

Thames Valley Woodturner

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<http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/>

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Our Treasury

Our treasure in the bank as of Jan 31st was \$4,358.



A New Year's message from our President

Happy New Year Everyone!

Another successful year has passed for our Guild as we experienced many great demonstrations and workshops. I can't thank all of our internal demonstration volunteers enough for their continuing contribution to the education of all of our members. In addition, I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who contribute at each meeting to the operation and success of our meetings.

Of special note of course is the excellent executive team I have the pleasure of working with who work tirelessly behind the scenes to organize and manage the operations of the Guild. They are a wonderful dedicated group to work with.

I can't continue without highlighting the incredible dedication and support Bob Hewson gave us over 25 years as secretary of the Guild. Bob decided it was time to pass on most of his responsibilities yet remain on exec as Newsletter Editor and Photographer which he enjoys. We presented Bob with a well-deserved Certificate of Appreciation. Thanks Bob!

Certificates of Appreciation were also present to Carl Durance, Roy Phillips, Mike Sbrocca and Grant Clarke for their excellent support to our Guild. Carl was a member at large with exec for some time, Roy and Grant ran our library and raffles and Mike has been constantly bringing wood for our raffles which generated quite significant funds for us.

Reflecting on the past couple of years since being elected as President, I can't say enough about the great support I have from our exec as well as our members. We have tried to introduce new concepts such as community outreach, hands on nights, and more 101 type training days for new and intermediate turners looking to enhance their skills. Of course we also invite international professional turners as well as turners from other Guilds to keep our more experienced turners engaged.

To better manage our financial understanding we developed a new detailed accounting ledger to help us better understand detailed sources of revenue as well as expenses. This has been tremendously useful for planning and I thank Carl for the initial template as well as John Rice for tweaking our needs as it continues to develop.

To enhance the visibility of our Guild, we arranged to get featured in the London Free Press with front page coverage! We had a lot of great comments about that community outreach, **Tops for Tots** project. We also provided an overview to the AAW who highlighted our Guild in their magazine. Another great exposure for us. We will continue to seek opportunities such as this as it can only help in our efforts for grow and maintain the operations of our Guild.

During 2020 we will continue with the above mentioned success areas. We currently maintain a membership of around 100 which fluctuates from time to time. As with many organizations, it is difficult to attract new younger folks to our Guild. To that end we have taken on that challenge and are positioning ourselves on Facebook and Instagram, social media sites that younger folks utilize on a daily basis. It is essential that we expend this effort to help protect and grow the future of the Guild. I can't thank Chris Cain enough for his support, expertise and insight he has provided us with on this matter.

I look forward to another great year with the Guild and, as always, am open to new ideas and concepts that our members would be interested in.

Thank you!

John

John Scott,
President,
Thames Valley Woodturners Guild



Business meeting for the 1920 Season of the Guild

A quorum of Guild members was present thus our annual business meeting was held.

- Certificates of appreciation we issued to several members for their past service to the Guild. They were: Bob Hewson, Carl Durance, Roy Phillips, Grant Clarke, and Mike Sbrocca.
- The state of our treasury is \$2,739 in the bank at the end of December. Our finances and new ledger system were reviewed with the membership.
- Our updated constitution was reviewed, discussed, voted and approved unanimously by the members after a motion by our President John Scott. A copy of the Constitution and our bylaws is available on the Guild's website.
- Elections were held. Bob Hewson has resigned his Secretary position. Carl Durance has resigned as Member of the executive. John Kime was nominated for the Secretary position (there were no other nominations for office). A vote to accept John Kime as Secretary passed unanimously. The current executive agreed to serve another year and passed unanimously as well.

Your 2020 Guild executive is listed below.

- President is John Scott (519-641-2522) President@thamesvalleywoodturners.com
- Vice President is Dave Hudgel (519-982-3399) hudgeldavid@gmail.com
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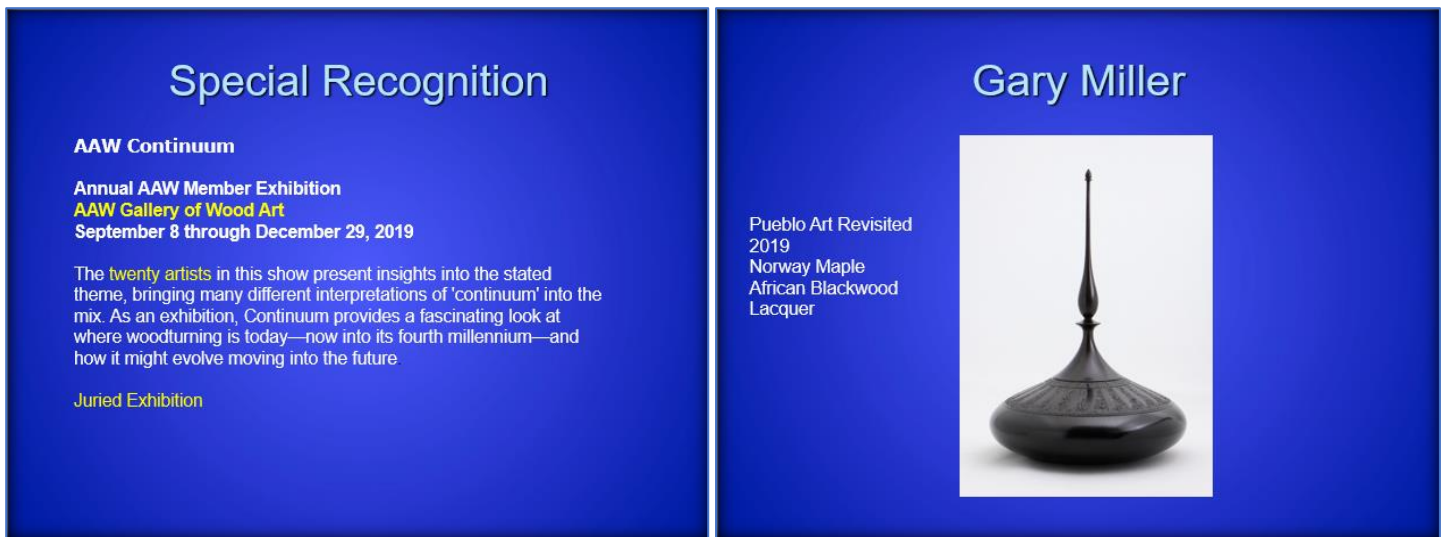
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- Renee Sferrazza (519-282-4254) imaginationcreated4you@gmail.com

The executive would also like to thank the many other un-named members who help in the set-up and take-down of the meeting room, clean-up, and the many other things which make the guild operate smoothly.



Special recognition to Gary Miller from the AAW

Congratulations Gary on this special recognition from the AAW and from your fellow Guild members!



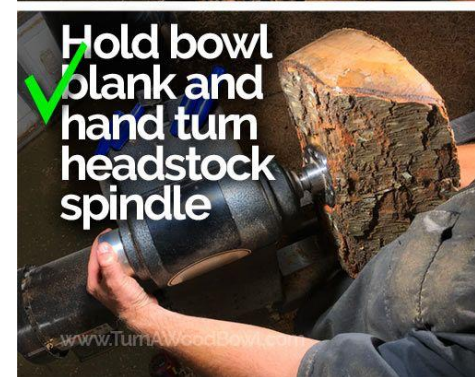
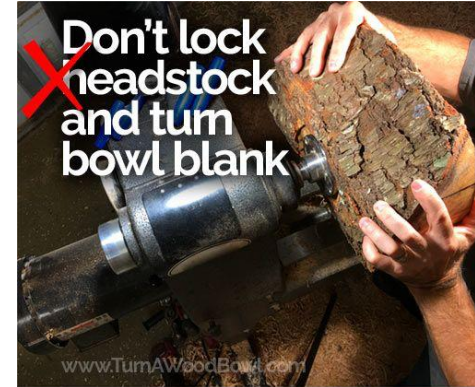
January meeting tips and jigs

It is a year since we held a tips and jigs meeting where the membership shares their tips and jigs for making turning or woodworking more efficient, easier, or safer.

The items or techniques will be listed by overview and linked to one or more web sites for detailed access.

John Scott shows us a jig to band saw logs safely with a band saw





John Scott suggests a better way to turn on a bowl blank

John shows us his recommended way to screw a faceplate to your blank.

Be sure your screw head is below the face of the faceplate. Be sure to use a coarse threaded wood screw - **never a drywall screw!** Your screw should protrude 7+ threads beyond the faceplate into the wood..

Watch for hot shavings piling up when drilling, heat can build up and cause a fire. John has experienced this once where the shavings started to smoulder and smoke. If not noticed he could have had a major fire!

A coincidental tip is to have a **decent sized fire extinguisher located close to your lathe**, and perhaps a 2nd on by the door to your shop.



John shows us another "sled" holding jig to facilitate cutting round pieces. The broad "V" is lined by a rubberized shelf liner. This can be used with a band saw or a table saw



Don Arthur show a simple "Swiffer" duster to remove sawdust, particularly before finishing. A buck at the Dollar store.



A jig for cutting circles with a bandsaw by Nick Henshaw. The photo is not the greatest, so here is a YouTube video to show and demonstrate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZWn7qyIW1s>



A bowl depth gauge. Here is a similar one from YouTube
<https://www.lumberjocks.com/projects/95093>



To carry on with **Jigs and Tips** you may send additional **Jigs and Tips** to share, to the editor (Bob at 66.bobhewson@gmail.com), and we will publish them as received in future newsletters.



January show and tell



*John Scott's piece turned from apple
and decorated with Sorby tool*



*John Scott's piece turned from apple
and decorated with Sorby tool*



*John Scott's piece turned from apple
and decorated with Sorby tool*



unidentified Turner, Juniper bowl



*John Kime's dyed maple bowl (used
same dye as Nick Agar)*



*Kyle Desjardine, a box elder bowl with
pierced and dyed rim.*



Bruce McGauley, spalted maple bowl with cover



Buce McGauley, spalted maple bowl



Mary Ann Russell, bowl from Siberian elm and a bee's wax finish



Bruce McGauley, spalted maple



Interior view



Doreen Bowden's maple bowl with marquetry insert, baby oil and Shellwax finish



2020 Saskatchewan Woodturners Symposium

Location: Regina July 17,18,19

The South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild is pleased to announce that it is hosting the 2020 Saskatchewan Woodturners Symposium, in Regina July 17,18,19. We have invited demonstrators from Britain, France, and Canada. Nick Agar, Jason Breach, Jean F. Escoulen, and Michael Hosaluk are our master turners along with local demonstrators as well. As a chapter of AAW we ask if you could share this information with your friends. More information and registration details can be found at our website <http://southsaskwoodturners.ca/>.

Thank You Bryan Milne.

If interested in attending the contact for Registration for the SSWG Symposium is Neil McGregor, 184 Dalglish Dr., Regina SK, S4R 7Y9. or Phone: 1-306-543-9318 or Email: neilmcgregor@myaccess.ca.



Welcome to new sponsors

Please welcome to three new sponsors, Stockroom, Woodchuckers, and William Wood-Write. Please check out the ad section for details on how to contact them. As they are supporting our Guild, you in turn can support them when you need products they handle.

New Newsletter Sponsors



The 2020 AAW Symposium, June 4-7, in Louisville, Ky

The event is being held at the Kentucky Exposition Center (Kentucky State Fair Grounds). There is a wealth of information about the event on AAW's new website. And new this year, the venue will have drive-up convenience with parking onsite.

AAW is also repeating the popular Chapter Group Discount. Chapters willing to organize a group of at least ten members to register to attend the Symposium will receive a \$25 discount for each attending member. [For more details and deadline please click this link.](#)

[We have produced a short video highlighting the event which can be viewed by clicking this link.](#) I encourage you to post and share the link for the benefit of your members.

If you have any questions about the AAW Symposium or any general questions, please let me or any of our Saint Paul staff know. To reach us, you may reply to this email (Phil McDonald phil@woodturner.org) or call the AAW office at 651-484-9094.



Woodturning online closes

The online e-magazine "Woodturning Online" is closing January, after 17 years as its editor Dennis Daudelin, Publisher retires. Many of us have subscribed to this publication over the years and will miss it's closure.

Our thanks to Dennis for his contribution to the turning world.



Interesting internet sites for members

You can limit your searches for **images or videos** by choosing from the choices sub menu located below the **Google search box**. Video searched can also be made within the **YouTube** application.

- Watch the Highland Woodworker Web TV for a half hour of woodworking information:
<https://tinyurl.com/ufrkt4h>

- To subscribe to the Highland Woodworker newsletter click and follow this site and scroll to the bottom of their page: <https://tinyurl.com/ufrkt4h>
- Woodturning a Celtic Knot Bowl by R Humphry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Omd0N4krVh4>



“Tops for Tots” Follow-on Challenge

The President’s challenge “**Tops for Tots**” is over and was a smashing success with another 130 tops delivered.

We are challenging the membership to continue making **Tops** for this most worthy of causes through the winter of 2020. We will have a collection box available at each meeting to collect additional tops.

The **Tops** will be delivered to the **Children’s Health Foundation** as they accumulate.

Guidelines for tops

- One piece
- Minimum 1.75” (45 mm) diameter (smaller tops are a choke hazard)
- No sharp points or edges
- Sand to 400 grit
- Colour with water-based markers only
- No finish except for carnauba wax
- No wood from nut producing trees



Guild initiates a Facebook page



A new step into the Digital world for the Guild’s communications.

Chris Cain will be handling our Facebook image. Our address is <https://www.facebook.com/Thames-Valley-Woodturners-Guild-101557104676603/>

If you have any questions please refer to Chris at ccain2@gmail.com



Calendar of events for the 2019-2020 season

Date	Meeting or events	Shows/events/comments		
September 12 th	Monthly meeting and competition	Our guild's 1st annual Turning Competition. Judging will be by the membership. Segmenting using a "Wedgie" sled by Bob Fenn.		
September 27 th – 29 th	Woodworking Show	Woodstock Woodworking Show with Guild participation. Take in some of your turnings for the People's Choice Award(s).		
October 10 th	Monthly meeting	Hollowing demonstration by Dave Bell .		
November 14 th	Monthly meeting	Hands-on lathe turning at meeting. Multiple active turning stations in lieu of a normal meeting. Our sharpening station will also be active. Textured box challenge based on earlier demos in April meetings by John Calver and June by Gary Miller.		
December 12 th	Monthly meeting	- Christmas social, please help to fill a "Goodie table." - Ornament challenge/exchange. - Show and Tell (Bring in some of your favourite items turned this year).		
January 9 th 2020	Monthly meeting	A Jigs and Tips meeting for Jan. Business meeting for the Guild (change of bylaws if required and review of finances)		
February 13 th	Monthly meeting	Eric will demonstrate the construction and turning of a Cryptex.		
March 12 th	Monthly meeting	Carl Durance will demonstrate new and advanced pen making techniques		
April 9 th	Monthly meeting	DIY deep hollowing system demo with camera system as well by Keith Mombourquette of the Grey-Bruce Guild.		
April 18 th	Turning 101	Turn a simple box with a lid and finial. This is a limited space session and is directed towards novice and intermediate turners.		
May 14 th	Monthly meeting	Bob Fenn will demonstrate the turning of a square bowl.		
June 11 th	Monthly meeting	Dave Hudgel will demonstrate a winged bowl. A box with a finial challenge.		
September 10 th	Monthly meeting	A wig stand demonstration by John Scott		
October		Open		
November	Monthly meeting	Renee Sferrazza will demonstrate pyrography with a Christmas theme		
December	Monthly meeting	Ornament swap.		
Ideas	We welcome member input for meetings	-Guest turners or seminars. -Design? What makes a "good" turning into an "outstanding" turning? -Metal spinning -A safety night (discussion/panel) -Salt box	-Homebuilt kiln/ drying wood -A simple weed pot -Sharpening refresher -Basic drying of wet wood -A seed-pod turning	-Shear scraping -Inlace -Finishing -Chucking and holding -Jigs and fixtures -A wall clock or a desk clock

- **Meetings new start is at 7:00, doors open at 6:30.** The pre-meeting period from 6:30 and 7:00 is a great time to discuss problems or successes at the "**Show and Tell**" table and converse with other members.
- **There may be last minute schedule changes** due to weather or other unforeseen causes, if in doubt, check the website for the latest meeting info as the date draws near.
- **Raffle tickets** are usually available between 7:00 and 7:30 as well as during the break period.



Items wanted and for sale

Ads are free for members and run until you sell your item or withdraw your advertisement. To run an ad or to remove one, call or email Bob at 519-457-6555 or 66.bobhewson@gmail.com. Members support other members by **buying or selling - good deals and at good prices!** Ads when received are sent to our mailing list which cover our membership as well as surrounding Guilds. The ad is published in our newsletter until sold or removed.

Commercial "business card" advertisements are available for \$75 for insertion for one year (5 – 6 issues).

Please note: The Guild provides a means of connecting buyer and seller through these ads. It is up to the buyer to ensure the item offered is as stated and the two parties should agree between themselves as to any warranty/guarantee. The Guild does not accept any liability for any such sale.

Sales tables: Members are welcome to set up a "sales" table in the bar section/room during **Swap night** at our June and January meetings. There is no charge to the member for the sales table.

We issue our newsletter targeting every two months. Our newsletter is found in glorious **colour** on the internet at <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/>. Any newsletter photos are available to members by request to the Editor at (66.bobhewson@gmail.com).

For Sale

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For Sale

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Contact: John McGuire

Phone: 226- 980- 8615

Email: jandpMcGuire@rogers.com



For Sale

Oneway "Drill Wizard". It includes a new electric drill with the correct collar for the mount.

It's great for drilling things like random holes in various size in finished pieces as well (like John Rice's Red piece) with perfect control.

Cost: I have \$145 into it and it is "as new" condition.

Price: \$100

Contact: Gary Miller 519-858-2445 or
garywmiller@rogers.com

