



IWVG News

The Newsletter of the Island Woodturners Guild October 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 President's Turn

The September meeting was so well attended that it was rather obvious that the sharing of ideas and overall camaraderie had been sorely missed over the summer months. We had a very full turnout with several new members and guests in attendance - welcome to all of you. Telling our turning friends and acquaintances about the Guild will keep the group growing and provides all of us with more chances of making new friends, picking up new ideas and techniques, and the courage to experiment. This indeed shows the value of Guild membership as much as anything and I haven't even mentioned the many wonderful demonstrations that we have experienced. I'll mention them anyway: thanks Gorden for your bowl gouge discussion, it was very well received with lots of positive feedback.

This month we can look forward to a demonstration from Donald who will be turning a bowl from a plank. Watch carefully - ordinarily cutting wood makes it smaller not larger. He will also provide advice to help us with the Christmas challenge of turning competitive spinning tops. The challenge is not only for quality of work and artistic merit, but duration of spin. Remember - wood and colouring only. No metal weights, magnets or embedded death rays allowed. For the newer members, Donald is one of our more prolific members, always entertaining as a demonstrator and willing to share advice and expertise at the drop of a (wooden cowboy) hat. This will be a most enjoyable meeting. Unfortunately I won't be there, but Gorden will ably MC.

As previously mentioned, the plate of goodies (savory or sweet) that you bring to the Christmas party should be on a wooden platter of your own making. Chances are that you already have made one, but why not make one especially for this party and decorate it appropriately. The question often arises as to which finishes are safe on wooden projects that come into contact with food. The

The President's Turn continued.

general answer is that they all are if allowed to properly cure. Nut oils should probably be avoided because of possible allergies and non-drying oils (olive oil, canola etc.) should also be avoided as they can go rancid. If in doubt; use mineral oil (baby oil), available at any drugstore.

Remember the Alan Carter demonstration and workshops coming up in November. First come first served for the workshops and I believe that there are only a couple of spots left. However the all day Saturday session is going to be well worth your time as well.

**Check him out on the web: <http://alancarterstudio.com>
Steve Werner**

September Meeting Notes

Well we start again with the September meeting, I guess its because of our schooling that September is the start of the year. I hope everyone had a good summer , lots of visiting and time in the sun with family and friends, I know I did. The assumption is that few of us had much time for the shop and being creative, well nows the time with the rain and fog reminding us that we do live on the west coast. Make sure you look at the notices of up coming events, there's lots happening. Alan Carter in November, take some time to look at his website, at the moment there is some space in the workshop, contact Gorden via email. Also the KMS wood and tool show will be happening next weekend with demonstrations from our guild, stop by and support our team, I believe it will be Donald, Graeme and Barry doing the turning.

At our last meeting Gorden did an in-depth discussion on the bowl gouge. Shapes, sizes and angles were the main focus, it's good to have a firm foundation of understanding of the tools we use. I don't spend a lot of time thinking about all these topics while turning but for me the important point is, find the shape and angle that suits you and be consistent with reproducing it so you get a consistent result. Then when you pick up a gouge after a summer of fun your muscle memory will kick in and away you go as if you did it yesterday. Of course Gorden had some help so thanks go to Tim , Graeme and Mike, does anyone notice that we have a core group who share their knowledge on a regular basis? We all have something to contribute, don't be shy. Next week Donald will be giving a demonstration on a " bowl from a board" and a bit about the tops that he makes for kids for Christmas, so tops will be part of our challenge for the December meeting. Here is a chance to give to those who are less fortunate and get some time at the lathe and enter a contest for the "top top". Gorden may also be giving a demonstration called "Quick Cuts", an on going topic on various ways to use gouges and other tools.

A few things to look forward to, Spring 2014 Marilyn Campbell, Cynthia Gibson 2015, you can see that these events take lots of planning and forethought , they don't just happen. I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Explorations in Wood 2014

Vancouver Island Woodworkers' Guild presents
Explorations in Wood 2014
Ogden Point Pier B, Victoria, BC
March 20 - April 5, 2014
\$3500 in prizes will be awarded

OVERVIEW

"Explorations in Wood 2014" Exhibition is a juried exhibition open to all woodworkers. Prizes will be awarded for artistic merit (\$500), technical merit (\$500), best overall (\$1000), peer's choice (\$1000) and people's choice (\$500). Work of a very high standard is being sought and woodworkers are encouraged to be very critical of what they submit.

Entry Deadline: February 28, 2014

EXHIBITION INFORMATION

Vancouver Island Woodworkers' Guild is presenting "Explorations in Wood 2014" to showcase the exceptional talent in woodworking in the Pacific Northwest. The exhibition takes place at Ogden Point Pier B, an easy-to-find venue that operates as the point of entry for cruise ship passengers during the summer months. We have over 2,000 square feet of exhibit area that includes ample parking just off the downtown core.

Additional information will be sent to you and will appear on our website soon - but meanwhile, save the date!

For Sale

Eagle Lathe, Australian manufacture, for sale. This lathe has a one HP motor, variable speed control, a 9 inch swing over the bed and is 39 inches between centres. The lathe comes with a base and is in operating condition. I am asking \$850.00 for it.

If interested please call Peter Pardee at 250 246 4782 or email pccpardee@hotmail.com.

Cheers Peter Pardee

Show and Tell Table from May.

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

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

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,