



January 2007 Edition

Meeting date is:

11 January, 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 –January 07</u></p> <p>Pitts, Pilgrim, Peetoom, Peardon</p>	

BOWRIVER PRESIDENTS "THEME" CHALLENGE

January – Nice Pen

WEBSTER'S CORNER: Club Website: <http://www.fvfg.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. Please see www.murraysluys.com for curriculum and registration details.

For Sale: Lathe with ¾ HP motor, belt drive. 61/4” over the bed so can turn 12” piece. 27 ½” between centers. Comes with: face plate, spur drive, live center, stand. Asking \$100.00. Call Cody at 604-575-0345.

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 the application of the roughing gouge, spindle gouge and parting tool. Mounting work between centers and on a face plate.

January - Fingernail gouge, grinding Jigs
February - Basic Cuts – Bowl gouge and scrapper
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

January 07 – nice pen
February 07 – lidded container
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

January – Decorating & embellishment – Art Leistman
February – Hands on turning a lidded box

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 January 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

Measure the diameters of turning like small tenons or coves quickly by using open ended wrenches.

File a small notch in one of the spurs of your drive centre so that you can replace wood exactly where it was if you have to take it off for some reason.

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

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/>

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Decembers meeting focus was on the woodturners in our Guild who are new to the craft. There was a buzz of activity with all the lathes turning out small creations by people with a variety of skills. The feedback I received was positive. Thanks to those who took on the mentor roll.

I would also like to draw the attention of those new to turning to the mentors list in the news letter. This has been recently updated from the registration forms. These people have offered their skill and knowledge to the entry level woodturner in need of some assistance in getting started. Perhaps a phone call or a short visit is all that you need to get over that hurdle you are dealing with.

Woodturning courses are also offered in Vancouver area, Coquitlam, Abbotsford and Chilliwack. These are normally identified in the newsletter in the classified section.

New members can also pick up the welcome pack from our membership coordinator Wayne Cunningham. It identifies what our Guild has to offer you and a list of woodturning suppliers.

The other advise I have for beginners is to ask lots of questions. Bring some of your work to the show and tell and ask for advise or critique if you are comfortable with this.

SAD NEWS

With regret we share in the recent loss of two professional woodturners.

Brian Tyson of Chilliwack BC passed away peacefully on Sat, November 25, 2006 in The Chilliwack General Hospital at the age of 59 years. Brian was well known for the wedding goblets he made.

Frank Sudol of Saskatchewan died on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at the age of 72. He was scheduled to demonstrate his techniques for us in February.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING 05 DEC 06

1. Last meeting evaluation and feedback was generally good. Capt of lathes are to be advised of their duties
- 2 Inventory list was discussed. All members who have items owned by the Guild should contact Murray Sluys, by phone or email.
3. Shop crawl was also discussed .
4. Meeting was attended by Gerald Blenkarn, Wayne Cunningham, Colin Delory, Sam Nelson, Bill Olsen and Murray Sluys.

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**

What I did on my Mexican holiday.

by Ed Pretty

Last year my wife, Arlene and I were on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera and one of the ports was Mazatlan. From there we took a shore excursion that included a couple of villages, a visit with an adobe brick maker, a visit in a leather artist's gallery (very unique leather faces now hanging on our wall) and a tour of a furniture factory.

The whole thing was very interesting and even though we were part of a tour group (something that I swore I would never do), we found a few opportunities to talk one-on-one with a few people - as best we could, not speaking the language. Naturally the furniture factory would be of most interest to a bunch of dusty woodturners and of course what's a furniture factory without a woodturner. I thought it would be worth sharing.

Basically the pictures tell it all but there were a few unique things that I would like to point out. First of all, one will note that walls are highly over rated. The absence of walls however, allows for a most efficient method of dust control and of course there is no need for a spray booth either. Even though the lack of walls is apparently a good thing, the minimal guards on the band saw was a little unnerving - but then I'm probably a bit of a sissy. You don't want to know about the cut off saw. Note also the wood lathe and wood turner. The dust control device on the outboard end is simple yet effective. Again, being the sissy that I am, I would prefer rubber blades. On the other hand the custom-made, universal, full-length, infinitely adjustable tool rest really caught my eye: at the same time lightweight, portable and rigid. I can't help but wonder if this guy has a patent on these items. If not, I saw them first so hands off - and don't tell Richard Raffan! A side note: you will notice that hard-toe boots are not required when all you really need are, uh, hard toes.

After visiting this factory and the other equally primitively equipped (by our standards) artisans, I found myself with the same humble feeling that I had when I saw Kate Woods' (Victoria area wood artist) "pile-of-lumber" lathe. Kate turns out the most incredible and unique work, easily worthy of a One Way and Sorby tools or equivalent, yet did some of her best work on a homemade plywood and 2X4 lathe using mild steel tools. Kind of reminded me of one of my mother's (many) sayings: "A good carpenter never blames his tools". My mother never said "his/her" but that's what she meant. And she was always irritatingly right.

Note: the author is a contributing washed-up newsletter editor that apparently finds more time to write than turn.



Bandsaw safety guards by Pallets Inc.



Mexican lathe showing ouboard dust control accessory and Universal Infinitely Controlled tool rest in position. Note also environmentally friendly vibration damping system.



Universal tool rest in use. The turner requires a good arm to get the culls to the waste pile outside.



Hard toes required to work in this area.

Directions Robert Bateman School 35045 Exbury Avenue

From highway #1 take the Sumas Way exit North. Turn right on to Old Clayburn Road. Turn left onto Laburnum Ave. The first right is Exbury Ave. The School is on the right

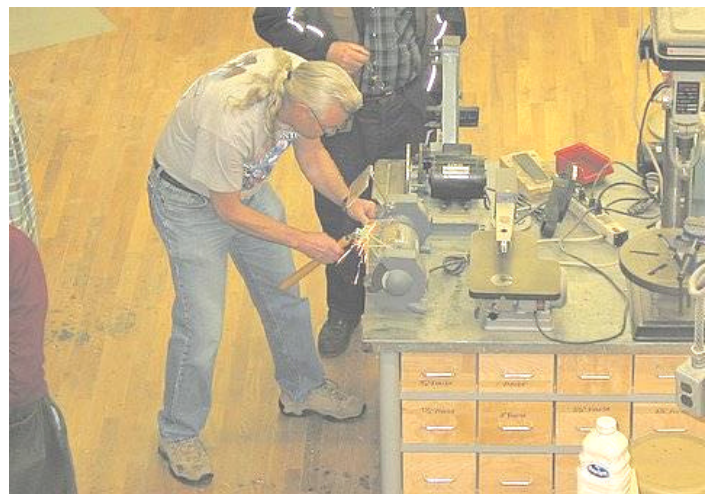
From highway 11 (Mission) turn left onto Sumas Way. Turn left onto Old Clayburn Road. Turn left onto Laburnum Ave. The first right is Exbury Ave. The school is on the right

Hands On Turning Night

Pictures from hands on turning



Making chips



Making sparks

Job well done



Final Results



Mini Birdhouse-Roger Pitts



Spalted Birch Bowl – Perry Niehaus



Thin Maple Goblets – Roger Pitts



Arbutus Vase – Eldy Gandy



Bowls –Lrg - Murray Sluys & Sm - Bob Burke



Pods started by Jack deVos finished by
Wayne Cunningham



Maple Platter-Wayne Cunningham



Toothpick Hedgehog- Roger Pitts