>
	<p><u>Cleanup Rotation –February 07</u></p> <p>Pitts, Pilgrim, Pectoom, Peardon</p>	

BOWRIVER PRESIDENTS ‘THEME’ CHALLENGE

February – Nice Pen, Lidded Containers

WEBSTER’S CORNER: Club Website: <http://www.fvwg.ca>

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 copy to Colin at: cdelory@telus.net or mail him a copy. Address: Colin Delory, 192511 – 76th Avenue, Surrey, BC V4N 3G5

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 e-mail to gerthebear@hotmail.com or phone 604-858-9162
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.

Our mailing address: FVWG, Box 716, Abbotsford, BC V2T 6Z8

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CLASSIFIEDS

Woodturning Classes, taught by Murray Sluys are held the third Saturday morning of every month at 49950 Patterson Road, Chilliwack, BC. Next one is February 17, 9am-12pm. Turning and hollowing a beautiful vase. Please see www.murraysluys.com for details.

I have an old 36" lathe manufactured by The Eatons Co. many years ago. The lathe is mounted on a metal stand and has a brand new ¾ hp Delta motor. There are 2 face plates. I am willing to let it go for \$100.00. Contact Steve at Silveroaks@shaw.ca.

Note: We have added a Want Ads page to the web site so any guild member wishing to buy or sell a tool etc. may list it for a 30 day posting by emailing Colin at cdelory@telus.net.

End Sealer. The Guild is offering wax end sealer to its members and friends as a fund raiser. It will save a lot of green wood from cracking and the price is substantially lower than anywhere else. A cost at \$17 for 4 litres and \$10 for 2 litres. This effort was supported by Bow River Specialty Woods. Call Murray at 604-794-3108 or email mjsluys@shaw.ca

FOCUS ON FUNDAMENTALS

Focus on fundamentals will be in place for the meeting 6:30-6:58. The course was designed by the Vancouver Woodworking Guild and will be taught by local Guild members that make themselves available for this.

Topics covered will be on the fingernail gouge and grinding jigs by Ed Pretty.

March - Open
April - Mounting between centers, faceplate
May - Mounting systems – Chucks and screw centers
June - Mounting systems, Jam Chucks, Cole's jaws, Glue-ups to face plates, Mandrels

Members are reminded that dues are due at this meeting.

\$35.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Students. 80 years young – no charge, with proof of age.

The membership form can be downloaded off our Website: <http://www.fvwg.ca>

2006/2007 PRESIDENT'S 'THEME' CHALLENGES

February 07 – lidded container, nice pen , one award for each group
March 07 – an object with a natural edge
April 07 – egg or ball
May 07 - goblet
June 07 – something with a handle on it

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February – Hands on turning a lidded box
March – Embelishment & Pyrography – Art Leistman

Due to unforeseen Circumstances our Calendar of Events is Subject to Change.

GENERAL NEWS

There is a new Woodturning Magazine now published in the States. Details can be found at <http://www.woodturningdesign.com>

Our Library now has a subscription for this Magazine.

An Auction will be held at the February meeting. We will be auctioning off a number of donated items. Proceeds will go to the Guild. From KMS Tools a beautiful new set of 8 high speed steel woodturning chisels a grinding jig for various woodturning chisels similar to the Wolvering jig. From Perry Niehaus and Margaret Eisenman, 2 used and working video cameras, Sharp 8 viewcam and Canon ES55

Check out this website. It is quite an interesting site. It gives you the names of the different wood species from light to dark coloured. If you click on a specific species it will open up to show a picture of the wood and a description of it. <http://www.woodworking.org/WC/woodsampl.html>

Island Woodcraft offers a wide range of Turning Classes in their new state-of-the art facility at #6 – 145 Schoolhouse in Coquitlam. Contact them for a Schedule. Call 604-525-1031 to register or for more information.

Check out a new Website <http://www.thewoodworkingchannel.com>

A new pen dealer. William Wood-Write Ltd, located in Cambridge, On. Online store www.penblanks.ca They will offer any of our members a 10% discount on their first order. All you need to do is call 1-877-585-0403 for a coupon **before** you order online.

QUICK TIPS

A consistent method of grinding/sharpening your tools is important. Otherwise, your always using a new tool and must learn it over and over again.

Never pick a tool up by it's sharp end. Always by the handle end. If not, you may slip and slice your fingers.

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

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



5750 – 203rd St, Langley, BC Phone: 604-530-7355 and 8455 – 162nd St, Surrey, BC Phone: 604-597-0098

Bow River Craft Woods 604-795-3462 www.bowrivercraftwoods.com or email: bowriver@cwk.imag.net
address: 11443 McSween Road, Chilliwack, B C

Laser Valley Technologies Corp. (Langley) www.laservalley.com
Supplier of our paper and printer toner so that our Newsletter gets printed every month.

Neufeld Hardwoods - 1700 Cameron Road, Agassiz, BC phone: 604-796-0771, fax: 604-796-0775

Mohawk Western Finishing Supplies, 10 – 942 SW Marine Drive, Vancouver, BC phone: 604-324-6787

Reimer Hardwoods, 31135 Peardonville Road, Abbotsford, BC phone: 604-850-9281

Summit Tools, 3905 E. 1st Avenue, Burnaby, BC 604-294-1799 www.summit-tools.com

Royce Sales – www.sandpaper.ca or e-mail address info@sandpaper.ca

Abbotsford Tools Centre – 33723A King Road, Abbotsford, BC 604-859-9023

New Meeting Address for the Fraser Valley Woodworking Guild is 35045 Exbury Avenue, Abbotsford, BC
Room N103

COMING UP EVENTS

As part of the Fall 2006 membership drive, the AAW will be giving away a free Powermatic 3520B lathe to one lucky member who joined/renewed ONLINE. You can see and learn about this lathe at <http://www.wmhtoolgroup.com/shop/index.cfm?navePage=4&iid=605637>. Or for more information, visit the AAW website at <http://www.woodturner.org/>

The Southern Alberta Woodworkers Society (SAWS) is calling for entrees for 2007 Fine Works in Wood Exhibition. web site www.saws.ca check it out. It is a juried exhibition

Calling young turners! In May of 2007, the American Association of Woodturners Gallery in St. Paul will be hosting a juried show of work by turners up to twenty-two years of age. Winners will have their work exhibited in the AAW Gallery from May 4 to August 3rd, 2007.

Photographs of the top pieces in each age category will be featured in American Woodturner and on the AAW Gallery webpage. Work will be judged in four divisions: 10 and under; 11-14; 15-18; 19-20.

Limit of three pieces per turner, three digital images per piece limit. Images should show object clearly- detail images accepted. Images sent on CD will not be returned.

Applicants need not be AAW members to apply.

Email George Geurts for application ggeurts@shaw.ca

Online registration with the AAW is temporarily discontinued. Those who wish to become members must do so by mail. Murray sluys has registration forms.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Winter Storms - Have we had enough of them?

Our January meeting was well planned and was expected to be very informative to many. I was looking forward to listening to Art Liesman's incites and then there was some nice auction item coming up. But large snow falls and ice on the roads had forced a last minute cancellation and a phoning frenzy by a few faithful. Thanks for pitching in. For those few we missed please forgive us.

Bill Olsen and Colin were still shovelling themselves out of the Surrey area a day before the meeting. Where is the snow now Bill? Give it a little time and you can save all that effort. The most popular question to the phoners was a possible rescheduling of the meeting. Unfortunately there are many presenters, volunteers and room to coordinate on short term so we had to regroup for the February meeting.

There is however an upside to all these storms, especially the windy ones. All you need is a chainsaw and truck or friends that do. There is good wood all over - more than your spouse would allow you to hide in your garage. Most property owners are more than happy to offer a few pieces of wood to you when you explain who you are and what you plan to do with it. If its a valuable chunk of wood, you may offer to some mula or a turning in exchange. Even if you don't have a chain saw you can usually find wood cut up by clean-up crews. When you have a forester bend to you like me then you notice that most trees that succumb to the wind have defects in the roots or trunk that make it vulnerable to breakage. This means spalted wood which adds character to boring white wood. So if you looking for a good group project call up some wood turning friends and make a day of it. Pool you resources and energy. Know your limits.

Murray Sluys

SHOP CRAWL SCHEDULE 2007

Shop crawl is open too all Fraser Valley and Greater Vancouver Club members and guests.
To be on the last SATURDAY of the month from 10 am to 2 pm.

Functions of the host

Open his/her shop for visiting club members, show shop layout, discuss wood turning, discuss different woods, demonstrate and discuss usage of tools & equipment. The host may if they wish, provide refreshments and snacks.

The Visiting member

Should present the Host with a good piece of turning wood upon arriving at the Host shop

Feb 24, 07

Murray Sluys.....Chilliwack – 49950 Paterson Road
Brian Murphy.....Chilliwack – 44878 Doreen Place
George Guerts....Chilliwack – 5901 Cambridge Street

Mar 31

Jim PeardonAbbotsford – 33324 Clayburn Road
Wayne Cunningham..Abbotsford – 3071 McCrae Street

April 28, 07

Bill Issac.....Abbotsford – 2837 Mountainviwe Street
Herb Reeve.....Abbotsford – 3913 Coachstone

May 26, 07

Margaret Eisenman....Mission – 12670 Carr Street

June 30, 07

Alan Cusworth.....Langley – 7305 – 198th Street
Colin Delory.....Surrey – 19251 – 76th Avenue
Bill Olsen.....Surrey – 18451 – 66th Avenue

Jul 07.....TBA

Aug 06....TBA

Any club members wishing to be a Host contact Sam Nelson 1 604 796 9687

PENS FOR PEACE KEEPERS

Pens are always wanted to send to the Canadian Forces. Anyone wishing to give a pen for this cause should write a brief note (nothing personal) which will be received by the person receiving the pen. Anyone bringing in a "pen" for show and tell and wishing to donate their pen, may pass it on to Sam Nelson at the meeting.

The Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild
is pleased to announce the

West Coast Roundup
Woodturning Symposium 2007

An International Woodturning Symposium
to take place September 7 - 9, 2007
at the Richmond Hotel and Convention Center (Richmond, BC)

Featuring :

**Richard Raffan, Bonnie Klein, Al Stirt, Betty Scarpino, John Jordan,
Molly Winton, Dave Schweitzer and Martin Thorne**

This article is from Wooturningonline.com , By Patrick Fulton

Tips for woodturning beginners

Although I am not an advanced turner myself (I've only been turning for two years) I have learned some useful things from others and from experience. Here are a few tips to get started:

Use sharp tools

This makes turning much easier and quicker, and means that the wood is cut smoothly. My bowl gouge needs sharpening about four times for one bowl, so you may wish to buy an electric grinder to make sharpening quick and easy.

Practice with each tool

It took me a while before I could cut smoothly and without dig-ins. So get yourself a piece of scrap wood and practice different techniques on it until you get good at them. For between centres work, **you need to be able to: rough out** (gouge), smooth (skew chisel), and form shapes (parting/beading tool, spindle gouge). When I make bowls, I use only one tool (a bowl gouge) for almost everything, so don't feel that you must have loads of tools to begin with! Also, try not to be put off if a tool snatches (usually the skew chisel) as this will be remedied with practice.

Get a book or video

There are lots of woodturning books and videos which I found very useful. If there is another woodturner in your area, get in touch, but if not, books and videos give lots of advice and tips. They also show people actually woodturning so you can see what to do. There are lots of woodturning sites on the internet too .

Use different grades of sandpaper

Start with the roughest, sanding until all tool marks are gone. Change to a finer grade to get rid of the rough sandpaper scratches. Finally, use an even finer grade to get the wood glassy smooth. I use '150', '240', and '320' sandpaper. You can get the wood even better still if you hold a handful of wood shavings against it to 'burnish' the surface.

Check before switching on

Before you start the lathe, spin the wood to check that it won't hit anything on the way round. Check that all bolts/clamps are tight too. Remember your safety glasses just in case the unexpected happens! If you are sanding the wood wear a dust mask, especially with exotic hardwoods

CACR Out of the Wood Work Show

We would like to present a show of a variety of wood working objects, for show or for sale, and the deadline is Feb 15. The show is from mid March to end of April at our store in Steveston, B.C. The fee is \$15 for 1st entry, \$10 for second, and \$5 for third (total of \$30 for 3 items) It is juried and we are looking for high quality and originality. 25% commission goes to the CACR for anything sold. It will be advertised. Attached is the application.

We would like burls, carvings, inlaid boxes, small furniture, wood turned items, etc. The more variety the better.

We have a size limitation, but can allow some larger items. Really large furniture would not be suitable.

Hopefully this helps - this is the first time we have put together this type of show so we would appreciate your members feedback or if they would be interested.

Thanks for your help.

| Shelley Bevandick

| Community Arts Council of Richmond

Application forms will be at our meeting 08 Feb 07