



NOTICE:

Thursday meeting this month is moved to Ed Pretty's shop, 23133 70A Ave. Langley



President's Corner

When I first attended the Fraser Valley Woodturners Guild in the mid 90s I was turning on a homemade wooden lathe with an alternator for a headstock and a spark plug for the dead center on the tail stock. It had two speeds fast and really fast. The bowls I made were hot glued to an MDF face plate. I was quite embarrassed to discuss any of my tools or techniques with guild members. My personal woodturning adventure and the Guild itself has come a long way. Look at where we came from and where we are going...

Early members had a vision and worked hard to expand the membership from a few members to many. We have experimented with field trips, held Saturday courses and demos, built a Rose Engine lathe, entered into competitions, tried different venues, expanded our website and covered various topics from beginner to advanced. Every time things got a bit stale, new ideas would come in from you the members.

The current leadership has tossed around ideas for our future direction - getting our own large demo lathe, a demo room where people can be seated around the action and don't forget lots of storage for all the stuff we accumulate. Don't stop the ideas from coming and don't discount your own ability to contribute in making it happen. Tells us about your ideas. We will discuss them and get back to you. One recent idea was to advertise our existence in the local paper for the purpose of expanding membership. Another is putting our March 14th demo on Craigslist. See if you can find it.

There are a few positions on the executive currently empty and elections are coming soon for next years' leadership team. Please talk to us about it

Murray

Important Notice of Location Change:

For information on the change of location for this month please check your email box. We have sent out several letters regarding location change. You can contact Ed at 604-888-5967

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*Eric Lofstrom
Woodturner*

March demonstration and seminar, see inside for more details.

Calendar of Events

	Event	Details	Contact
March 12 Thursday night & March 14, Saturday 9-4:30pm	Demos By Eric Lofstrom from Washington State	Making a winged bowl Thin walled turnings Use of the bowl gouge Sharpening your tools	Murray Sluys
May 9, Saturday	Art of the Carver Show, Abbotsford	Annual show for carvers and Turners	Wayne Cunningham
Saturday July 25	The Woodturners of Olympia WA 2009 "Creativity in Woodturning" Symposium	Click on the website for more details.	

Classifieds

Roughed out bowls. Over 120 to choose from ranging from 6" to 12" Maple, English Walnut, Acacia, Plum, Cherry and Box Elder. All are ready for turning. \$1 per inch of diameter. Contact Colin at 604-576-1172 or cdelory@telus.net

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.

Woodcut TRUGRIND Sharpening Jig for Turning Tools (List price \$139.95) do me a Reasonable offer. Phone Adam Christiaanse (604) 855-4252

Guild Lathe Rental The Guide has a Mini Lathe that members can rent. Cost \$20.00 per Month. See the Librarian Don Best for details.

Large and small **black walnut bowl blanks** for sale. See Murray 604-794-3108

For Sale: New Nova DVR, comes with chuck, live center, set of forrester tools and wood cut sharpening Jig, \$2500 Terry- 604-217-4973

terryanne@shaw.ca

For Sale: One Way lathe, 3 years old, seldom used, approx. 20 hours of time on it. Talon chuck with 4 sets of jaws, one way mini Jumbo jaws, Sorby Stebcenter, 1/2" Key chuck, complete One Way Wolverine Shapening system, **Sorby** modular tool rest system, One Way Revolving Center, turners smock. \$2500 or best offer. 604-946-9813

For Sale: Good shape Rockwell lathe (good starter) Stand, motor, plus chisels. \$300

604-864-7590.

For sale:

Used furnace fan, 110 Volt, suitable to make a ventilating fan for your workshop. Housing is approximately 18" x 19" x 10". Exhaust opening is 10" x 9". If anyone is interested, I could bring it to the meeting on Feb 25.

Price \$49.00; obo

Contact: Allan Cusworth at 604-534-6223 or email at acusworth@telus.net

Focus on Fundamentals with Ed Pretty

A basic program for those new to turning—meets 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

March Meeting

This month Ed will be doing a presentation on Bowl turning basics: mounting for turning use of a bowl gouge and cuts required for shaping the inside and outside of bowls.

Focus on Fundamentals Gallery

New and experienced members are encouraged to challenge themselves by preparing an entry for the FoF gallery each month. The objective is to implant and upgrade turning skills and knowledge. Perfection is definitely not expected.

Ed Pretty:

Registration

Please ensure that you are up to date with your annual dues.

Dues:

Adults - \$35.00

Students \$10.00

80 Years Young—No Charge

Please see the registration Desk

Editor's Corner

I'm looking for articles, Ideas, input, questions, anything that you would like to see in the Newsletter.

Do you want to know how to turn a particular project?

Do you have an Idea , something you invented for a particular job?

Let us know, we would love to hear from you.

Mike

Webster's Corner

Guild Website: info@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

March. 12 Meeting

Focus on Fundamentals: Jam Chucks

Fundamentals Gallery: Bring in your practice spindles.

Presidents Challenge: Rolling Pin

Demo Topic: All sorts of stuff with Eric Lofstrum.

Goodies: Ross Paterson, Bill Peetoom, Roger Pitts, Ed Pretty, Harvey Radke.

April 9 Meeting

Focus on Fundamentals: Jam Chuck

Fundamentals Gallery: Bring in a rough turned bowl.

Presidents Challenge: A lidded box

Demo Topic: Tool Making with Greg Parsons

Goodies: Art Rempel, Mark Revell, Len Sawyer, Murray Sluys, Klaus Soth

Say Hello to Terry Scott in NewZealand

Do you remember last month we showed you this picture? It is a set up by Terry Scott in NewZealand. We put Terry on our mailing list for the Newsletter. Recently I put out a call on the same list for submissions for the News Letter. Terry answered with a treasure trove of articles and ideas. Terry had a great suggestion that we profile our group and Terry would profile their group, the South Auckland Woodturners Then we swap a few pictures and get to know each other better. Terry sent us the article on page 5 this month.



Here is a link to Terry's group. <http://www.sawg.org.nz/>

Profiling the Guild:

During the March meeting we are going to take a group Picture as part of this profiling process. We'd like to get a few more shots of people working in their shops, work they do and anything else you think might let the South Auckland Wood turners know who we are.

Mike O'Leary (Editor)

Helpful Hints:

Live Centre Spacer - Allan Cusworth

Sometimes when you are using the live centre as a safety support for a piece in the chuck you would like to limit the penetration of the sharp point. Placing a little washer over the end of the point as you bring the live centre up to the piece will help.

Another way to do this is to place a light coloured plastic, or neoprene cup (the kind used on the end of some furniture legs) over the point of the centre.

Sharpening a Scraper, Don Derry Style - Allan Cusworth

At his Demo for the GVWG on Saturday, January 10, Don Derry suggested a way to make the burr on our scrapers last 5 times longer.

He demonstrated putting a fresh grind on the edge and then removing the grinder burr with a diamond hone. He also honed the bevel to further create an even smoother cutting edge. He then set up a burnishing tool and put a rolled curl on the sharpened edge.

He tilted the scraper up from flat, and raised the side of the blade on an angle so a less than 90 degree angle curl was created. This curl is less aggressive and will last longer. It takes a little practice to perfect this technique, but Don says it will pay off highly when you do.

The built in woodturning supply in the kitchen.

As A wood turner I am constantly surprised by how my wife kindly supplies all sorts of things for my use in the workshop.

Oil sanding no problem,

Paper towels no problem,

Hand cleaner (detergent) no problem,

Paint can opener (bread knife) no problem

Those cooking scissors why do they always cut sand paper better than my rusty set

And the odd tea towel as a rag .

The xilo sponge out of the sink has been known to be used as a sponge as well, for those special effects just make sure you wash it well before putting back in the sink .

Oh I nearly forgot the plug seems to fit better in my tub than in the kitchen sink

You can imagine my delight when my wife decided she required a new kitchen, (I didn't let on though, of course I moaned all the way to the bank)

My first thought was, no not how much it would cost but you beauty this means a clean out what can I score?.

While dismantling the old kitchen the first item that went into the workshop was the old micro wave .I got told off as it took longer than I said to get the old kitchen out .I had to build a new shelf to sit my latest acquisition on didn't I.

Some bits of the old kitchen came in handy.

I just couldn't find space or a use for the old dishwasher .I think my chisels may go rusty if I washed them to much.

The fridge does look a bit silly with a solitary bottle of super glue on the top shelf, but I guess in the summer I will find a few cold ones will fill it up nicely

I also scored the freezer all it cost me was a \$100 to get the door seals fixed as they hadn't sealed for years .When the seal fixer man came and opened the doors he said well Ive seen some strange things in a freezer but this is the first time I have found one full of wooden bowls. (don't tell my wife I got the seals fixed she had been at me for years)

Two weeks later I had finished installing the new kitchen and had been missing my lathe so I thought I would go and do some wet turning

Ah yes I now have a micro wave, I'll see if I can get those tubes to bend and twist.

After 6 nukes, letting them cool in between while I turned more tubes

You wouldn't believe it the Micro wave did a couple of spins and then nothing, do you think I could get it to go no way. Dam! I know mum has a brand new one in the kitchen (She was out shopping) Ill just sneak inside and give this wood a few zaps

I should tell you the new one was no \$120 job, I could buy another lathe for what this one cost.

Ok open the front door so if a car comes down the drive Id hear its approach.

Set to 1min30, looking good .One more that should do it, then flash, smoke, lots of it and then a flames .Crap.

What if the boss drives in .What to do, I know Ill light the fire, Crap! Again here she comes, Do you think I could get the fire to smoke?.

What's burning I herd asked? Oh just the fire, dam thing wouldn't light the wood must be wet.(Lucky it was winter)

2 days latter I managed to get to the micro wave and give it a good clean ,also to study the instructions ,this new contraption had twice the wattage of the old one ,I can know blame the microwave .

A new \$120 model sits proudly on the shelf in my workshop; I am just freighted to use it just in case it puts off a smell like the new flash one in the kitchen .Id hate to get sprung.

Terry Scott

Dear Members of the Fraser Valley Woodturners Guild and friends;

We are bringing up from Washington State, Eric Lofstrom who is a High school teacher by day and a great woodturning community member the rest of the time. Eric uses a combination of self made videos and live demos to explain step by step the process of bowl turning and sharpening. His voice is clear and strong.

I am quite sure that if you come out you will learn something and be pleasantly surprised. Bring along someone you think has an interest in this. This is for new turners and experienced bowl makers.

When: 9am-4:30pm Saturday March 14, 2009

Cost \$25 , Students \$15, pay at the door

Location: Saint James Catholic School, 2767 Townline Road, **Abbotsford BC**

More info:<http://www.fvwg.ca/FVWG/FVWG%20Special%20Event%20-%20Eric%20Lofstrom.html>

Contact name: Murray Sluys (reply to this e-mail or call 604-794-3108)

Door prizes: four \$25 gift certificates for KMS Tools

Lunch: bring a bag lunch or buy a slice of pizza at the school, coffee will be brewing

Some topics that will be covered:

1. Sharpening Skills - bowl gouges and scrapers using jigs and freehand
2. Bowl Gouge Techniques - Basic bowl turning
3. Thin walled bowls - in-depth, square and rectangular wings, and sampling of embellishments

Woodturning Instruction and Demo Day with Eric Lofstrom

Fraser Valley Woodturners Guild

March 14, 2009
Cost \$25

Saturday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Location TBA (Abbotsford area)



Eric Loftstrom is driving up from the Tacoma area for a Thursday/Saturday to demonstrate some skills that many of us use and others would like to understand and improve on. I saw Eric in July at a one-day event in Washington State. Of the four instructors, he stood out as a young gifted communicator using video to illustrate detail and break the process down into steps. This was followed by a live demo of the complete process. I was not surprised to discover that he was a professional teacher



Saturday's line up:

1. Sharpening skills (bowl gouge & scrapers using jigs & freehand)
2. Bowl gouge techniques (basic bowl turning, understanding the possibilities of this versatile tool & biomechanics)
3. Thin walled bowls (bowl turning techniques applied to going thin/translucent)

Woodturning Instruction and Demonstration Day– Eric Lofstrom

There is nothing more powerful than being inspired by an idea and having the confidence to create that one-of-a-kind piece on the lathe...this is what woodturning is all about!- E.Lofstrom

I stumbled upon turning in October of 2001 at a woodworking store in Sumner, WA. Attending a free woodworking demonstration on turning pens and letter openers was all it took to hook my curiosity. Creating shavings on a lathe consumed my thoughts for the next few weeks as I wrapped my brain around how a finished piece could emerge from rough materials so quickly! After hearing all the details (several times), my wife pursued this spark of excitement and set my woodturning journey in motion with a mini lathe and tool set for Christmas. Years later, my woodturning enthusiasm continues to grow.

Like many turners, my woodturning adventures began with scraps of 2x4s and “factory sharpened”

tools. Several startling catches in the first few projects quickly focused me on the why and how of creating curls instead of settling for sawdust. Gaining tool control and improving my technique became a personal quest. Whether creating a fitted lid box or multi-axis turning, a translucent or winged bowl, a hollow form or exploring surface embellishments, I enjoy projects which stretch my skills and creativity.

In fall of 2002, I became a member of the South Puget Sound Chapter of the AAW and have served on the board of directors since 2005. I enjoy representing our club at woodworking shows and regularly mentor other turners at our monthly sawdust sessions. I began monthly demonstrations and teaching woodturning classes at local woodworking stores in 2006. The constant exposure to other turners continues to transform my awareness and understanding of turning fundamentals. I am increasingly conscious of the importance tool



control plays in creating pieces. I believe it is not only important to know *which* techniques work but also *why* they work.

As a passionate teacher and woodturner, I hope to impact the world of woodturning by helping others build confidence in tool control and developing their own voice in woodturning!

Editors note:

Links of interest:

http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/photos/day_minus_one/JapaneseBowls.pdf

Last Months Galleries and Presidents Challenge:



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Woodturning Mentors

These people have made themselves available to new turners that may have the odd question about a tool or process. A short conversation or demo by an experienced turner can save you many hours of frustration.

Be respectful of their time. This service is not intended to take the place of woodturning lessons.

Jim Peardon(Abbotsford)604-852-1645	Joel Elder (Pitt Meadows)604-460-0992
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