



**FRASER VALLEY
WOODTURNERS
GUILD**

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Turner's Corner

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President's Corner

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Last month's youth turning night and egg cup race was a buzz of activity and received lots of good feedback all around. Every where you looked there were people talking about turning, youth attacking their work on the lathe with an arsenal of chisels and lots of mentors passing on their knowledge.

The egg cup race drew 12-14 turners from first timers to seasoned egg cup racers with a racey time of 1 minute and 6 seconds for a real ugly looking egg cup. There was no shortage of viewers, timers and judges. Great participation. Thanks to all who made it happen.

The month of May is coming up rapidly which is the time we have our annual general meeting and we vote on a leadership team (directors) that will take us into the next season. A number of current directors have expressed interest in stepping down so we will be approaching various individuals for serving on the leadership team. We are looking for individuals that have ideas and skills that you can bring to the Guild. Some of those skills would be but not limited to desk top publishing, video and projection setup, event coordination, book keeping, internet knowledge, membership sign-up among others. The success of the guild is directly related to the ideas and enthusiasm of the volunteers. The good news is that turning experience is not a prerequisite but it can help. Think about it.

Murray Sluys

Next Meeting, April 10

Focus on Fundamentals Ed Pretty

Demo Topic: Fresh fish from the lathe
with Marco Berera

President's Challenge: Various Mushrooms

May 08, Meeting

Focus on Fundamentals Ed Pretty

Demo Topic: Hands on Spindle turning -
Elections

President's Challenge: Napkin Rings or
Bracelet

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FOF
is a basic
program for
those new to
Woodturning.
It meets 6:30
to 7:00

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Focus on Fundamentals

Apr —Sanding

May — Selecting and storing wood.

Quick Tips

Annual dues and registration are now due.

After New Year-Rates:

Adults - \$17.50

Students \$5.00

80 Years Young—

When making lidded boxes, use very dry wood so that the lid still fits over time and won't shrink or warp when drying.

Know where your safety zones are when making cuts.

When making lidded boxes, even when using dry wood you should rough out both the bottom and lid then let them sit for a few days and then finish turning them so they don't warp

If you can't tell if you are sharpening the edge of the tool where it needs to be done, run a black maker over the bevel. When you sharpen, you'll erase the maker where you're touching it.

Announcement's

Tool Problem

There have been a few fellows who have asked for help with one thing or another—usually tool issues— For those who are having problems bring the tools to the meeting. There are a number of experts who will gladly give you advise to help solve your problems.

Martin Thorne shop visit

Location: Squamish, BC Date: May 24, 2008 Time: 10:00 am in Squamish at Martin's shop

Lunch and coffee will not be served by Martin.

Art of the Carver Show

The Central Fraser Valley Woodcarvers "Art of the Carver" show will be held on May 3rd,2008, At the Ag-Rec Bldg, 32470 Haida Drive, Abbotsford, BC. For more details call Rick (604) 824-9891 or e-mail Bonnie at sorenson@shaw.ca. All woodturners are welcome.

Prince George Woodturners Workshop

The Prince George Woodturners Guild is hosting a Woodturning Workshop in Prince George with Brian McEvoy and Art Liestman. 26-27 Apr 9am to 5 pm. Call 250-962-6415 for registration details. See www.pgwoodturners.com

Vacant Positions

A sound technician and , videographer

are vacant.

The person would set up and handle the Video projection.

A Still Photographer is needed to

Take Photos of the members gallery

And post them on the website.

Goodies—Apr 08

Mantta, Maynard,
B. Murphy, L. Murphy
Niehaus, Don Nelson

Goodies—May 08

O'Leary, Olsen,
Peterson , Pitts,
Pretty, Radke

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Calendar of Events

10 Apr 08	Thursday	FVWG Meeting	Fresh fish from the lathe with Marco Berera
24 May 08	Saturday	Art of the Carver Event	Ag Rec Bldg Abbotsford 32470 Haida Dr. Abbotsford BC
08 May 08	Thursday	FVWG Meeting	Hands On Turning

WEBSTER'S CORNER: Club Website: <http://www.fvwg.ca>
Check out our interesting sites. Click on LINKS and check them out.
The education page is always looking for more Woodturning articles. If anyone has articles he or she would like published, e-mail copy to Derek: www.info@fvwg.ca

EDITORS CORNER: Hope everyone has had a good summer. As you can see we have changed the look of the newsletter. If you have any comments on the NL, please don't hesitate to let me know. If you have any articles, wanted or For Sale Ads, that you would like published in the Newsletter, then e-mail to gerthebear@hoymail.com or phone 604-858-9162. All classifieds or articles must be in my possession no later than the 30th each month to be published in the next

Classified Section



For Sale: Rockwell Beaver 12" x36" lathe.
Complete with 3 Live Centres, 2 wenchers,
Banjo with 10" tool rest, 5" faceplate and 7"
outboard faceplate. Motor not included.
Asking price \$125.00, OBO.
Phone Adam—604-855-4252

For Sale: Craftsman 10" contractor style table saw. Cast aluminum table with steel extensions. Good condition. \$125.00 OBO

Delta 10" table saw and jointer. These tools are on a common 110 volt motor so they must be sold together. The table saw is tilt table. Both are older, very commercial units. \$500.00 OBO

I can deliver if needed. Contact Ed Pretty at 604-888-5967.

KMS Bonus

For some time, KMS Tools has offered a discount/kickback to the Guild for all members purchases. When you are going through the cash at KMS, tell them you are a member of The Fraser Valley Woodturners Guild and should get a class "A" discount and that your name and phone number should go on the Guild's list. This will benefit both you and the club as KMS donates 2% on all purchases, of all registered members, to a fund credited to FVWG.

Lee Valley presents Mike Darlow Advanced Turning Techniques

Lee Valley Coquitlam store, Wednesday May 14, 2:00pm to 6:00pm, price \$50.00

Lee Valley Vancouver store Thursday, May 15 - 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Price \$50.00

Turning Techniques with Mike Darlow—14 hours—Monday, May 12—11:00 am to 6:00 pm and Tuesday, May 13—10:00 am to 5:00 pm at Lee Valley Coquitlam store, Price \$300.00.

Focus on Fundamentals

A prime mandate of the Fraser Valley Woodturners Guild is to provide training and inspiration to new turners. We accomplish in sessions that begin ½ hour prior to the regular meeting. Handouts accompany these sessions and an accompanying text is used, Turning Wood by Richard Raffan.

The topics covered are listed below. Members joining after September may obtain all previous handouts. The handouts are designed for inserting into a binder for review. Following are the topics covered in the program, although it may be altered to prepare novices for upcoming demonstrations – particularly hands-on sessions. The sessions are short (30 minutes). Some are simply Q&A sessions and others incorporate a project that prepares the learner for a practice project at home.

1. Lathe basics; set up, safety, grinding set up
 2. Turn between center project – practice pieces using gouge and skew
 3. Copying. Includes turning transitions from square to round
 4. Faceplate project
 5. Jam chuck project – finish turn bowl
 6. Scrapers: sharpening and use
 7. Sharpening and various grinds for face and center turning
 8. Mandrel project – napkin rings
 9. Selecting and storing wood. Grain orientation
- Sanding: wet, dry, grain raising, on and off lathe

Hints and Tips fro Shy Demonstrators

Before the day

- Get to know the lathe.
- Know in advance what you are going to demonstrate.
- Choose something to make with which you are familiar.
- Know how to make it.
- Work within the limits of the lathe.
- Work within your capabilities and to your strengths.
- Rehearse a few lines of patter relating to the item you will be making.
- Prepare plenty of timber and have it ready to be mounted on the lathe.

- Make a checklist of tools, clothing, timber and equipment that you will need for the day. (Don't forget lunch and plenty to drink).

On the Day

- Be on time for your session for the day.
- Be on time for your demo.
- Look the part, i.e. club smock, stout shoes, eye protection, name badge.
- be attired correctly before approaching the lathe to prevent being flustered before you begin turning.

The Demonstration

- Deep Breathing and Relax.
- Extinguish cigarettes before approaching lathe. (preferably before approaching tent).
- Where possible, use your own tools. Have them sharp and ready for use.
- Have all that you need set out neatly and within easy reach.
- Explain in simple terms what you are going to make, how and in what timber.
- Aim for a simplistic approach, no matter how complicated the turning.
- Make a few changes on the lathe as possible. Remember the public want to see you turning not changing chucks, fiddling with tail stock, realigning timber and constantly sharpening tools. Nor do they want to hear excuses for you having to do any of the above.
- Do talk to the public, be positive, don't mumble and don't put your hand in front of your mouth (unless you have been eating garlic!).
- Don't avoid their gaze by looking down all the time.
- Don't be over-confident and don't attempt anything dangerous. It is the mistakes that are remembered long after the wonderful turning has been forgotten.
- **Don't make the demo too long.**
- Avoid turning your back on the audience too many times.
- Remember that you are not a monkey, the public have not come to see you eat at the lathe!
- However, do have a drink to hand (obviously not alcohol) should you need it.
- Avoid covering your admirers in dust.

In Addition

- Be prepared to answer questions.
- Avoid embarrassing a member of the public should they make a mistake. E.g. incorrectly identifying a piece of timber etc.
- Ask questions and use dialogue, it will help to calm nerves. Do they turn wood? What lathe do they have? Are they woodworkers? What are their hobbies etc?
- Tell jokes and anecdotes, talk about the item you are making, talk timber.
- Finished items may be given to the public.
- Have paper and pencil handy for notes, telephone numbers etc either for the club or for the public.
- Be prepared for request.
- Have finished items on display close by to you, similar to that which you are demonstrating. This will add to the picture you are trying to create. You never know; you might pick-up a sale or two.
- When you have finished your stint at the lathe, remember to relax have something to eat and drink to replace all that nervous energy you have expended!

And finally Cyril

- You are not alone when you man the lathe; You will have friends around you (watching and laughing if I know you lot!). Feel free to use Them for technical back up or perhaps for Answering some of the questions from the public.
- It is a team venture and as such we all share the responsibility for making sure that our team mates are happy and enjoy what they are doing (when the nerves have flown!) and have some fun into the bargain.

This article was from Woodturningonline.com
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EGG RACE T Y M E S

DAVID 4:58	- IAN 4:01 +30 = +31
ANDREW 8:03	- RICK 4:58
BRIAN 4:14	- ADAM 2:28
MURRAY 1:07	- ROGER 2:39
	- ED 2:29
	- TED 4:58
	- BILL 3:19
	- DEREK 9:15

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