

# Thames Valley Woodturner

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

**Sept 17** A marbleizing seminar at Lee Valley Tools by Bernie. Contact Lee Valley Tools if you are interested 519-659-7981.

**Sept 30- Oct 2** Woodstock Wood Show http://www.thewoodstockwoodshow.com/

**October 30**, Jimmy Clewes seminar. See Bob for signup. Fee \$45.

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http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/

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# **Treasury**

We have ~\$3500, with nominal outstanding bills (August 2).



# Meeting date change

Due to the normal meeting night in September falling against the Labour Day weekend several members have requested it be rescheduled to Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. The hall is available, so the meeting date is changed, see you there.



# A Message from your Guild's President

It has been just half a year since I signed on as your new president. It has been a big task but I fear that there is much more work to come compared to the last six months. These are big shoes to fill. Scott Beverley did an amazing job before me. His dedication and commitment to the guild was fluid in everything he touched. From changing the venue of the guild meetings to organizing wood shows, audio visual systems, and the monthly leadership he provided during executive meetings while we discussed upcoming demonstrations, Scott lead the guild through progressively successful years. These last six months are largely the continued momentum established before his departure as president.

I, rather we are lucky to have him as Past President on the executive. Your executive is filled with talented and quietly dedicated turners who continue to work as a family to provide the best in programming and instructional sessions to the members. While I introduce the various sessions at the guild meetings, it is largely the contribution of each executive member and a few others that make our year a success. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Please remember to give us your suggestions for future demonstrations, for challenges, for videos and books, and anything you would like to see us do

together. And, if you have time, we would welcome a visit from you at an executive meeting.

The United Nations has named 2011 as International Year of Forests. I encourage you to visit the UN website (http://www.un.org/en/events/iyof2011/) and read up on some of the information and initiatives. It is staggering to see just how much of the world is directly dependent upon forests and their immediate products. I am glad to see the United Nations draw attention to the stewardship of sustainable forests worldwide. A couple of years ago I read Jared Diamond's book "Collapse". It is largely a sequel to his book "Guns, Germs and Steel" but in this book he examines the direct causes of the collapse of past civilizations. One particular civilization sticks out in my mind. The warring tribes of Easter Island decimated their forests to make canoes for fishing and to transport their monolithic statues to the island's coasts. As I read this, I wondered what the individuals in the community thought about the loss of their last tree. Did they have any idea that this single event would condemn their families? Or, in their arrogance, did they believe the forests would one day spring back on their own, without intervention? According to the UN website, roughly 1/3 of the Earth's land mass is covered by forests. Since 2/3 of the surface is water, we have roughly 11% of the Earth's surface covered by forests. I was surprised by that figure. If I were asked on the question on Jeopardy (or more likely, on the show "are you smarter than a fifth grader") I would certainly have answered with a higher percentage. Since our largest collective interest is in these forests and the wood they produce I suggest that we celebrate the Year of Forests within the guild. The December President's Challenge will end the year with the theme "International Year of Forests". I look forward to seeing your individual interpretations of this theme on the display table at the December meeting.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for your support in the last six months. I have received many words of encouragement and constructive suggestions for implementation in future meetings. We will continue to work together to make our community of woodturners stronger and more connected within the guild and our community at large.

Thank-you!,

Eric Deckert



#### **Woodstock Wood Show**

The Woodstock show is running this year, Sept 30 – Oct 2. Our Guild is working with the show organizers to participate with a booth, demonstrations in booth as well as seminar demonstrations in the seminar tent. More details as they become known.

We have canvassed the members by email to see who is interested in participating. We will need demonstrators and booth talkers and set-up/take-down volunteers. Demonstrators must be AAW members as well as Guild members for insurance coverage. For those who receive this by snail mail and if interested please call and leave me a message at 519-457-6555 indicating which

In addition turnings will be needed for display and as entries in both the Wood Show's competition and our own Peoples' Choice competition.

More info as it becomes known.



### **Definition of an artist**

"A person who works with their hands is a labourer; a person who works with their hands and their brain is a craftsman; but a person who works with their hands, their brain and their heart is an artist."

Louis Nizer, American Lawyer 1902 - 1994



# Visiting turners

For the interest of members we continue to list future seminars and visiting turners scheduled at neighboring Guilds as we learn of them.

These are the demonstrators that WGO, GHWG, TVWG and other area Guilds have either scheduled or are making arrangements for. The Guilds have generally said that members of other clubs are welcome to attend, space permitting. If you wish to attend make your wishes known as early as possible. Please let Gary Miller know for out-of-town sessions. He will verify that there is space and confirm the fees.

Carpooling may be arranged if there is sufficient interest, co-ordinate with Gary Miller. For sessions held in London see Bob Hewson to sign-up and or buy your ticket(s).

Guest turner	Date	Sponsor	Fee	Contact	Comments
Jimmy Clewes	Oct 30, 2011	TVWTG London	\$45	Gary Miller	Confirmed
Doug Fischer	Pending	TVWTG London	??	Gary Miller	Pending Considering a hands-on workshop too

## Interesting new or updated Internet sites

Google, Yahoo and MSN host newsgroups that cover virtually any topic you can imagine. Try typing your query as a question into the Google box and see the breadth of info you can find.

- Jimmy Clewes' site at <a href="http://www.jimmyclewes.com/">http://www.jimmyclewes.com/</a>
- AAW's artist/gallery marketplace, check out the famous and near famous turners work as well as details of their items <a href="http://www.woodturner.org/resources/bb/a\_g\_gallery/">http://www.woodturner.org/resources/bb/a\_g\_gallery/</a>
- Highland Woodworking has an interesting tips site <a href="http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/free-woodworking-tips.aspx">http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/free-woodworking-tips.aspx</a> you can subscribe to their newsletter too at <a href="http://blog.woodworkingtooltips.com/catalog/woodturning.php">http://blog.woodworkingtooltips.com/catalog/woodturning.php</a>
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#### Wood Marbleizing Workshop

Members that missed the previous workshop may be interested in attending a workshop on Saturday Sept.17/11 at Lee Valley in London, Ont. to be presented by Bernie Hrytzak. They will be doing wooden items besides turnings. This is a commercial seminar by Lee Valley Tools, not a Guild event

#### Description

Marbleizing of wood objects involves floating acrylic paints on top of a solution of water and Carageenan, then manipulating the colors into a pattern. The object to be marbleized is first pre-treated to accept paint readily and then immersed into the solution to coat the part.

Students will learn how to pre-treat parts mix paints if necessary for floating, apply paint to the Carageenan solution and coat the parts. They will become familiar with various styles of marbleizing such as a wood-grain appearance, marble design such as Venetian, veining and spalted wood look. Participants will learn how to plan each step in color selection, sequence of application, method of dipping and how to plan for various shapes.

This technique may be applied to small wooden boxes, candle sticks, platters, frames or other small craft items. All materials will be supplied and the student will be able to take home their "Art piece" and an immersion tank with the Carageenan solution for use at home.

To register contact the London store as space may be limited, phone (519) 659-7981. There is a fee for this course.



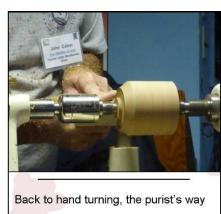
### May meeting

John demonstrated the "captive golf ball in a sphere" turning at the request of the membership.

This project covers a number of techniques and uses both gouges and jigs, all simple to make. The main technique for this "trick" turning is turning a sphere and John showed how to do it by hand and using a cutting jig which can be home built. Boring and some hollowing are required as well as holding the sphere to ensure it is completely round. Photos follow demonstrating a couple of techniques.

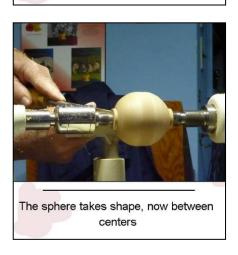






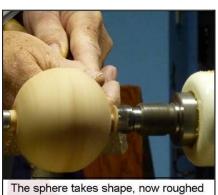






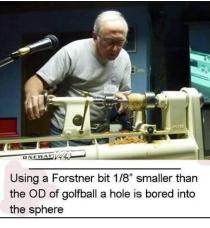


The sphere is rotated and held by friction by a cup chuck at either end so nubs can be turned away

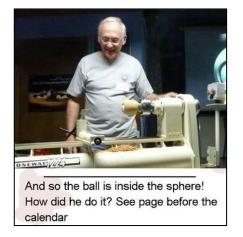


out, ready to remove nubs and finalize

shape









# The May challenge was a full size birdhouse

The winners of the May challenge were:

1<sup>st Mario Moran</sup>

2nd Jackie Morningstar and Bob Fenn

3<sup>rd Bernie Hrytzak</sup>

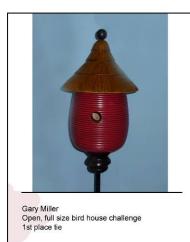
Congratulations to all for a job well done. There will be a rush be the local birds to stake a claim to these beauties.

Incidentally the winners were all in the Open class, where were the novices? Was the challenge set too high? Let your exec know your feelings on the topic.



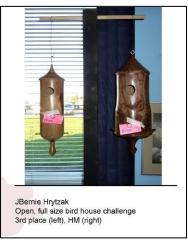










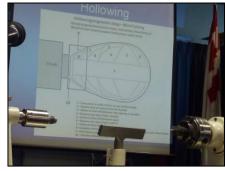




## June meeting

The demo of a turned Vase (hollow form) by Eric Deckert was our June topic as well as judging of the president's challenge. Eric's demo consisted of several parts, first, the mounting and turning of the outside shape of his vase followed by the initial boring of the inside. Next, the setup and use of the boring bar.

The use of the boring bar looks complicated but is simply a way to control the forces on the long tool overhang caused by working with deep hollowing. The forces are controlled by the boring bar frame and gives full control. Other methods of giving this control is the use of an articulated arm as demonstrated by Gary Miller some time ago or an arm braced device to give added control. For shallower depths a tool rest extension that follows to tool into the cavity (you need a wide mouth/opening on your vessel).



Eric begins with a sketch showing how he plans to remove the wood from the interior



Mounted in a check he turns a spigot and turns the outside shape to finished form



Vessel is re-chucked ready to form the mouth



Once shaped to final size, a hole is bored to the required depth



The opening is relieved slightly to allow manoeuvring room



The boring bar is assembled and aligned with the vessel



A small plastic tube is used to blow chips from the interior



The gouge in the boring bar rig is handled with ease.



Show and tell - May



Turner: Paul Newton Wood: mahogany Finish: oil and wax Size: 10"



Turner: Dave Bell, (a set of Sierras) Wood: Maple & Alumilite

Finish: C/A Size: n/a



Turner: Paul Newton Wood: ash Finish: oil and wax Size: 6"



Turner: Bernie Hyrtzak, Wood: box elder Finish: marbleized Size: n/a



Turner: Paul Newton Wood: cherry

Finish: linseed oil and wax

Size: n/a



Turner no name, please advise for correct-

Wood: ion (trophy) Finish:

Size:



Turner: Carl Duran Wood: ash Finish: Tung oil Size: n/a



Turner: Al Tamman
Wood: juniper (draw prize)
Finish: Shellac
Size: n/a



Turner: Bernie Hyrtzak, Wood: box elder Finish: marbleized Size: n/a



Turner Gary Miller Wood: box elder, Finish: black lacquer Size: n/a



Turner No name, (please advise) Wood: Catalpa

Finish: n/a
Size: n/a



Turner John Calver
Wood: Rosewood bottle stopper
Finish: with golf ball. Support of maple

Size: n/a



Turner Carl Durance

Wood: Necklaces & pendants, various

Finish: woods and finishes

Size: n/a



Turner Paul Spicer Wood: Aspen burl Finish: tung oi Size: n/a



Turner Carl Durance Wood: spalted birch bowl

Finish: tung oil Size: n/a



Turner Don Arthur Wood: Maple star box

Finish: n/a

Size: approx 3" across



### President's challenge for June 2011,

(A bowl for Novice and Intermediate turners and a trembleur for the Open turners)

As a reminder, here are the requirements for this challenge:

Novice Class – a bowl 6" Diameter x 3" deep with a foot 2" or less Intermediate Class – a bowl 8" Diameter x 4" deep with a, foot 2" or less, wall thickness <0.25"

Advanced Class – A Trembleur – min 7" long, must have at least 4 features (rings, beads, coves, or cups)

<u>Trembleur defined by woodturning on-line</u>: Trembleur is a French word that relates to trembler or wobbler. This turned object is a test of your turning skill. It was originally used as a test for apprentice turners in order to pass to higher jobs

The trembleur is made from one piece of wood in a spindle orientation. It is then turned with a turned element at the top, followed by a 2 or 3 mm thin spindle (1/16 to 3/32"), then another element and then another spindle and so

forth until you get to the end.

In talking with Francois Escoulen, he mentioned that he's turned trembleurs as tall as he is! Can you imagine a trembleur at over 5 feet tall?









President's Challenge 1st Open - Trembleur

Turner: Jackie Morningstar



President's Challenge 1st, Intermediate Manifoba maple Min-wax and tung oil

~12"
Turner: Paul Jackson



President's Challenge

1st, Novice Elm, 3" x 6" shellac finish

Turner: Al Tamman



President's Challenge 2nd OPen - Trembleur

Turner: Carl Durance



President's Challenge 2nd Open (tie) - Trembleur

Turner: Carl Durance



President's Challenge 2nd, Intermediate Ash 8° Linseed oil and wax finish

Turner: Paul Newton



President's Challenge

3rd Novice Walnut and maple Walnut oil finish

Turner: Ross Wadsworth



President's Challenge 3rd Open - Trembleur

Turner: Gary Miller



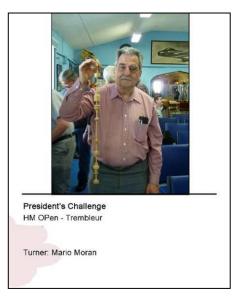
President's Challenge HM, Open,

Ash 8"

Linseed oil and wax finish

Turner: Paul Newton











#### Show and tell - June



Turner: John Calver Wood: Maple burl Finish: Lacquer Size: 3"



Turner: John Calver Wood: Mahogany

Finish: Black Gesso and lacquer Size: 12" dia, 1 1/2 deep



Turner: Paul Spicer Wood: Elm Finish: Tung oil Size: 8" dia,



Turner: Paul Spicer
Wood: Manitoba Maple
Finish: Tung oil
Size: 8" dia,



Turner: Don Arthur
Wood: Awl, found wood
Finish: Ultrashine
Size: n/a



Turner: Don Arthur Wood: Walnut Finish: Buffed Size: n/a



Turner: Paul Jackson -

Wood: Pine architectural turning

Finish: none Size: n/a



Turner: Carl Durance Wood: Spalted birch

Finish: Coloured pens plus wax

Size: n/a



Turner: Doug Magrath
Wood: Spalted maple
Finish: Waterbased urethane

Size: 5" x 6"

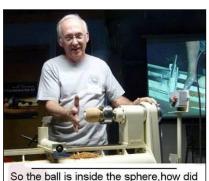


# 2011-2012 season scheduled meetings and other events. This is our 1<sup>st</sup> look at the schedule; there may be changes as the year progresses. You input is valued.

Date	Meeting or events	Shows/events/comments				
May 5	Monthly meeting	How to turn the "captive golf ball turning". Challenge is for a full size bird house.				
June 2	Monthly meeting	A vase by Eric Deckert. President's Challenge: Bowls or Trembleur, full details are listed on the Web site				
September 8, 2011 Note, this is the 2nd Thursday	Return from summer hiatus Monthly meeting	Carl Durance – Celtic knot techniques Challenge: a vase Jimmy Clews ticket sales				
October 30 9:00 – 4:00	Seminar	Jimmy Clewes seminar. \$45, lunch included.				
October 6	Monthly meeting	Goblet demonstration by Mario Moran				
November 3	Monthly meeting	Gilding, by Bob Hewson An ornament exchange, prepare for Dece3mber's meeting				
December 8	Monthly meeting	Social evening – an ornament exchange, tool sale, bring goodies, invite significant others, bar(?).  President's challenge: a turning themed on the "International year of forests".  Elections.				
January 5, 2012	Monthly meeting	Pendant by John Calver Challenge — a goblet				
February 2	Monthly meeting	A teapot by Eric Deckert				
March 1	Monthly meeting	Open at present				
April 5	Monthly meeting	Open at present				
May 3	Monthly meeting	Open at present				
June 7	Monthly meeting	Open at present				
???	Seminar Workshop	Doug Fisher – general seminar and workshop - pending				
	Program ideas and suggestions for guest turners. Member input is always welcomed by your committee	-Hand thread-chasingGuest turners or seminarsDesign? What makes a "good" turning into an "outstanding" turning? -Metal spinning -A safety night (discussion/panel) -Future challenge ideas: a pair of "something", a seed pod turning.	-Shear scraping -Pendants -Turning a ring -Inlace -Basic drying of wet wood -Wine stoppers -Sharing of advanced techniques turning 201 -Make a home drying cabinet			

<u>Note</u>: Meetings start at 7:30, doors open at 7:00. The open period from 7:00 and 7:30 is a great time to discuss problems or successes at the "<u>Show and Tell</u>" table. Raffle tickets, the library, and the Round Table critique are available between 7:00 and 7:30.

# The secret



### Items both wanted and for sale

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- -For any custom work, please see me.

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592 Mapledale Ave. London

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- -1x30 Delta belt grinder \$35
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Call: Fred Rodger 519-858-2558 or email at frederick.rodger@sympatico.ca (Fred will bring it to the meeting for you)

For sale: I make and sell cutters for the Stewart system and or boring bars. They are made of hi-speed steel. Available in three sizes, prices are \$15, \$20, & \$25. Call Mario Moran at 519-336-0550, or see him at the Guild meeting or mario.ada@sympatico.ca

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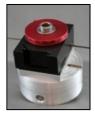


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#### For sale:

This is a list of tools belonging to Gord Woods, he is clearing out his workshop and most of his tools appear to be in good shape.

Radial Arm Saw, 10" Dewalt \$175.00

Trademaster table saw 10" 24" rip \$275.00

Trademaster 14" bandsaw \$250.00

Trademaster 16" floor model drillpress \$130.00

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