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Turning events, Wood shows, and competitions in our region and farther afield

June 6, Binh Pho, brought to you by the TVWTG, London, Ont. See Gary or Bob for tickets or reservations.

June 26 – 28, AAW symposium, which will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico

September in Toronto. Ontario Craft Council will be presenting a one man show, their first, with the turnings of Doug Magrath

October 3, Al Stirt, brought to you by the TVWTG, London, Ont. Details and costs as they develop.

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Additions to the library

New books: None

DVDs: 2008 AAW symposium DVDs remain on order

A reminder: Please return your DVDs or videos as soon as you have viewed them so other may rent them as well.



Interesting new or updated Internet sites of interest to members

When checking out newsgroups there are three main areas to browse, the messages, the photo albums and the files. Messages are the day to day member messages and threads which can also be searched from either the home page or the search box at the top of the message screen. The photo albums are like our monthly “Show & Tell” where members can post picture of their work. Files are usually “how to” files on a topic, project or technique prepared by group participants.

Google, Yahoo and MSN host newsgroups that cover virtually any topic you can imagine

- For info on Segmented woodturning and a symposium held last year and the plan for a AAW segmented chapter. See also the special section on Lincoln Seitzman <http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org/index.php>
- New site for Ottawa Valley Woodturners <http://valleywoodturners.userworld.com>
- For those of you who are interested in pens check out this pen gallery site. It will set some higher targets for you <http://www.pengallery.com/>
- For info and graphics of woods both domestic and exotic <http://www.gilmerwood.com/index.html>



New Members

Please welcome our newest members: Bill Gough, Kevin McCormack, Paul Napier, Peter Torok, John Bowden, and Otto Finkenzeller,

If you see anyone wearing a visitor tag please make them welcome.



Treasury and Dues

We have \$4410 is available in the treasury with rent and guest turner seminar costs and Turning 101/102 expenses pending.



Tips for turners

There were no specific tips presented during the last two meeting.

If you have a tip you would like to share with everyone, please see Scott before the meeting so he can schedule you in.



Turning 101 (2nd edition)

Sunday April 20th we held the 2nd turning 101 session on spindle turning and had 8 participants. Everything went well and some new skills were learned, some old ones unlearned and a good time was had by all.

A special thanks to the mentors and to the students. Note the concentration by the students in the photos, truly, a beauty to behold!
(Sorry Pat, missed your photo.)



Visiting turners

For the interest of members we are listing future seminars and visiting turners in the surrounding area as we learn of them: These are the demonstrators that WGO, GHWG and TVWG and other guilds or clubs have scheduled or are in the process of arranging. The guilds/clubs have said (or implied) that members of other clubs are welcome to attend:

Guest turner	Date	Sponsor	Fee	Contact	Comments
David Hout - metal spinning (on wood lathe)	Nov 15	WGO Burlington	\$ tba	Gary Miller	A possible workshop or may be able to arrange for him to come to TVWG
Binh Pho	June 6	TVWTG London	\$40 est. at this time	Gary Miller	Be sure to sign up, space is limited. Tickets are available at Dec meeting until sold-out, see Bob or Gary
Al Stirt	Oct 3	London	\$tba	Gary Miller	Confirmed for the Saturday
Curt Theobald	TBA		\$tba	Gary Miller	
Bonnie Klein	May 2010	TVWTG London	\$tba	Gary Miller	Date to be finalized, if interested, sign up early, space is limited

If anyone would like to attend any of the above please let Gary Miller know. He will ensure that there is space and will confirm the fees. Carpooling can be arranged if there are sufficient numbers.

As we know more we'll keep the membership apprised and will keep this as an ongoing feature in the newsletter.



March meeting

The topic of this meeting was vacuum chucking presented by Gary miller who showed us his home built system and described the bits and pieces as well as an idea of costs.

A real plus and safety factor he demonstrated was the use of an air storage to act as a vacuum reservoir in case of a power failure or some other cause of loss of vacuum. This safety addition will give you a few seconds before the vacuum fails and your piece goes sail out into your shop.

In addition to the "how to" aspects of vacuum chucking Gary also demonstrated how to use it to turn a shallow bowl



The plumbing tree



Home built Vacuum chuck



Chuck in place – note the faceplate base



Dust collector ports can be used too



The rotating vacuum adapter



An moisture/oil trap



Air tank vacuum back-up



Vacuum pump and motor



Ready to go



Bowl in position using tailstock for locating



Turning foot and refining curves



Sanding with 90 degree drill





Final work on the foot



The completed bowl, ready for finish

Our thanks to Gary for a clear explanation of the materials required to build a vacuum system as well as a demo of both the gripping power of the vacuum system as well as its versatility.



April meeting

Doug Magrath demonstrated the turning of a shallow bowl using a piece of Malee burl. Rather than turn a conventional natural edge bowl he turned this on as a "natural rim" bowl by careful orientation of the burl to obtain the desired rim from the burl.



Doug discusses his design concept



A similar type bowl showing orientation



Burl is located to maximize rim



Removal of the exterior care must be taken to not contact the irregular rim



The shape is slowly worked



Shape is OK, now time for the inside



The rim is worked carefully while maintaining a solid mass of "core" to aid stability

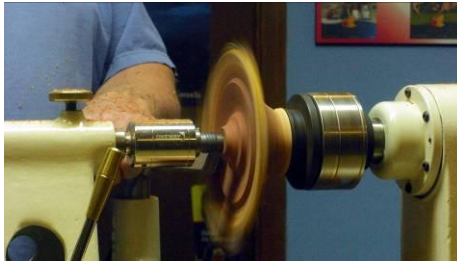


Continuing the hollowing and rim shaping



Slow and easy cuts are the order





Discussing the finer points of sheer scraping

It is worth noting too that the burl was considered “Wet” and so will experience some warping and twisting, but the burl is inherently more stable than regular wet wood due to its irregular grain.

Our thanks for an excellent demo and explanation of both technique and the design philosophy behind this project go to Doug.

A draw was held for the turning by Jack DeVos during his demonstration last year. Tickets were \$5 each, 4 for \$10. The draw raised \$485 and the turning was won by Al Johnson.



Training courses

Turning 101 – This popular beginning program covering spindle turning and basic safety will be repeated. Our spring session was held April 19th*. The next session of turning 101 will likely take place in the fall.

Turning 102 planned for May 24th*. This popular beginners program will cover fundamentals of bowls is sold out; another will be scheduled in the fall/winter.

Turning 104 advanced box turning is planned for the fall.

*Neither date falls on the Easter or Victoria holidays

Turning 103 program will be a basic turned box, and a second course has not been scheduled yet. The outline for the 1st Turning 103, box making is covered in a separate tutorial that will be added to our website.

Please let Scott know of your interest and fill in the “sign-up” sheet.

A somewhat more advanced series of sessions is under development, as above, more info as it becomes available. Input is solicited for topics, content, and presenters for these sessions. The purpose of this series is the sharing of advanced techniques by advanced turners to experienced turners. There will be a chance for the developing turner to learn skills through “hands-on”.

Topics we are considering are: piercing, colouring, pyrography, chattering, rotary tools (texturing), air-brushing. Participants will be required to bring in turned items for the hands-on made of soft maple.



A June challenge

A turned YoYo. Two classes: an all wood YoYo or a mixed media YoYo. Judging will be based on performance of the YoYos. (There are numerous sites on the web for tips on “special” YoYos.)



A Summer Challenge (for competition at September’s opening meeting)

A plant stand. Must contain faceplate and spindle turned components. No limitations as to size or material.



Call for volunteers

Your guild is growing; we recently passed the 90 member mark and hope to exceed 100 after the London Wood Show. Our members’ skill-sets are growing too. Not so our mentor list, it has been stagnant for several years; we could use some new mentors, volunteers who would like to share their skills with other members.

The same call for volunteers is being made for demonstrators. If you have a specialty or a particular turning skill, will you consider sharing it with the guild members? Please see any of the executive to offer your skills by way of a demo.



Please use the internet and our site as a resource.

Our website has our recent newsletters, a list of Preferred Suppliers, the Mentor list, and our Guild policy page plus a number of interesting links. We will keep the web site as our most current communication device (if you do not have internet access please let me know and printed copy of any of the above can be made available to you *Ed*).

Our web site is <http://ca.geocities.com/tvwt1@rogers.com/>



AI Stirt Seminar

AI Stirt Seminar confirmed for October 3, details as they unfold.



Newsletter photos

From time to time I have been asked if photos from the newsletter can be made available to members, particularly photos of their turnings. Short answer is "Yes". I have all the photos from all the newsletters on my computer in digital form, anyone is welcome to a digital copy so long as you can tell me which issue, which page, and which item the photo you want appears.

We have also been asked if we have back copies of the newsletter too, yes, again in digital form.

A possibility exists to make CDs of the photos and newsletters if there is enough interest. The cost would likely be in the \$10 range. If interested let me know.

A gallery of turnings on our website would be an interesting feature, but to do so we need the names to attach to a turning. Anyone who is interested in having their work included can start by helping us ID their past work in the newsletters.



"Show and Tell" from March's meeting



A box from the box turning seminar (turning 103)



April's Pyrography challenge



“Show and Tell” from April’s meeting



2008-2009 season's dates for meetings and other scheduled events.

We are looking at several guest turners that may necessitate schedule changes. We will keep the members informed of changes.

Date	Meeting or events	Shows/events/comments
September 4	Fall season begins	A demo by Bob Fenn of a square turning Natural edge bowl challenge
October 2	Monthly meeting	Demo of the rose engines that are being developed by John Calver and Gary Miller. Two different approaches
October 24 -26	Inter-club competition. Black Creek Pioneer Village in Weston	Inter club competition, 5 categories with 4 skill levels. Details will be reviewed at the September meeting
November 6	Monthly meeting	Demo by Bob of a Christmas decoration using sea urchins. Challenge of a "square turning". A tool sale, bring in your surplus tools
December 4	Monthly meeting	Christmas decoration challenge, themed around a turned Christmas gift. Bernie Hrytzak will demonstrate a variety of embellishments techniques.
January 8, 2009	Monthly meeting	Air brushing demo by Andrew Gillet, professional air brush artist
January 11	Turning 103 9:00 – 4:00	Turn a basic box from soft maple. Bring your own lunch.
February 5	Monthly meeting	Challenge: free-for-all surface embellishment on a turning. Bernie will add pyrography as completion of his earlier embellishment techniques session.
February 13 – 15	London Wood Show and TVWTG turning competition	Any turnings from the past 12 months. Categories novice and open. Enter the category you feel comfortable with (novice less than 3 ribbons, open 3 or more 1 st place ribbons). A person may place his/her item in a higher category than normal, his/her choice.
March 5	Monthly meeting	Vacuum chucking how to build a system and how/where to use it. Will anyone like to volunteer to lead this session?
April 2	Monthly meeting	A green and thin turning by Doug Magrath. Challenge: Pyrography embellishment of a turning
April 19	Turning 101	Sign-up with Scott
May 7	Monthly meeting	A green and rough turned product and discussion of drying techniques
May 24	Turning 102	Sign-up with Scott – SIGNUP SHEET IS FULL
June 4	Monthly meeting	Chain saw demo and safety aspects by Fred, Patrick & John.
June 6 (a Saturday)	Guest turner demo 9:00am – 5:00pm	Bhin Pho demo, fee is \$40 which will include lunch. Look at his website (under the internet site section). Sign-up now to be sure of a seat.
June 26 – 28	AAW Symposium	AAW symposium, which will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
July/August	Summer break	Summer break.
September	Return from summer hiatus	Segmented turning by Jack Wallace of the WGO. How to info!
	<p>Topics in the discussion stages, not yet formalized as to date or content.</p> <p>Program Ideas and suggestions for guest turners are always welcomed by your committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Segmented turning open and closed ("how-to" specifics) will be covered in several sessions. -Hand thread-chasing. -Guest turners or seminars. -Design? What makes a makes a "good" turning into an "outstanding" turning? -Metal spinning -A safety night (discussion/panel) -A "show and sell" table of turnings, a "show and trade" table for your turnings. -Future challenge ideas: a pair of "something", -A seed pod turning. -Shear scraping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Make a home drying cabinet -Turning tips learned from experience (to be presented at meeting and published in the newsletters and our website). -Eccentric spindle turning -Bracelet turning -A ring turning -Inlace -Bird houses -Finishing the "foot" -Basic drying of wet wood -Wine stoppers -Eccentric turning -Sharing of advanced techniques turning 201 -Finishing

Note, meetings start at 7:30, doors open at 7:00. Raffle tickets, the library, and the Round table critique will be available between 7:00 and 7:30.



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