



May 2007 Edition

Meeting date is:

10 May, 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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BOWRIVER PRESIDENTS “THEME” CHALLENGE

May – goblet

MAY IS OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Kids Night, Egg Cup Race, Elections

Parents & Kids registered are – Joel Elder-Taylor White, Lance Murphy-Clayton, Adam Christiannse-Elissa & Joseph, Jim Axelson-Riordan. Any additional or deletions , please contact Sam Nelson.

Members wishing to participate it the Egg Cup Race to bring their own tools.

Elections – require filling of vacancies for Photographer, Social Convenor, Raffle Person and FOF Coordinator.

President's Thankful Corner

Look around at our Guild. There are a lot of people busy helping others and using their time and skills promoting the craft of woodturning. They say if you want to get something done, ask a busy person.

Take a look at your newsletter. It didn't just happen. Someone who had minimal knowledge of the process said "I'll give it a try" Thanks Gerry Blenkarn! You have come a long way. If anyone has some suggestions or articles for him, give him a call. In addition to the news letter, Jerry takes care of the secretarial duties. Thanks

Who plugs in the coffee pot at the start of the meeting and then washes all those mugs at the end of it all? Thanks Bill Olsen and Bill Axelson!

We have a top rate sound and projection system and someone to operate it. All of us have benefited from it. Thanks Peter Termehr!

Try being a Treasurer. Its a thankless job trying to keep track of all incoming and out going funds from a volunteer organization. Few seems to recognize the detail required for a treasurer to keep a handle on things in a non profit society. Thanks George Geurts! We couldn't do without you.

We have a great library that offers lots for readers at every level. It a lot of work to pack those books around each week and catalogue all the titles. Thanks to Lance Murphy!

How many of notice the high caliber of photography on our web site? You can copy a professional image of your own work from our website, and forward it in an email to a friend. The Gallery is a quality job. I know what's involved having done it before. Thanks Ross Paterson!

When we need a cabinet to store our equipment Bill Cowan and Bob Gonzales stepped up the plate. Thanks!

How many of you can produce a web site? One that looks attractive and is well organized. Well Colin Delory can and does. Thanks!

The wood raffle has been a steady fund raiser all year. It takes time to sell all those tickets. A big thanks to Roger Pitts and Brian Murphy and all who brought wood or asked for donations.

Thanks Ian Fulford for passing on all your presidential secrets. It sure helps when everything in this president thing is a first.

Sam Nelson has worked hard to put together a high caliber bunch of presenters and demos and we're all a lot better because of it. Thanks Sam.

I took a risk by mentioning a few names. For those that I have not named, Thankyou. Many people put in lots of effort to make our guild happen.

Murray Sluys

Here is what our executive had to say when they finished the sentence...

"I help out at the Fraser Valley Woodturning Guild because..."

I guess it's because it is important that the club continues in order that we all as members learn from each other. After all, we all enjoy the challenges of creating new and unique woodturnings.

" I help out at the Fraser Valley Woodturning Guild because I found the guild friendly, pleasant and inspiring to me. The year after I started I was asked if I would like to help with the wood raffle. With being inspired so much in woodturning and the way the guild members were so inspiring, friendly and motivating that I wanted to be a part of that in the guild, so I can make it as motivating and friendly for new members and others as well. And I have always been a person that likes to help out where ever I can. We have a great bunch of people in the Guild !!

...because I enjoy the meetings and have learned a great deal from both the demos and meeting fellow woodturners so I want the guild to flourish. And since clubs like this only exist by the efforts of the members I do my bit to keep it alive.

...because" I am a member of this Guild and feel it is a responsibility that goes with the right to be a member. Also as not many want to or feel up to filling a position we only have a small group that step up to fill these positions. This is unfortunate for the Guild and a possible way of attracting more volunteers is to have each position filled with more than one person. For example, the Social Convener was in my name but I had help from Colin and Al as we live close and travel together. With out their help it would take longer for me to set-up and pack away the equipment at each meeting. I also found that other members would come and ask if they could help so I usually had something that needed to be set-up and they willingly took part. It is for this reason I suggested the position be filled by more than one person and if possible they should be closely associated as Colin, Al and I are.

...because when I decided to take up wood turning I knew absolutely nothing about the craft. Thanks to the Fraser Valley Wood Turners Guild and numerous club members, I began to learn how to turn wood. Yes I still have lots to learn but its coming. Volunteering to be on the executive, or in any other capacity, is my way of giving something back to the club. I also feel that I have ideas that benefit the club and its members. Some good, some not so good, but ideas are brought forward for discussion and action. I also enjoy the personal pleasure of participating within the exec. and making changes I feel that are for the betterment of the club and its members. In my position as "program co-coordinator" it has given me the opportunity to meet and speak to turners and other crafts people, that I would not normally get to meet. I enjoy doing what I'm doing.

...because I had some ideas and time to offer the guild and and I enjoy the camaraderie of fellow turners..

The Benefits of Being Part of a Woodturners Guild from the AAW Website

I was perusing the American Association of Woodturners web site and came across a letter about the benefits of participating in a Guild such as ours. I pass them on to you.

There are numerous advantages that accrue to those who become active members of local AAW Chapters. This paper provides a partial listing of benefits that may be obtained in addition to those available through AAW Membership.

Techniques and Skills Development: *Demonstrations by local members and invited expert turners at each meeting provide exposure to new techniques and helpful information. One member says, "If a picture is worth a thousand words then a demo must be worth a thousand pictures". Open discussion and friendly critique allow participants to learn and grow regardless of their skill level. Design skills and ideas may be improved by viewing the works of others.*

Communication and Information: *There is regular sharing of information regarding local, regional and national/international events, people, opportunities, publications and items for purchase. Mailings from AAW, other chapters (woodturning and other), galleries, and instructional sources are shared at meetings and through email and mailings between regular meetings. Chapter libraries provide a variety of instructional videos and materials to members free of charge.*

Development of Leadership and other Personal Skills: *Volunteer roles, which are assumed at the local level, offer opportunities to develop and improve personal skills in leadership, management, public speaking, turning demonstration, etc. Project management and team skills are enhanced through participation in club projects and event planning and management.*

Marketing and Purchasing. *Silent auctions, raffles and the like are held at meetings and provide good opportunities to purchase wood, equipment and supplies at low prices. Bulk purchases of sandpaper, CA glue and other turning supplies and clothing yield the benefits of volume buying. Club members exchange information about marketing opportunities and approaches for promoting their work.*

Networking and Camaraderie. Getting to know other woodturners to share ideas and approaches is one of the most frequently mentioned benefits of local club membership. Great fellowship and interaction are frequently mentioned benefits of belonging to a local woodturning chapter. These interactions occur at meetings as well as other events such as picnics and special holiday get-togethers. Networking between members outside of regularly scheduled meetings provides mentoring opportunities. Chapter rosters make other woodturners available for assistance with a special problem or to learn or improve your techniques and methods.

Summary: AAW Local Chapter membership is an excellent way in which people at a variety of levels may participate and grow in the tradition of woodturning through networking, instruction, information exchange and camaraderie. As one member stated, "It's the best investment I have made in woodturning".

Submitted by: Jim Bumpas, Woodturners Anonymous of Richmond (VA)

New ads or events

AAW symposium early registration ends May 17. The president hopes to see at least 4 members take advantage of this world class event that comes our way every 6 years. see www.woodturner.org/ So far we have two members planning to attend.

A Loving Spoonful requests bowls for both silent and live auction at the event. Artists interested in participating in this year's event should see c_ewing@alovingspoonful.org Submission deadline: Wednesday, May 16th, 2007.

Election of new committee members: Vacancies are:

Social Convener: Sets up drinks and snacks for coffee time at monthly meeting. Coordinates cleanup. Records and reports income and expenditures regarding coffee fund to the Treasurer. Prepares a budget or the years activities. Caretaker of Coffee assets (percolator, table cloth, etc) Contribute ideas at executive meeting. As to how this is achieved is up the convener.

Raffle Coordinator: Raises funds through the monthly wood raffle. Sells raffle tickets prior to meeting and during the break. Records and reports income and expenditures regarding raffle to the Treasurer. Communicates raffle strategy to members though monthly newsletter. Team of two people involved.

Focus on Fundamentals Coordinator: Coordinate a basic training program for woodturners that takes place at each monthly meeting. Chooses curriculum. Ensures qualified teachers are in place for each session. Coordinates equipment needs and training spaces. Prepares a budget for the year's activities.

Photographer. Photograph show-and-tell items for the Guild web gallery and newsletter. Post images onto website through the webmaster. Digital camera, image software(Picasa from Google) and lighting equipment available. Ross will train anyone who wants to learn the skill.

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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Raffle – Brian Murphy and Roger Pitts	

MENTORS LIST:

You may contact any of the following persons if you require help or need advice.

Wayne Cunningham(Abbotsford)604-855-5690	Colin Delory (Surrey) 604-576-11172
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Jim McMath (Abottsford) 604-870-0467	Bob Burke (Chilliwack) 604-792-2866
Bill Olsen (Surrey) 604-574-4548	Sam Nelson (Agassiz & Harrison) 604-796-9678

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.

May	- Mounting systems – Chucks and screw centers
June	- Mounting systems, Jam Chucks, Cole’s jaws, Glue-ups to face plates, Mandrels

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

KMS Tools & Equipment Ltd. www.kmstools.com
110 Woolridge St., Coquitlam, BC and 30824 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC

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

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 May 19, 9am-12pm. **Turning a Decorative Platter.** Please see www.murraysluys.com for details.

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

2006/2007 PRESIDENT'S "THEME" CHALLENGES

May 07 - goblet
June 07 – something with a handle on it

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10 May	Thursday	FVWG Meeting	
12 May	Saturday	Art of the Carver, Woodcarving Sculpture & Turning, Columbia Place, Columbia Bible College, 2940 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford, BC	
26 May	Saturday	Shop Crawl	Margaret Eisenman – 12670 Carr Street, Mission, BC (10am to 2PM)
14 Jun	Thursday	FVWG Meeting	
30 Jun	Saturday	Shop Crawl (10am to 2pm)	Alan Cuswoorth – 7305 – 198 th Street, Langley, BC Colin Delory – 10251 – 76 th Avenue, Surrey, BC Bill Olsen – 18451 – 66 th Avenue, Surrey, BC
29 Jun – 01 Jul	Friday-Sunday	The 2007 Symposium of the AAW – Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR	
28 Jul	Saturday	Field Trip – Live Tree Identification & BBQ - Abbotsford	
3-4 Nov	Saturday/Sunday	Artisans Sale - Fort Langley Community Hall, Fort Langley, BC	

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 new DVD's for rent.

West Coast Roundup Symposium- Just a quick reminder that the early bird discount for our local symposium expires June 30, so be sure to register early.

2008 call for artists – Place des Arts, Coquitlam, welcomes submissions in all 2D and 3D media and techniques, including fibre arts, sculpture, painting, photography, prints and drawings. Get your application package now! Proposals due June 1, 2007. www.placedesarts.ca or 604-664-1636 for more information.

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.

Elections are coming up in May and we are looking to fill a few positions We currently are aware of a need for someone to organize the coffee and snacks next year. The Focus on Fundamentals needs a coordinator immediately . Other positions may also be needed. If you have benefited from attending the guild and would like to give back some time, I am sure you will find it rewarding. Let someone else take a break.

Instant Gallery (show & tell)

Participation in the instant gallery has dwindled over the past little while and this is rather disturbing.

The gallery is a major feature of our monthly meeting and is extremely useful to both beginners and experienced turners in that it not only is an opportunity to show your work and be an inspiration to others but also to learn by discussion of any problems you may have and discover new techniques.

We can all benefit from the diversity of our members work and thereby improve our own turning.

So lets see more participation. Don't be shy. We were all beginners once.

- Colin.

West Coast roundup Woodturning symposium.

Plans for this local symposium are well under way now and you can see the details including the rotation schedule at www.gvwg.ca/Symposium2007.htm.

Remember that the early bird discount expires June 30 and space is limited so it is advisable to register early.

There will also be hands on classes (workshops) with some of these world class woodturners offered to symposium attendees. If you are interested email Art Liestman at artliestman@shaw.ca to express your interest and get your name on the list.

These symposiums are really enjoyable and a great way to learn from the experts. So don't miss out. Register early.

- Colin

Hello George,

Please forward this message to your chapter members.

Those of us on the AAW POP committee want to let everyone know that the POP is offering a number of very interesting lectures, slide presentations and discussion sessions at this year's AAW symposium in Portland, Oregon.

(You can register online at <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/reg/default.asp?tE=1>)

In the lecture category, there will be presentations by the three winners of the 2007 POP Merit Award; Giles Gilson, Stephen Hogbin and Mark Lindquist. Along with their slides or power point presentations, these artists will present highlights (maybe even some lowlights) of their respective careers. These sessions are actually listed as "conversations", because with the help of a moderator we expect to engage each artist in a dialog with audience participants. And don't miss the inaugural exhibition of these Merit Award winners that will be open throughout the weekend. Catalogs will be available.

Secondly, Mark Sfirri will do a special presentation on the subject of Professionalism; John Jordan, Binh Pho and Jacques Vesery will do a Q&A session; and I will be doing a slide talk on the history of my own career in the arts. Also new is what we're calling the POP Forum. These sessions will be panel discussions on topics that will be

specifically geared to audience participation and feedback. This year we have two sessions: A Critics Perspective with Paul Fennell, Jacques Vesery and myself; plus Creativity in the Marketplace with Christian Burchard, Mark Sfirri and myself.

Beginning in 2008, all the POP Forum events will take place in a single room. Some of these sessions will be dedicated to specific subjects like those described above, but the rest of the time this room will be open throughout the weekend to spontaneous discussions on any subject related to professionalism in woodturning. In other words, whoever shows up with whatever subject, that's what we'll discuss. There will be a monitor (they may have a hook), and we can't wait to see who shows up and how these sessions evolve. Get ready to drop in. Your participation is critical, so start making a list.

Best wishes and we'll look forward to seeing you in Portland.

David Ellsworth - Chair, AAW POP Committee

Jacques Vesery

Bonnie Klein

Mark Sfirri

Christian Burchard

J. Paul Fennell

Betty Scarpino

Binh Pho

QUICK TIPS

Keep The sandpaper moving. This not only keeps from burning your fingers but also makes for a finer finish.

Frequently clean your sandpaper by rubbing against a cloth or piece of rubber. This cleans up the clogging.

Use the fine shavings and dust created to fill cracks and gaps along with a little glue. You can save some of the this from various woods to use later too.

COMING UP EVENTS

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 Suys has registration forms.

The Prince George Woodturners Guild along with the Two Rivers Gallery are having an exhibition of turned objects from May 3/07 to June 3/07. This exhibition is titled FROM THE LATHE 2007. It is the the first time for this event. Needless to say the members are really looking forward to this with the hopes that this will be the first of more to come. I have attached a copy of the poster for you to view. We thought you might be able to make an announcement with regards to this in your next newsletter.

thanking you in advance:

Laurier Duperron,

member of pg woodturners guild

Turning Stone

Member's who have an interest in how stone can also be turned on a wood lathe and the very pleasant results that can be obtained. Preview at <http://groups.msn.com/turningstone>

Shop Crawls.

It has come to my attention that a number of our newer members do not know what is meant by a shop crawl so are not inclined to participate.

A shop crawl is simply a number of members holding an open house in their shops so any interested member can come and visit, have a coffee or soft drink, look over their shop and talk woodturning.

Partaking of this opportunity is a great way to see how others have organized their shops and solved various space and tool selection issues.

It is also a good way to really get to know other members of the guild away from the crowded meeting environment.

The next shop crawl is scheduled

FVWG Executive Meeting – 01 May, 07

1. The Carvers Show was discussed as to who represent the Guild.
2. The May meeting was discussed as for the Kids Night, Egg Cup Race and Elections. This will be the Annul General Meeting.
3. Planning for upcoming meetings was discussed.
4. Filling vacancies on Executive. Require Photographer, Social Convenor, Raffle Person, and FOF Coordinator.
5. A round table reports were given by Library, Treasurer, and Program Coordinator.
6. The meeting was attended by Gerald Blenkarn, Wayne Cunningham, Colin Delory, George Guerts, Lance Murphy, Sam Nelson, Bill Olsen and Murray Sluys.