



# IWG 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.

### Executive Committee

- President: [Mark Taylor](#)  
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 Past President: [Graeme Evans](#)

The IWG gratefully acknowledges the support of the following companies:

- [Craft supplies USA](#)
- [KMS Tools](#)
- [Lee Valley](#)
- [Skookum Tools](#)

## The President's Turn

Our Christmas meeting turned out really well and many thanks to all who helped organize it, bring food and turnings and turn the afternoon into a memorable occasion. By the end of the afternoon, Barrie's tree skeletal tree was adorned with all sorts of trees and ornaments and the stories told were great; the variety of pieces was truly inspiring. Thank you all.

A number of Guild members have been asking about the Woodturning 101 course and when is it going to get going. Well it has taken quite a lot of organizing and decisions have had to be made about the purchase of equipment and supplies, booking space and so on, and on, and on. However by the time the newsletter gets to you the first students will have been contacted. We are limiting each course to five students and plan to run three complete groups of students before the summer. Our goal is to complete two groups of students by the May AGM. We will also be developing individual courses for more experienced turners, but first we have to get Woodturning 101 up and running.

I would also like to acknowledge Lee Valley Tools and KMS Tools for the support that they provide to the Island Woodturners Guild. We have a really good working relationship with them and trust that our members will recognize the value that that they bring to our community of woodworkers. Lastly, we will be looking forward to members standing for a position on the Executive for 2012-2013 and in other capacities such as helping with the Newsletter so if you think you can contribute in some way or another please contact Graeme Evans.

Happy New Year

Mark Taylor, President

## Lathes for the Needy

by Graham Cox

I recently was in contact with an organization which is operating on the Thailand/Burma border, involved in providing aid to refugees fleeing from Burma into Thailand. We discussed the possibility of supplying foot powered lathes (in kit form) and turning tools, to be used in and around the refugee camps to provide income for families with no other sources.

I can provide the lathe plans and at least one lathe, but could use any donations of excess or unused turning tools. There is an abundant local supply of woods suitable for turning.

If you have any tools, or know of someone who does, please contact me either by e-mail or by phone on 250-216-4247.



## Forthcoming Events

- April 2012: Stephen Hatcher ([stephenhatcher.com/](http://stephenhatcher.com/))
- June 2012: Graeme Priddle ([graemepriddle.com](http://graemepriddle.com))
- October 2012: Cindy Drozda ([cindydrozda.com](http://cindydrozda.com))

## January Meeting Agenda

by Cheryl Samuel

Chips will Fly! Continuing with the Year of the Tree, January is dedicated to the Garry Oak and Doug McBeath will give another fascinating presentation about this tree. Then, chips will fly! While Tim Soutar turns an oak bowl, we are going to run a Question and Answer session - and encourage everyone to participate. The idea is that all of us will have a chance to discuss and have answered our questions about basic turning techniques. Everyone does things differently, so this will give us a chance to share ideas. Following Tim's bowl turning, we'll continue the discussion around how to successfully dry Garry Oak. Do you think it will work? Let's give it a try!

## December Meeting Report

by Jeremy Brown

Although our December meeting was nominally a social event, it turned out to be a very impressive exhibition as well. A number of members rose to Phil Cottell's challenge and presented tree ornaments, a few of which are shown here. Luckily Barrie Baptie's tree-shaped display case was sturdy enough to accommodate them all! In addition, Barrie brought a variety of ornaments including trees, birdhouses, and inside-outside ornaments to lead off the presentation. Other presenters included Wayne Anaka, Rob Dunlop, Phil Cottell, Tim Soutar, Bob Pederson, Stuart Carmichael, Harvey Brooks, Lin Bayford, Rick McRea, Mark Taylor, Brian Hayes, Hew Lines, Kevin Arnold, Ron Gardner, Cheryl Samuel, Graeme Evans, Peter Robin, and Doug McBeath. (Apologies to any presenters who I neglected to mention - in my defense, there were a lot of people to keep track of!) Everyone had a story about the ornaments that they had created, and it was clear that a lot of thought and creativity went into the items. Never one to be topped, Rob Dunlop also brought a very impressive star to crown the tree.

The balance of the meeting was spent sampling the food items that we all contributed. What a great way to finish 2011 for the IWG!



## IWG Library Acquisitions

by Mark Taylor

"Turning Bowls and Other Projects, disk 3" by Bonnie Klein

This 105 minute DVD by Bonnie was her third DVD and provides an excellent introduction to making small boxes and a number of other small items. She uses her mini-lathe to show how to make a small box in eastern maple much as she demonstrated at the Guild meeting. However these boxes have simple lids so there is no jig for turning threads. She turns relatively fast at 1450 to 2150 rpm, but one has to remember that the items she uses are small diameter and are mounted on a small glue block. She suggests that a good proportion for lid to the box is 2/5:3/5<sup>th</sup>. She moves from her sharp tools directly to 220 sandpaper and then 400 before sealing the wood with spray shellac. She then applies Kiwi neutral shoe polish. The DVD then goes on to show her making a little acorn box, bolo ties and tips, a purse mirror and refrigerator magnets. This is an excellent DVD and can be used as a refresher for more experienced turners as well as a great start for beginners.

"Turning Boxes and Other Projects, disk 4" by Bonnie Klein

This 100 minute DVD by Bonnie was her fourth DVD and provides an interesting introduction to turning some materials other than wood. All the projects described in this video use her mini lathe and preparing and gluing materials on to glue blocks. The techniques are similar to those she demonstrated at her October 2011 Workshop to the Guild. She uses bone, horn, antlers, shells, tagua nuts and cast polyester to make both small items as well as inserts for larger items. I believe that tagua nuts are often available from Lee Valley Tools and you may be able to get offcuts of materials like Corian from Kitchen and Bathroom suppliers. Some of her original ideas involve using Brasso for final polishing and her preference for using hydrogen peroxide for bleaching bones rather than other bleaching agents. This is an interesting DVD and can be used for some good ideas for little projects.

These DVDs are available for borrowing by IWG members. Please see the guild librarian for details.

## Help Wanted

The guild is looking for a Layout Editor to publish and send out the newsletter each month. The position chiefly consists of laying out the articles provided by the authors and editors. The requirement for actually writing material is minimal (although this is negotiable - if you enjoy writing, that would be welcomed too.) If you're familiar with desktop publishing software, or would like to learn about it, this is a great opportunity to contribute to the guild and express your creative side. Please contact [Jeremy Brown](#), [John Gayfer](#), or a member of the executive if you are interested.

IWG Newsletter backissues and many other resources are on our website at [islandwoodturners.ca](http://islandwoodturners.ca) - click this link, or the IWG logo on the front page of this newsletter.

## Buy and Sell

- Three 8" grinding wheels, two blue 80 grit, one white 120 grit.
- Oneway wheel balancing kit
- Oneway wolverine wheel dresser
- two diamond wheel dressers

\$150.00 for all

[Harvey Brooks](#) 250-920-0636

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Lathe For sale : 3 yrs old - ( never used )

- General International, 16 in. swing
- swivel headstock
- 1 1/4 x 8 spindle
- 1 1/2 h/p
- variable speed
- 14 in. tool rest
- incl. chuck, and a set of tools.
- Price: \$1200.00

Contact : Guy PILON @ 250-360-0922



## Parting Off

As usual, we owe thanks to **Peter Robin** for providing photographs for the newsletter. Sadly, Peter has announced that he is taking a break from being the guild's official photographer. We'll miss his photos and the memories that they bring.

Thanks also to **Hew Lines** for running the [website](#). And of course thanks to our executive for their hard work and creativity.

This month's meeting will be at the regular time: 1:00 - 4:00 on Saturday, January 28th.

All the best,

John, Tom and Jeremy