



IWVG News

The Newsletter of the Island Woodturners Guild May, 2013



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 presentation by Jimmy Clewes was a great success and the various people I talked to were impressed; it is so nice when we have such an experienced demonstrator and so many of our members show up. We seem to be averaging a pretty good turnout and I figure that about 65% members came. In case folks are wondering, the pieces that Jimmy turned will be re-appearing at the Christmas Party maybe for a raffle, draw or silent auction.

This is my last President's letter and I would like to thank all the guild members who have made the job a pleasant one. Without the fabulous volunteers we would not be the Guild we are today and I really appreciate the way folks have not just volunteered to do things but have come forward, made good suggestions and then volunteered to make it happen. I am particularly pleased at the success of the Woodturning 101 program and 21 people have graduated so far. We expect to be running the course again in the fall, so for new members, it is a great opportunity to learn the elements of woodturning with great hands-on instruction. Of course this would not have been possible without the great teachers, Andre, Doug, Graeme, Robert and Tim and coordination by Gorden.

Our May meeting is our AGM which is of course time to elect your Executive. If you would like to volunteer your services, please feel free to contact Graeme and let him know. Also it is time to renew memberships and the first part of the AGM will be to deal with a Motion to increase dues due to the projected increase in Insurance costs. So please come in good time and if possible complete your Membership form which can be downloaded from our website before hand. Also do not forget to bring your turned item for use in the kitchen, it can be as simple as a bowl or spirtle and as complicated as you can imagine.

Mark Taylor

Meeting Notes

April 2013 Meeting

As you all know last meeting demonstrator was Jimmy Clewes, a full day of great ideas and techniques. I had heard that Jimmy was a very entertaining demonstrator but was pleasantly surprised even having been forewarned. I don't think my lathe has ever gone as fast as he was turning, the noise alone was enough to get parts of me tightening up. But now after doing his workshop I find myself slowly turning up the speed to levels I had not experienced before, however seeing a pleasingly smooth cut which requires very little sanding (what will I do with that 80 grit gouge now).

The full day demonstration went by quickly, filled with many new ideas and techniques. I find myself riding the bevel much better and liking the control it gives. I had found that I had recently been a little low in workshop enthusiasm which I attributed to better weather and a need to cut the grass and get the garden going. Now , after seeing Jimmy, my grass is getting longer and the peas haven't even been started, but the potatoes are in. This is what I really enjoy about the many demonstrators that we have had, a renewed interest with lots of new things to try. Jimmy brought all of this and more, from his amazing abilities to his charming humour and the fact that not only is he talented he has that ability to make others feel engaged and on the same level. He has a desire to see others improve and enjoys sharing what he has found with his many years of turning.

Jimmys workshop was a continuation of all that he brought to the full day demonstration. It was great to have him lean over your shoulder and gently rotate the tool to just that perfect angle to get an effortless and clean cut. I learned that I had a tendency to fight the wood, trying to get by with a less than sharp tool and too slow a lathe speed. Unfortunately, the Sunday workshop was cut short by a power outage in the area. This allowed us to have a nice chat and get to know Jimmy better, he loved the fact that we had so many trees in the area and that most of our wood was free, living in Las Vegas forces him to buy all his wood. Even with the shorter time we got lots done and each of us got some good one on one time with him, I heard that the Monday workshop also went very well. We are very fortunate to have had him at our club and a big thank you has to go to all of those who made this happen. Thanks also to Lin Bayford and Lorraine (his wife) for the use of his shop(which he says is always that clean and tidy, unlike mine), the coffee, the muffins and the cookies.

Don't forget that next meeting is the AGM. Don't worry it will be quick and painless. Also, the challenge is due with the " items found in the kitchen", it should be fun and entertaining with all the explanations of the pieces brought.

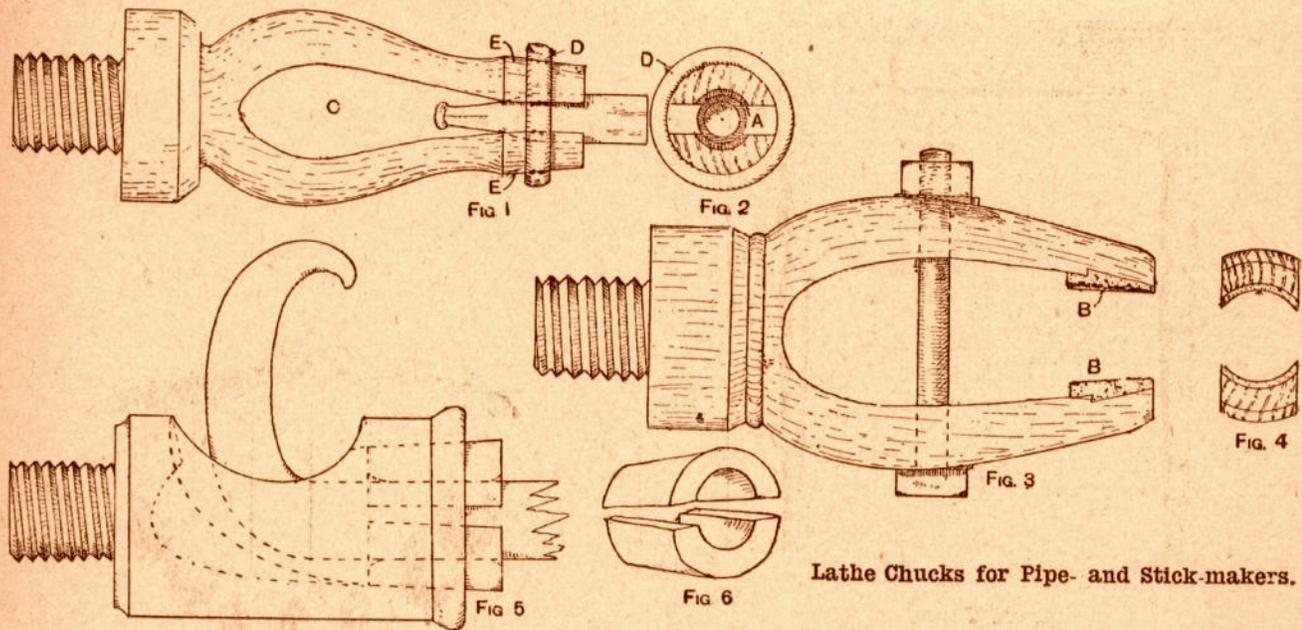
Making A Chuck For Turning Tobacco Pipes and Walking Stick Heads.

From

"Cassell's Cyclopaedia of Mechanics"

Circa 1900- 1910

Lathe Chucks for Pipe- and Stick-makers.—Figs. 1 and 3 in the accompanying drawings show, one-third full size, two common pipe chucks made in beech. The block is first turned approximately to the outline shown in Fig. 1; the pin is then screwed to fit the lathe



Lathe Chucks for Pipe- and Stick-makers.

mandril, which is generally of brass with an internal thread. The chuck is then re-turned and bored out to the size required, plus the thickness of two pieces of rubber or cork, which are shown at A (Fig. 2) and B (Fig. 3), and which grip the job. The opening C (Fig. 1) is then cut out, thus dividing the chuck into two parts, connected together at the base, but each capable of a small amount of spring at the point. To fasten any object in the chuck the iron ring D (Figs. 1 and 2) is tapped up farther on the sloping part E. The chuck shown by Fig. 3 is made in the same manner, and is intended for bowls of pipes and larger objects than can be inserted in Fig. 1. It is closed by the nut and bolt, and Fig. 4 shows its end. The peculiarly shaped chuck shown in Fig. 5 is made in iron, and though sometimes found useful by a pipe-maker is more properly a stick-maker's and mounter's requisite. The inside is cored out to one or the other of the dotted lines and the stick is held by the two wedges (Fig. 6), of which there should be several sizes. These wedges are slipped in the front of the tool; see Fig. 5.

Executive Election

The following members have been nominated for the IWG Executive for the year 2013 – 2014

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Further Nominations are to be forwarded to Graeme Evans prior to the Annual General Meeting this coming Saturday, May 25

Show and Tell Table from April.

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)

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Library Materials Return

Thank you to those who have searched their libraries and found and returned items to the Guild Library. There are still quite a few items not accounted for so please keep looking. The Library listing on the website details those items that are AWOL.

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,