



Thames Valley Woodturner

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

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Treasury

Our treasury report shows a balance of ~\$3007 at time of the executive meeting.



Interesting new or updated web 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.

- If you haven't seen Lee Valley's online newsletter check this out. There is a subscribe button at the bottom of the file <http://www.leevalley.com/en/newsletters/Woodworking/8/1/newsletter.htm>
- Turning info and tips from Highland Woodturner. You can subscribe online for this interesting newsletter <http://www.thehighlandwoodturner.com/>
- Turning info and tips online with the publishers of Woodturning Design magazine. You can subscribe online for this newsletter <http://www.woodturningonline.com/lists/?p=subscribe>
- While not specific to turning the Kreg newsletter is always of interest to woodworkers, this issue is aimed at finishing <http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=398a99e03911338d50ca4f6a0&id=6a5ff8c0fd&e=d8744a3d0>



An oldie but a "Goodie"

From Doug Clarke:

If you haven't watched this before, I thought you might find it of interest.

Thanks Doug, I have seen this before, kind of gives new meaning to production turning. All we want is a new Oneway, this guy doesn't even have electricity!

Subject: Woodworking on a high-tech lathe!!

MAKING CHESS PIECES.....

This is a craft which was probably handed down by all his grandfathers over the last couple of thousand years.

Not a band aid in sight!

Look at the size of the chisel - no little tiny ones for the delicate bits, and he appears to still have all his fingers and toes!

Talk about amazing hand/foot co-ordination, etc.

Wow. <http://www.wimp.com/chesspieces/>



Woodstock Wood Show

The Woodstock show was considered a success from those who attended and our booth and demos were considered highlights. The Guild's executive wishes to express there thanks to all who helped out with set-up, take-down, demonstrating, talking to folks and submitting turnings for the show's competition or our People's Choice competition. **Well Done!**

We will plan on attending next year.

We had 7 or 8 visitors at the October meeting who learned about us at the show.

We had a number of turnings win ribbons and prizes at the show, photos follow along with several shots from the show (thanks Gary).

Mario struck gold with his pair of segmented urns, 1st in Category in the show competition and the "People's Choice" award.



Mario Moran, 1st in Category



Jackie Morningstar 1st in Category



Jackie Morningstar 2nd in Category



Mario Moran HM in Category



Mario Moran "People's Choice" winner



Mario Moran 3rd in Category



Mario Moran awarded People's Choice award of \$100 by Eric



Turnings on display



Turnings on display



How did he do that?



Woodstock show entries in woodworking



More show entries in woodworking



A study in concentration



People's Choice" entries



Demonstrating proved popular with members and the public



September Meeting

Eric Deckert demonstrated the making of a wand, a timely item with Halloween coming up. Majic wands made popular by the Harry Potter movies give the turner a small spindle job to keep his fingers limbered up. A little forward planning is a good idea. A sketch or story board showing you the size and length of the handle, the hilt, and the wand's barrel is a good start. Remember there are generally for kids so keep the smaller scale in mind.

This is a good place to use up those small decorative pieces of exotic woods you have been saving. You also have an opportunity to try some fancy work like spirals, carving the handle, or laminating.

The following photos show some of the steps Eric went through, however time ran out and we didn't see the finished wand. We will put a picture in a later issue.



1st, turn it round...



Lay-out your sections to turn



This detail will become a carved thistle



This is the start for a spiral in the handle



1st cuts using a backsaw to lay out the spiral



Next using a file the spiral's grooves are detailed and will be finished with sandpaper



Show and Tell for September



Dave Bell - maple with Alomalite decoration



Mike Malone - walnut, cherry and maple vessel



Bob Fenn - Spindle, an example of how to get both sides the "same" - do small steps left and do same small steps right



Doug Magrath - experiment in bleaching (4:1) all same tree



Doug Magrath - experiment in bleaching (unbleached) same tree



Doug Magrath - experiment in bleaching (4:1) all same tree



Joe Wallace - Box elder with decorative centre core



Carl Durance - segmented bowl



Sorry, turner not identified



Jean Corey - Plate colored with beeswax based pigmented pencils. Heated in microwave **where** wax and pigments absorb into plate



Jean Corey - Laced rim burl bowl



Jean Corey - Laced rim burl bowl



We have scheduled “Hands-on drop-in night” Thursday, November 21nd.

- Hands-on drop-in nights is exactly as implied,
 - Drop-in, no agenda, talk, discuss ideas or techniques;
 - Hands-on, again you do it, try it, show it, and ask for help if needed.
 - Chat about turning
- We will have at least 3 lathes plus the sharpening center available.
- Coffee and soft drinks will be available.
- Who is invited? The membership (you can bring a visitor, but hands-on is for members only due to our insurance regulations).
- Tools? Bring your own tools and get some tips on sharpening too...
- It is felt that some casual less structured hands-on time between members of various skills levels and members, with techniques to learn and share, would be beneficial to all.

The second “Hands-on drop-in night” proved successful and we will plan further sessions during the 2014 season if popular.



Visiting turners

For the interest of members we continue to list future seminars and visiting turners scheduled at neighbouring 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. Gary 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
Gibsons (husband and wife team)	Nov 9 th or Nov10 th	Golden Horseshoe on 9 th	\$45 seminar includes lunch	Gary Miller and the local guild	Confirmed. Husband and wife team turn and decorate teapots
Michael Hosaluk	April 5, 2014,	TVWTG	\$45 seminar includes lunch		Venue confirmed, need to confirm with Michael
Nick Cook	Nov 17	Blue Water - michigan	\$40US includes lunch		If going co-ordinate with Gary for possible car-pooling



Coming Challenges

Several challenges have been identified for the upcoming season and we have listed them well in advance so that you may begin planning your winning entry.

The “Circle” challenge for February’s meeting

This is a little different challenge. Turning is to be your interpretation of “Circle”. The execution and parameters are for you to decide. Rather than have this as a “People’s Choice”, judging will be by the Guild’s executive.

An egg challenge for April’s meeting

Based on but not limited by Bob’s demo in March. No limit on size, decoration, or material(s).

A Member’s turning challenge for June’s meeting

John Calver has submitted a challenge to the executive which has been approved for the June meeting. This advance notice gives the membership lots of time to be creative. Unlike past challenges there is no “class of entry”, all entries will be judged by the same criteria which are:

1. The turning must fit within a 6” cube
2. There must be a minimum of two species of wood with a minimum of different wood colors
3. Part of the turned piece must be embellished (including painted, stained, dyed, bleached, but not limited to these techniques)
4. You may also use alternate materials, texturing, carving, or piercing. This element is to be a feature of the turning and should not dominate the turning
5. Care should be taken in the “fit and finish” of the turning.

Prior to voting, each turning will be reviewed by the coordinator of Challenges – Bernie, for compliance to all of the rules.

Sounds like a challenge to get everyone’s creative juices flowing and **lots of time** to produce it.



October meeting

Our October meeting featured Dave bell turning a Sierra pen. While many of us have turned pens Dave has take the time to refine a number of steps in the process to eliminate a number of problems inherent in the normal procedures. Rather than detail each step I will attempt to highlight his changes/improvements over the usual method.



Bore the hole using the lathe, not a drill press. Dave uses a standard drill bit



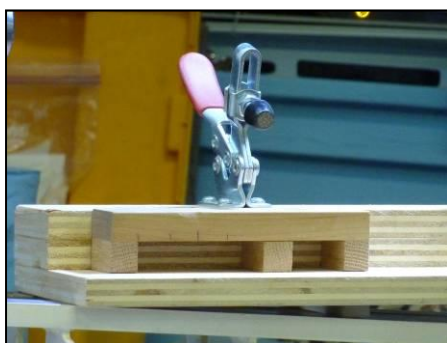
Mixing pad for epoxy to glue the brass tube into the blank



Using a dowel or rod apply the epoxy to the inside of tube



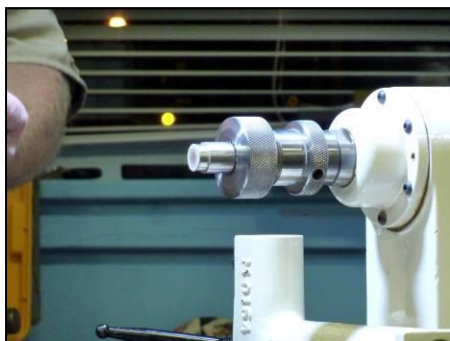
Using applicator/stick/dowel ensure brass tube is coated as it is inserted. Note tube ends have been plugged with



Bandsaw cutting sled for accurate and safe cutting of blanks



Add color when using a transparent blank - to prevent brass from showing through



Small sanding disc chucked in a collet. Collets may be used for centering if you have them or use a stub MT taper



Use a little wax to protect the Blank's ends from CA used later on in the finishing process



60 degree MT centres used in lieu pen turning mandrel



Bushings are use with a small 60 deg chamfers for good contact with the centers for precise centering. You always get a little out-of-round using a pen turning mandrel



Keep your tools sharp, this of course shortens them and will require eventual replacement



After the desired shape is reached sand through your grits



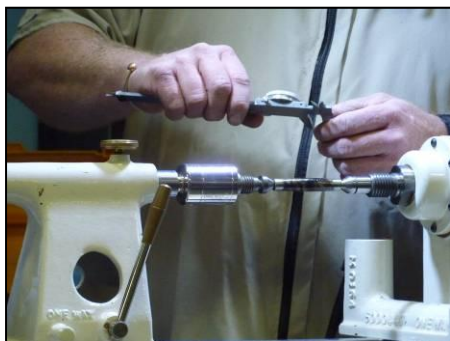
Carry on with Micro-fibre sanding



Dave's preferred CA is the thick version for applying his finish



Watching the application of multiple coats of CA by Dave during the break



Measuring the diameter so he will know how much CA is applied



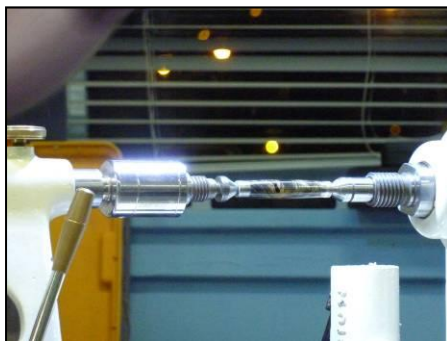
Apply CA. Dave prefers to let it dry by itself then apply layers until sufficient build-up.



Once he has enough CA built up he is then able to carefully turn down to the final thickness



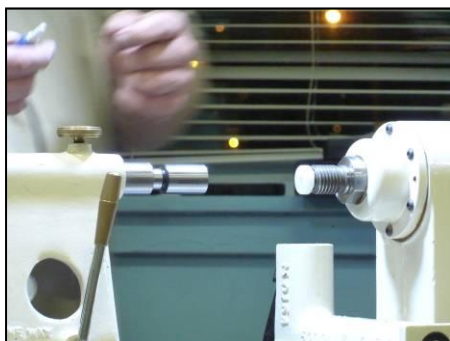
Wet sanding brings out the gloss



Nice gloss!



Sanding the end square on small sanding disc device



Ready to press parts using the lathe for applying pressure instead of a dedicated pen vise



Examine for flaws



The completed pen, anyone would be proud to make, give, or use it!



October Show and Tell



Branden Smith - Wand and display stand



Dave Bell, Duck calls, maple burl and AlumaLite



Turner unidentified



Paul Newton – dyed bottle stoppers



Paul Newtron



Paul Newton - walnut



Turner unidentified



Question raised as to how to get the grooves parallel on this multi-centre turning

– Dave Hudgel



Jackie Morningstar - Natural edge bowl

Correction

I mixed up the awards for the “2 of something challenge.”

The correct placing is shown under the photos.

My apologies. Ed



Open: John Calver - 3rd, Mario Moran – 1st, Jackie Morningstar - HM, Eric Deckert – 2nd



Intermediate: Dan Kelly – 1st, David Hudgel 2nd

2013-2014 season scheduled meetings and other events. There may be changes as the year progresses. Your input is valued in the development of our program.

Date	Meeting or events	Shows/events/comments	
January 3, 2013	Monthly meeting	Eric will replace John as demonstrator, floor style candle sticks made with storyboard(s).	
February 7	Monthly meeting	Finishing – a discussion	
March 7	Monthly meeting	Paul Jackson - on architectural turnings	
April 4	Monthly meeting	Dave Bell will demonstrate bottle stoppers and his use of Alumalite	
May 2	Monthly meeting	John Calver and Gary Miller Dueling 'wobble' chucks	
May 16	Woodturners "Drop-In" Night	Bring your own wood, bring your tools to sharpen, practice and use. Free to members and ANYONE is welcome. Members only may turn, not guests.	
June 6	Monthly meeting	Pres challenge? A pair of "somethings" - based loosely on Eric's duplication/storyboard demo in January. Gary miller – lost wood process.	
September 5	Monthly meeting	John Calver turns his winning treen challenge scoop. Bob Fenn will have tool sharpening station set up from 7:00 – 7:20	
October 4, 5, & 6	Wood Show	Woodstock wood show. Please sign-up if you plan to participate. We need set-up, take-down, and demonstrators. Space is limited, so we may have to limit demonstrators on any particular day.	
October 10	Monthly meeting (Note, 2 nd Thursday)	Note meeting date has been delayed a week due to activity and preparation for the Woodstock show. Note change Dave Bell will turn a Sierra pen	
November 7	Monthly meeting	Christmas themed Inside-out turning – decoration or other type by Paul Newton Gather up your surplus and unused tools and turning books for our annual tool sale.	
November 21	Woodturners' "Drop-In" Night	Bring your own wood, bring your tools to sharpen, practice and use. Free to members and ANYONE is welcome. Members only may turn, not guests.	
December 5	Monthly meeting	Christmas social and ornament exchange (bar will be open). President's challenge – lost wood process turning Photo night for a Guild photo-roster	
January 9, 2014	Monthly meeting	Please note change of date to 2nd Thursday due to Air Force Assoc. conflict. John Calver will turn a scoop Election night	
February 6	Monthly meeting	Threaded box by Doug Magrath (emphasis on threading) "Circle" challenge.	
March 6	Monthly meeting	Turn an egg demo by Bob Fenn	
April 3	Monthly meeting	A demo by Carl Durance – a "Top" box The "Egg" challenge	
April 5	Seminar	Michael Hosaluk – tentative, to be confirmed - \$45 with lunch	
????	A Charity Event	Habitat for Humanity – information on date, theme, and "rules" will be published when received. June is likely time frame for the event	
May 1	Monthly meeting	Turning with walnut shells by Mario Moran – techniques used for the vessels he turned and entered in Woodstock	
June 5	Monthly meeting	Not finalized A "Member's challenge"	
	Program ideas and suggestions for guest turners. Member input is always welcomed by your committee	-Hand thread-chasing. -Guest turners or seminars. -Design? What makes a "good" turning into an "outstanding" turning? -Metal spinning -A safety night (discussion/panel)	-A seed pod turning. -Shear scraping -Turning a ring -Inlace -Basic drying of wet wood -Wine stoppers -Make a home drying cabinet

Note: 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 "Show and Tell" table and converse with other members. Raffle tickets, the library, and the Round Table critique are available between 7:00 and 7:30 and the break period.



Items wanted and for sale

Ads are free for members and run until you sell your item or withdraw your advert. To run an ad or to remove one, call or email Bob at 519-457-6555 or 66.bobhewson@rogers.com. Members can support other members by **buying: good deals and at good prices!**

Please note: The Guild provides a means of connecting buyer and sellers through these ads. It is up to the buyer to ensure the item offered is as stated and the two parties should agree between them as to warranty/guarantee.

We print on a non-date-specific schedule, generally every two months. Our newsletter can be found on the internet at <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/> for viewing in glorious **colour**.

FOR SALE

- ONEWAY 1018 Lathe with metal bench (1 HP 220 volt),
Numerous accessories including 2 ONEWAY Chucks with No.1, 2 & 3 Jaws
plus Mini Jumbo Jaws.
Lathe is in excellent condition with minimal usage-----\$1200
- GENERAL 6inch diameter Grinder with a 1/4 HP motor-----\$ 65
- WOLVERINE Grinding Jig.-----\$ 50
- LEE VALLEY Sander/Grinder with a 1/3 HP Baldor motor, 1inch x 42inch Belts.
AS NEW – Never used.-----\$ 75
- TRITON Powered Respirator/Helmet. **AS NEW** – Never used-----\$ 45
- RYOBI Router Table with 1.5 HP Router. **AS NEW** – Never used-----\$ 75

Contact Alf Buckle 519-271-8489 email abuckle@sympatico.ca



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 email mario.ada@sympatico.ca

Custom work:

I Have a vertical mill & metal lathe to make different turning tools (cutters, sharpening jigs, supports etc.) you name it, similar to the Hunter Tool for hollowing in two different sizes 1/4" & 3/8" round, also a square end cutter (all carbide cutters).

-If you want a curve put in rod it can be done too. You will have to make a drawing if you want a bend put in the rod. Price: \$50 straight, \$70 bent or curved.

-Aluminum handles to accept the tool is also available (you choose the size).

-See my sharpening jigs at the next guild meeting or call me.

-New item Custom vacuum chuck \$95

-For any custom work, please see me.

Call: Al Johnston at 519-679-8718