



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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President's Turn

March 2013

Well I was wondering what to mention this time round and after receiving various comments at the last meeting and a few e-mails I thought that the whole topic of change and information was one to mention. I know many of you have been turning a while and remember getting your first book on woodturning and wondering how you were going to be able to turn such items. I certainly took advantage of the library at the first guild I belonged to and enjoyed being able to borrow books and seeing what other turners did. With practice and experience we have all improved and this is really evident in the items on the Show and Tell table each month. However, times are a-changing and the Internet and the resources available has become a veritable cornucopia of ideas with YouTube clips, various woodturning web sites and gallery displays. For instance Steve Werner sent me this link about why you should not use a roughing gouge of bowl turning, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOhHeyoZLaY> you may want to view it. Therefore is our own library with its books and DVDs redundant? Well a number of people enjoyed the books sufficiently that they are still outstanding! Our secretary, Michael McEwan has been doing sterling work trying to lasso outstanding material and has had some success but there are still books and DVDs out there wanting to come home. If you have any library material please return it for other members to use. If you have any books that might be suitable for the library and would like to donate please consider bringing them in. Michael will continue to run the library before meetings and you can see what is available on our web site but sooner or later we will have make a decision as to whether to continue this aspect of the Guild, your feedback or bring back is welcome.

Mark Taylor

President

Beads of Courage Update!



At the last Guild meeting we received six lidded bowls to donate to the Beads Of Courage organisation for chronically ill children. A photograph of the six was sent prior to mailing the package and was very well received by Victoria Plouffe, the Executive Director. She posted it to their Facebook page www.facebook.ca/beadsofcourage and we received some very complimentary comments and 81 "likes." The caption by the photo was, "A tremendous thank you to the Island Woodturner's Guild in Victoria, British Columbia for this incredible donation of Wood Turned Bowls for Beads of Courage Members in Canada!" All Guild members are encouraged to go to Facebook to take a look and read the comments, there were 12 at last count, all complimentary. There are still three more meetings for this fiscal year; let's see if we can have a similar sized package to send after each of them. Remember, the bowls need to be 6" (minimum 5") in diameter and at least 3 1/2" in height. The lids should not be tight-fitting and the knobs or finials should be appropriate for young children. Please write Beads of Courage on the lid and your name, date and Island Woodworkers Guild on the bottom. These donations are tax deductible so if you wish to make a claim please print off a donation form from www.beadsofcourage.ca to include with the box.

Steve Werner



Hello Steve,

Just a quick note to let you know that today was certainly a memorable Monday...the wood turned bowls arrived. All I can say is they are simply amazing. I will be packaging a bowl tomorrow to ship to a family that just lost a child. I know this will be a truly special gift for them.

With thanks,

Victoria Plouffe

Executive Director – Beads of Courage Canada

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"Helping children RECORD, TELL and OWN their stories of COURAGE!"

February Meeting Notes

When Barry Scotton told us about the large Maple tree with the huge burl section on Salt Spring Island that he was "given" and then invited us to come over and help with the cutting up, many of us quickly ran for our chainsaws and started sharpening. This was an enormous burl and had some lovely figure. A few truck loads later we headed home, tired but excited about getting back to our lathes. I was fortunate to have a large piece that was so lovely that I knew that I couldn't turn most of this into wood chips, this is when I first encountered coring as a means to utilize more of a bowl blank. As usual with our group, a few inquires produced a number of offers to come and witness an example of coring. Tim Soutar offered to core my piece for me, so off I went with my treasure to Tim's enviable shop and mounted the blank on the Stubby and before I knew it I had three bowls where I thought I would only have one. I was thrilled to have multiples because this wood was so nice and deserved to be used to its fullest.

Now all of us have had a demonstration of how to core a blank thanks once again to Tim and his in-depth lesson on how the tools work and how relatively easy it is to use. Not only is it a great way to use your wood better it is much faster than "hogging" away and producing a bunch of chips for the garden. I ended up purchasing my own set, the Oneway system, and have used it many times. It is easy and fast to learn but is a bit expensive, but as usual I just had to have it. (not sure if my wife knew about this purchase). I quickly learned that it is worth the time to sharpen on a regular basis, cutting with dull tips almost started a fire on my lathe. However it is also easy and quick to sharpen the tips with the Oneway sharpening tool. I have seen the McNaughton used but it looked scary to me and a bit dangerous but I haven't used it myself.

Thanks to Tim for the demonstration, always a great teacher and a willing person to share his knowledge. I am often reminded of Barry Scotton telling us how he wanted to start a group on Salt Spring but was met with a very negative response. We are so very fortunate to have all the great people in our group who are willing and keen to help and share with us new turners. I look forward to the next meeting where Donald will demonstrate "inside out" turning, he is always entertaining

John Gayfer

Future Meetings

This month meeting will feature Donald Porter presenting: “**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

Work by Jimmy.



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

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Library Materials Return

If you have or think you have any of the library's 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 hard work and creativity.

All the best,