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Shows

AAW symposium in Louisville - **Cancelled**

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Any member wishing to contribute content to the newsletter in the form of articles, tips, or want-ads PLEASE contact

Bob Hewson (Photos, articles, photo-articles).

For a Guild info/policy sheet or mentors list, call or email

Bob Hewson at 66.bobhewson@gmail.com or refer to our web site at:
<http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/>

A message from Bob

Hi everyone. I hope you continue to be well. So far we seem to be lucky with none of our members in the grip of the virus. If you are well, you are likely like my wife and I and are self-isolating.

We hope our special edition newsletters give you some pleasure and perhaps a project or two to keep you occupied while in isolation.

We will not be meeting at the Guild hall for some time, so I hope we can use the newsletter as a way to keep in touch and share web sites, stories, and photo of your work.

Help make this work and send me info that may interest and intrigue your fellow turners. Please send web sites addresses, stories you want to share, digital photos files of your new work (a digital **Show and Tell**) or a special projects to me at 66.bobhewson@gmail.com I will compile and send them out to the membership in an abbreviated newsletter(s) issue as they accumulate.



Personal pandemic stories you wish to share

- As many know I have a 3D printer. I have been able to make Face Shields which I have shared with my family Doctor.

Also have made Surgical mask straps that makes the wearing of Surgical masks more comfortable on the ears of nurses. These have gone to two area hospitals and one in the USA. Also I put several nurses in touch with US 3D Hobbyists.

- Pat potter has an interest in turning and making bagpipes. Pipers were asked to play Amazing Grace for their neighbours Easter Sunday at noon. "This was my effort!" he said, and a great one at that! This YouTube video is by Pat https://youtu.be/gAGRLjr_YUM.

As the song goes "it ain't easy", but learning to film edit, compress and send movie clips.

His pipes were bored, reamed and turned, combed and beaded from blocks of African Blackwood. Mounts and Ferrules are turned from Artificial Ivory.





Videos of interest to turners

- Here is a link to the American Woodshop for hours of woodworking videos. This link comes from Steve Good's Scrollsaw Workshop, one of my favourites:
"This may last a while so I wanted to show you how to fill hours of that time. WBGU TV's web site carries 14 seasons of The American Wood Shop with Scott Phillips. Each episode is half an hour and there are 13 episodes per season.
You can watch these shows on any device with a web browser. I keep it bookmarked on my iPhone for those times I am stuck in the car for a while.
Scott and his wife, Suzy are entertaining and knowledgeable woodworkers. I'm sure many of you have seen The American Wood Shop on television before but it is nice to have this many episodes available any time you need your woodworking fix". <http://wbgutv.org/americanwoodshop/seasons.html>
- AAW Woodturning **FUNDamentals Quick Tip** with Alan Zenreich (Reprinted from the AAW journal): <https://vimeo.com/73867093>
- Keeping the lid on with hidden magnets by John Kelsey (courtesy of the AAW journal: https://community.woodturner.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=50a5a6ed-1686-4627-b63f-27296366ff0f&forceDialog=0&_zs=Xm4ib&_zl=HXJ42
- I read about a Turner Giles Gilson. He does some pretty neat turnings. Do a **Google** search and explore a little and see if you agree.
- Not a turning tip, but if you have lots of time on your hands, here is a tip on fixing silicone caulking lines that makes a neat job (Courtesy of Instructables): https://www.instructables.com/id/Fixing-Moldy-Caulking-in-the-Bathroom/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email
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Digital show and tell



This box, 4x4" by John Scott was made from sassafras wood. Wide grain as you can see.

Interesting to turn, small pieces come off instead of shavings.

It sanded nicely and took mineral oil and Formby's Tung Oil finish.

John Scott



A simple fun project I needed for shop. Post is oak and base is pine. Post about 14" long. Base about 7" dia.

Not as easy as you think turning post straight for 14". Yes I set diameter at various points with parting tool then turned down to those points. Even then 80 grit "tool" came in handy!

Finish is Mylands Friction Polish and a coat of Minwax Finishing Polish.

John Scott



My first attempt at a square cherry bowl, ~ 4.5 inches square. Key is you must have sharp tool for those edges. Cherry is not the best for this as it chips easily but managed to complete it.

with mineral oil.

Tip: when you first start turning the bottom leave the wings thick enough so that when you turn it around you have enough to work with to finish the top. I nearly didn't! You can see how thin the wings are!

Turned out OK.

John Scott



Hi everyone,

Here are a couple of pictures of my finished demo cryptexes and stands as demonstrated at the February meeting.

2 Christmas presents down!

What are you all working on?

Eric Deckert



Stuff

- Here is a handy sanding product from Amazon:



https://www.amazon.com/DuraSand-Sanding-Twigs-Models-Discounts/dp/B00G13A7F8/ref=as_li_ss_tl?dchild=1&keywords=sanding+sticks&qid=1586849074&sr=8-2&linkCode=sl1&tag=scrollworksh-20&linkId=d342461d1a774ef9978d532ad6a889da&language=en_US



2020 Saskatchewan Woodturners Symposium

This symposium has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

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 Dalgliesh Dr., Regina SK, S4R 7Y9. or Phone: 1-306-543-9318 or Email: neilmcgregor@myaccess.ca.



“Tops for Tots” Follow-on Challenge

“Tops for Tots” is a good turning pastime during our enforced self-isolation from Covid-19 and they have been passed on to the kids. It is of interest to note that collectively the Guild members have turned **535 tops to date!**

We will have a collection box available once we are back to normal.

Please remember the guidelines for tops:

- One piece
- Minimum size. At least 1.75” (45 mm) diameter (smaller tops are a choke hazard)
- No sharp points or edges
- Sand to 400 grit
- If you are colouring them use water-based markers only
- No finish except for carnauba wax
- No wood from nut producing trees

See the following note from John Scott about our last delivery of Tops for Tots. It shows how much they are appreciated, so please, keep up the turning of tops.

“I had a recent request from the Children’s Health Foundation seeking assistance in providing the children with activity items and toys for the hospital. Due to Covid-19 there are no visitors allowed for the children so they are finding it very difficult during these times.

I contacted our contact there and will be delivering our tops to them on Monday. There are well over 100. Again they are most appreciative of our efforts.

If you wish to help them out the following is a website indicating items they are wishing to get donations to help out.

Thanks again for all your efforts to help these children in need of emotional support.

In addition to tops the Child Life Department is running out of art supplies and other things to help keep these kids occupied while they get the best possible treatment. Please consider buying something off the list following list that will help kids while in the Hospital during this unprecedented time.

https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/28IVNZ1DQM003?ref=wl_share “

John Scott

President



Guild initiates a Facebook page

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

Renee Sferrazza 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 Renee.



Calendar of events for the 2019-2020 season

Date	Meeting or events	Details		
September 12 th	Monthly meeting and competition	<u>Our guild's 1st annual Turning Competition.</u> 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	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	DIY deep hollowing system demo with camera system as well by Keith Mombourquette of the Grey-Bruce Guild.	
April 18 th	Turning 101	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	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	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Bob Fenn will demonstrate the turning of a square bowl.	
June 11	Monthly meeting	Dave Hudgel will demonstrate a winged bowl. A box with a finial is our 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 -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

Gast vacuum pump like new \$300.00

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Located: Niagara, 53032 Perry Rd., Wainfleet, ON.
Canada. L0S 1V0

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



For Sale

Articulated arm (Hunter tool) boring jig C/W carbide tip ring

Price: \$160

Contact: Bob Fenn 519-455-7436

email: rafenn@rogers.com

Lathe for sale

- Mastercraft 12" swing by approximately 35" between centres.
- All cast iron with variable speed Reeves drive. 120 Volt, 4.5 Amp Motor.
- headstock for outboard turning.
- 1" X 8tpi spindle.
- #2 Morse taper – headstock and tailstock
- Good working condition but some rust on ways (from storage) will need cleaning up.
- Includes drive spur and live centre
- A couple of dozen turning gouges/chisels (mostly high carbon steel).
- Outboard attachment for tool rest.
- Stand included.
- to be considered a good/practical low-end lathe.

Asking \$200.00.

Call Gary for referral 519-858-2445

Tools for Sale

- General 260 Lathe \$1,800.00 OBO
 - Faceplates (1.1/8"TPI), with numerous attachments including,
 - several various sized Faceplates (1.1/4"x 8.TPI),
 - chuck.
 - Toolrest's, Several outboard
- **NOTE:** Outboard Equipment below sold separately **\$300**
 - General 260 Outboard Bed,
 - Freestanding Outboard Banjo & Banjo
- 10"Rockwell Beaver cast iron Table Saw **\$150**
 - Rip Fence,
 - Sheet Metal Extension
 - Folding Outfeed Table and 3 x Blades \$150.00:
- 5 x 10" Saw Blades: **\$100 lot**
 - Including 3 x Cross Cut Blades: 1 with 72 Carbide Teeth, 1 with 80 Carbide Teeth, 1 with 100 Carbide Teeth, A Freud Fusion 40 x Tooth Combination (NEW) and A 48 x Tooth Triple Chip Blade..
- Leigh 24"Dovetail Jig, hardly used Professional Quality:**\$200.**
- **Contact:** Sharon Turner : 416-738-2175 or by Email: sharonpturner@gmail.com



