



IWVG News

The Newsletter of the Island Woodturners Guild

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About the IWG:

The [Island Woodturners Guild](#) meets from 1:00 - 4:00 PM on the 4th Saturday of each month (except for July and August) at the Central Saanich Senior Citizens' Centre, [1229 Clarke Road](#), Brentwood Bay, BC.

Visitors are welcome.

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The President's Turn.

February President's Turn

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It seems like just yesterday that I was writing the last President's Turn, how time flies when you are having fun. Actually I was in Mexico for a week enjoying some warmth and sunshine and suddenly realized that - hey ho, I had to write the introduction to the newsletter. Well back in Victoria with cool weather and overcast skies what better way to spend some time than in the workshop and planning new creations. I must say I was very mindful of Cheryl's wonderful presentation in January on seeking inspiration as I lay on my back in Mexico gazing at the intricate patterns produced by palm fronds waving in the breeze. I also thought how fortunate we were on Vancouver Island with the trees that we have and the variety of wood in decent sizes that we can get access to. We often take these things for granted, particularly those who have spent all their lives on the Island, but what a privilege and I often think how fortunate we are to be able to work with wood and develop friendships with others of similar interests. This made me think of Steve Werner's eloquent presentation on crafting some boxes for beads for children who definitely are less fortunate and I started on roughing out one myself before I went away. For those of you who missed his presentation please go the website for more information <http://www.beadsofcourage.ca>.

Mark Taylor

President

Designer wanted

We would like to have a designer-artist, someone good with layout to finalize production of an information brochure for the guild. Andre Robin has provided help already and the Executive have chewed over it, but now we need to get something that we can take to the printers. Please contact Mark or any of the Executive at the next meeting or use the "email to:" link to the President on our website. I am sure we have the talent out there so please volunteer.

January Meeting

January's meeting was a great mix of knowledge and inspiration, not to mention new members and free lathes (thanks to Rob Dunlop). The new challenge for Beads of Courage isn't really a challenge but an opportunity to help those who are going through difficult times, I hope all of you take the time to look at the website. Once you have done that go to your wood stock and select a nice piece to begin your first box for these kids, one a month for the next few months would be good or even two a month. Please see the article below for the correct sizes and surface embellishments.

The slide show by Cheryl Samuels, a story of a turning, made me realize how little I put into the pieces I turn, I put them on the lathe and see what happens. Sometimes the results are good, sometimes not so good and others end in the burn pile." Every one Waits for the Salmon" has a lovely story which travels many miles and through many people. It entailed looking , listening, waiting, burning, melting and molding not to mention going to Value Village where all sorts of things can be purchased. It also involved people for ideas, techniques, support and some muscle as well. The whole process made me realize that every one we meet and every thing we see can somehow or somewhere be part of who we are and therefore what we produce. It was a lesson on " being aware" and appreciating all the events in our lives, learning to take life as a lesson and then applying it to our passion, like woodturning or any other area we enjoy and maybe to areas we don't enjoy but need to improve on.

The last part of the demonstration was how to cast pewter by Mike Neal and Cheryl Samuels. This was another great addition to our supply of ideas and knowledge. What really struck me was how easy and relatively inexpensive adding pewter castings to our turnings can be and it looked like fun as well. Please take a look at the website for pictures and don't hesitate to ask Mike or Cheryl if you need help with the process or where to get supplies. A special thanks to the both of you.

The Show and Tell was as always filled with talent. If there was only one reason to go to our meetings, seeing the work of our members and learning how they do it and the problems they encountered, is worth it. Thanks to all that bring pieces and take the time to share, it is appreciated.

John Gayfer

Show and Tell Table from January

Be sure to check out all the show and tell pictures on the IWG website

[Show and tell web gallery](#)

http://www.islandwoodturners.ca/documents/show_and_tell.html

Turning Challenge.

The challenge this year is summed up in one word: Kitchen. To be shown at the last session (June) of the year, please bring an interpretation of the word, "Kitchen." Of course we are looking for the typical kitchen items such as pepper grinders, wooden spoons, funnels, coffee scoops etc. and these are more than welcome. However there is room for your imagination to run riot; so long as you can justify a sense of kitchen-ness, we want to see it.

Supernumerary Challenge.

As discussed at the January meeting we are adding an extra challenge this year in support of a wonderful charity that caters to the emotional needs of chronically ill children and teenagers. For any or all of the remaining five meetings of the year, please bring a lidded box for a special Show and Tell in support of **Beads of Courage**.

Beads of Courage is a charity started in 2004 in Arizona by Jean Baruch, a pediatric nurse, and incorporated in Canada in 2011 under the leadership of Executive Director Victoria Plouffe and the Board of Directors. Beads of Courage, Inc. is providing the Beads of Courage® program in over 150 children's hospitals throughout the United States, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom and Canada. They currently support over 30,000 children with their programs, and new hospitals are joining the Beads of Courage Cooperative Group daily.

The **Beads of Courage**® Program has become the standard of care for supporting children and their families during their treatment for cancer and other serious illness.

The beads are donated by members of The International Society Of Glass Beadmakers and given to the children each time they undergo a treatment, or even a bad night. Some of these kids receive literally hundreds of these beads and our role will be to donate boxes in which they can store them. Please go to the website, <http://www.beadsofcourage.ca> and see for yourself what a wonderful organization this is.

The boxes should be between 5" and 6" in diameter and at least 3 1/2" tall. The lid should be easy for a child to open and any finial should be simple in design and suitable for perhaps a young child. "Beads of Courage" should be engraved or burned into the lid. Please bring your box to the meeting and we will pack them up and ship them all together after that meeting. The Guild will pick up the postage and packing costs. This is considered a charitable donation for you so please print off the donation form found under "Artists" and then "Woodworkers." At the end of the page is a link "Donation Form," please fill it in and you will receive a receipt for income tax purposes directly from them.



Future Meetings

In **February** we will have Tim Soutar, Rob Dunlop and Phil Cottell with a demonstration of **"Bowl Savers"**

March will feature Donald Porter will present: **"Insideout Turning"**

The **April** Meeting (April 27th.) has a demonstration with the well known **Jimmy Clewes**. The following was lifted from his web site: <http://www.jimmyclewes.com>.

"Jimmy is not your ordinary woodturner. Upon a first meeting one would think of him as a renegade, a free thinker and not within the stereotypical image of a woodturner. His charming British style, unending wit, creative mind and magnetic personality are only some of the attributes that make him popular in the woodturning demonstration circuit.

Jimmy is on the Register of Professional Woodturners in the United Kingdom and a member of the American Association of Woodturners. He has over 22 years of experience in woodturning and woodworking. The demand for his services as a freelance demonstrator and teacher takes him all over the world including his homeland of the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, Norway, Finland, New Zealand, Belgium, Australia."

We are lucky to get Jimmy and expect to have a lot of fun. There will be two 1-day workshops following his demonstration and space is filling up rapidly. Please contact Steve Werner at stevewerner@shaw.ca to put your name on the list. Please advise if you prefer Sunday or Monday or if you don't care. We expect the costs to remain at \$35.00 for the demonstration Saturday only or \$150.00 for Saturday plus a workshop.

Steve

Pacific Brant Carving and Art Show

The Pacific Brant Carving and Art Show will be held at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney on April 6 and 7th. For those interested in entering, information is available on the website www.thebrant.ca

For Sale

General International 650 wood lathe 6" swing over bed, Rotating headstock,
½ horsepower motor, 12" rest, live center, drive spur, Knock out rod, 6" faceplate

Asking \$ 1200.00

Contact Rob Dunlop



Library Materials Return

If you have or think you have any of the libraries' books, CDs or DVDs among your things please check and return to the guild Library at the next meeting. We are planning to do a complete inventory before we lend out more material so the quicker we get everything back the sooner we will be able to lend materials out again. Michael McEwan has volunteered to manage our holdings and if you have any items you wish to donate to the library please see him at the meeting.

Parting Off

Thanks to Stew Carmichael for taking photographs for the newsletter. Thanks also to Hew Lines for running the website. And of course thanks to our hard-working executive for their arduous work and creativity.

All the best,