



Thames Valley Woodturner

A publication of the Thames Valley Woodturners Guild

(Meetings held at 2155 Crumlin Side Road, London)



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

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Treasury

Our treasury report shows a balance of \$1050 at the time of the November executive meeting.

All expenses to date were current.

A reminder that we are now using an anniversary date renewal of dues. For those who joined before we started tracking the month you joined they will be deemed to have joined during January.

You will receive an email advising you that your dues are due and you may pay by cheque mailed to the Secretary or by cheque/ cash at the next meeting, paid to Jackie. We expect this new method to simplify the collection process for us and spread our income over the year. Of course if you still wish to pay at the years start, that is OK too.



President's year end message

Happy New Year!

2015 was an exciting year for the Thames Valley Woodturners Guild. While our membership continued a steady growth, we have increased our exposure in the community.

Our year kicked off with more outstanding demonstrations by talented members of the Guild. Spring brought the second of our "Walk-in Nights" where members could mingle, get a little instruction, trade information and socialize. Our participation in the Western Fair, the Woodstock Wood Show, and the Maycourt Sale has raised the awareness of woodturning and the Guild within the local woodworking community, and the local community at large. While our Western Fair and Maycourt Sale experiences were not quite what we had hoped for, they were good learning experiences. The Woodstock Wood Show brought us much attention over the two and a half days we were demonstrating, and great exposure on the main stage. As in the past, we have gained a number of new members as a result of our participation. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered in these events. You made it happen.

Our Guild was able to purchase two new Delta mini lathes over the summer, to add to the two mini lathes we have. This will better position us to run regular workshops in the future, and better facilitate our continued participation in the Woodstock Wood Show.

As always, I cannot say enough about the tireless work your executive has put into this Guild. Their dedication is what keeps us all coming back for more. Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank all those who volunteer in other capacities in the Guild, whether running the Library, selling raffle tickets, organizing refreshments, or doing set-up and take-down. All that makes for a better Guild.

As we move into 2016, there is much to look forward to. We have a full slate of demos for the Spring, as well as three challenges to look forward to between January and September.

We will be visited by two major guest turners in 2016. In April, Stephen Kennard will be doing a full day demo plus a workshop in April, and David Ellsworth will be doing the same in November. Many thanks to Gary Miller for the work in putting these together.

We also hope to organize one or two hands-on workshops, which may be project specific, but also teach techniques of woodturning that are of interest to beginner and intermediate turners.

Each month there is a wealth of new items on the show-and-tell table, each showcasing the unique talents of so many in our Guild. It still amazes me how much talent there is in this group.

I have been privileged to be your President this past year, and I look forward to what 2016 holds for us.

Paul Newton



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. I will also try to include appropriate web sites that may be related to meeting demos. Most references are hotlinks, click them and go directly to the site if you are on the net.

- Here is a video on You Tube showing how to make a "Dizzy" bowl similar to those Paul Guilbault and Carl Durance have shown at recent Show & Tells <https://youtu.be/XJ1IV-UhkB4>
- Highland woodworking is an interesting site to visit with challenges, projects, and new too previews. A site worth visiting or adding your name to their mailing list http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodturning-tips-1510oct/wt55.html?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Highland%20Woodturner&utm_content=HWT+October+2015
- Another worthwhile site for regular visits is Woodturning online, the online presence of More Woodturning magazine http://www.woodturningonline.com/index.php?utm_source=nl_Dec_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters



Visiting turners

We have a two exciting turners slated for 2016, Stephen Kennard and David Ellsworth as detailed below. To ensure a place at the workshops (limited space) please see Jackie to reserve your spot (fee is \$150). Also please register for a seat at the seminar(s) (fee is \$50).

For the interest of members we continue to list future seminars and visiting turners scheduled at neighbouring Guilds as we learn of them as well as planned events in London.

These include demonstrators that WGO, GHWG, WTG, TVWG and other area Guilds have either scheduled or are making arrangements for guest turners. The Guilds have generally encouraged members of other guilds to attend, space permitting. If you wish to attend make your wishes known as early as possible.

Turner	Date	Location	Fee	Confirmed
Stephen Kennard seminar and workshop	April 10 – 11, 2016	TWWTG	\$50 demo includes lunch \$150 workshop-members only, includes lunch Lottery if too many sign-up for workshop	Yes
David Ellsworth seminar and workshop	Nov 27-28, 2016	TWWTG	\$50- seminar includes lunch \$150 workshop includes lunch Lottery if too many sign-up for workshop	Yes

Please let Gary Miller know if you want to attend out-of-town sessions, he will verify that there is space and confirm the fees. Carpooling may be arranged if there is sufficient interest for out-of-town seminars, again, co-ordinate with Gary Miller. For sessions held in London see Jackie Morningstar to sign-up and or buy your advance ticket(s).



Items for sale (or wanted)

Over the years we have carried a for sale and wanted section resulting in numerous items being found or sold. Currently there are few items listed, so there is room for your FREE advertisement. With Christmas just passed and many new tools being unboxed and tested out there are perhaps some older used but not abused tools you would like to offer for sale. To do so simply send an email to me, Bob Hewson, with a description of the item(s), a photo if you can, the price, and how to contact you ie. phone, email or both.

There is no charge for this service for our members. The info is sent out to our mailing list of members and sister guilds by email when received, and if unsold the item(s) are included in our next newsletter and removed when sold. Co-incidental to listing in our newsletter Kajiji is also a good place to list used equipment.

We also make available to members the opportunity to place business card advertising for a non-guild purpose for \$35/year.



November Meeting

Gary Miller demonstrated a segmented Christmas tree ornament. Not as difficult as it looks. Several photos follow and a project hand-out is on the website under tips and tricks.



Here is the goal for tonight's ornament. A "How to" handout is on the website for more instructions.



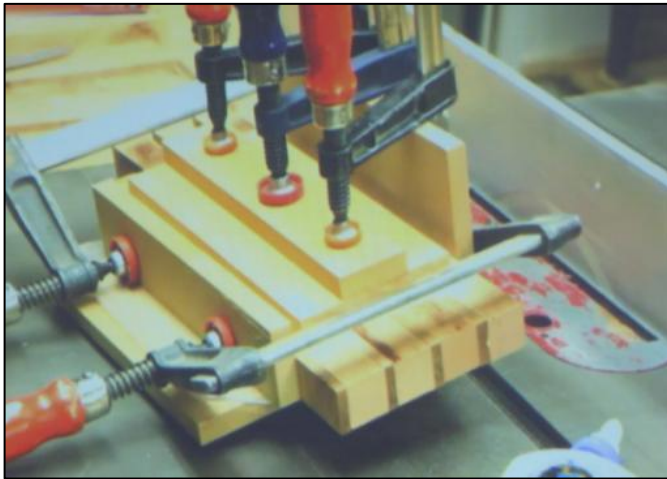
This stave bowl is the basis for the ornament we make tonight



The project begins with layup and glueing of the light and dark pieces. Many of the following shots "screen grabs" from the AV pictures.



Using a furniture scraper to "joint the glueup as well as remove excess glue



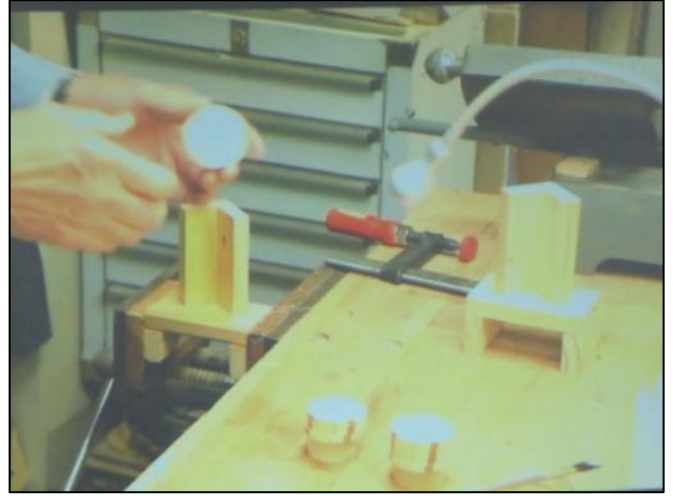
Glueing up several pieces (you can never have too many clamps)



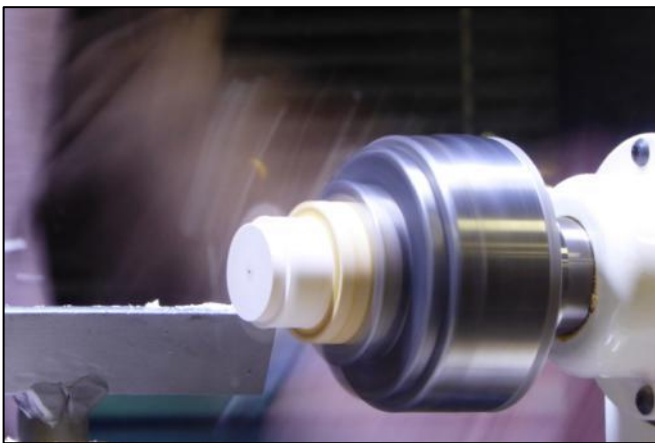
Cutting to size



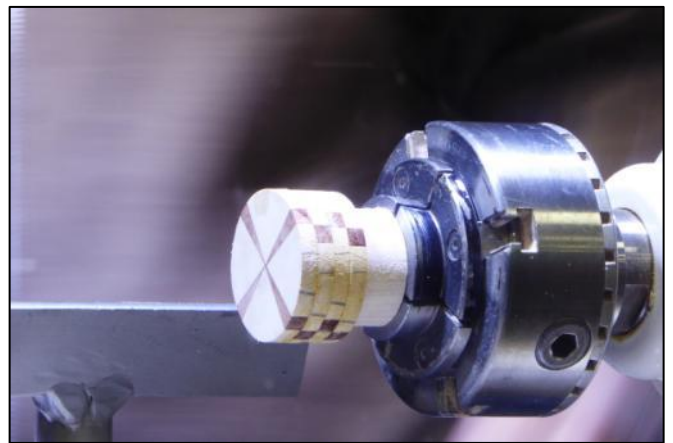
Turning into a cylinder



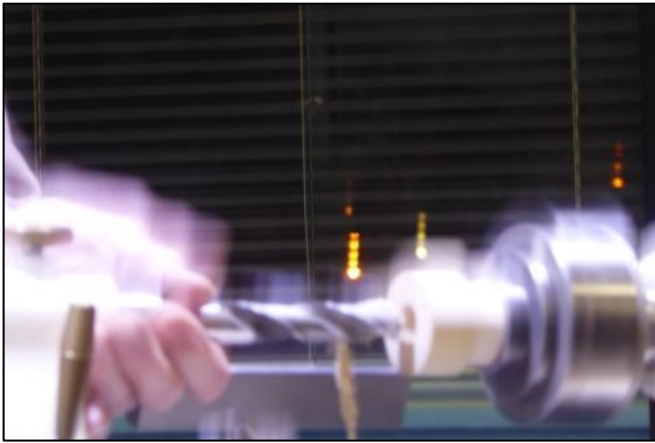
Slices from the cylinder positioned ready for glueing



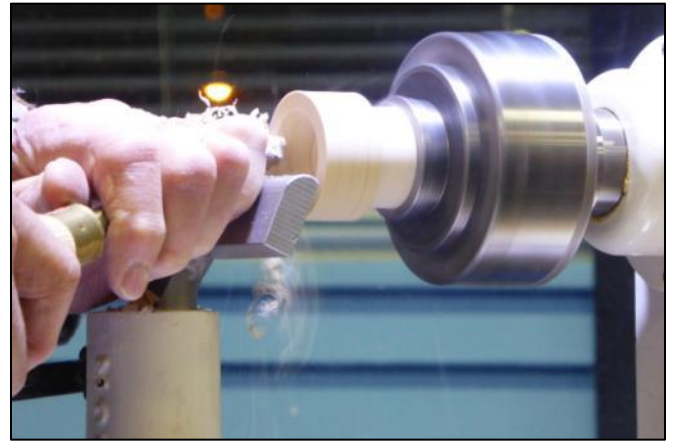
Preparing a tenon



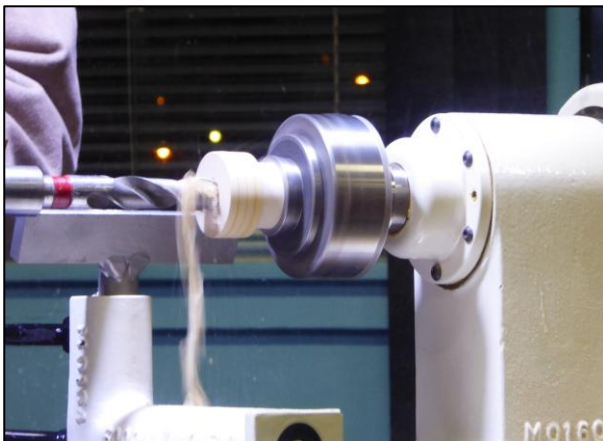
Tenon prepared and laminations for i/2 the sphere glued in place



Rapid hollowing with large MT drill bit



Hollow out the "sphere to be"



2nd half of the sphere is hollowed



2nd half of the sphere is hollowed



November Show and Tell



Paul Guilbault, unusual shaped big-leaf maple burl



Turner unidentified



Bill Orlowski, "Sputnik" sea urchin decorations with maple, cherry, and bloodwood finials and toppers



Collaboration between John Calver and Dave Bell, bracelet of burl and Armalite



Doug Magrath large silver ash bowl



Eric Deckert, unknown wood, tung oil finish



Jeanne Corey, maple bowl with burned decorative Celtic pattern



Maple bowl with a decorative burned Celtic pattern in interior



Ruby Cler, maple bowl with egg (egg seems to be missing from the photo)



Turner unidentified



Jeanne Corey a striking decorative effect using automotive enamel.



Walnut goblets, shellac finish by Geoff Scott



Eric Deckert, unknown wood, tung oil finish



Eric Deckert, unknown wood, tung oil finish



Eric, Deckert unknown wood, tung oil finish



Geoff Scot, maple box, walnut finial



December Social

Another Christmas season and the end of 2015 were preceded by our annual Christmas social. There was lots of socializing and nibbling of goodies washed down by coffee, sodas, and libations from the bar.

Our thanks to the providers of the goodies and out thanks to Flo for tending bar.

Our ornament exchange grows a bit each year, next year we hope we can convince a few more members to participate.

Hope you all had a good holiday period and are looking forward to another great year of turning!

*Bob
Editor*

December social and ornament exchange



Don decorated the tree with special ornaments



More beauties are put in place



Hmmm, looks good enough to eat...



A good chance to chat



Eric and Scott. Each holds the other's ornament in our ornament exchange photos



Bruce McGauley and Paul Newton



Joe Wallace and Bernie Hrytzak



Don Arthur and Adam Hamill



Gary Miller and Jeanne Corey



Carl Durance and Doreen Bowden



Jackie Morningstar and John Calver



Bob Fenn and Bill Orlowski (III, here in spirit only, his ornament is the "Sputnik").



Change to the newsletter

It was decided at our last executive meeting to discontinue the printed copies of the newsletter.

The reasons for the change are: limited mailed out copied (a dozen), an ongoing expense of about \$600/year, added time and effort required to arrange print, pickup, fold, address and mail copies.

Alternatively, the online copy is available sooner with much less out of pocket cost and effort, no postage, no addressing etc.

For those affected by this change and who have an email address, please let me know same and you will be added to our email list.

The online copy is in living color. You can print a page as or if required. Without mailing/postage limitations the newsletter may consist of more pages with both a larger font and larger photos will be inserted in a larger size with 6 - 8 pictures per page instead of 12 per page.

I hope you like the changes we have made and that you think of this as your newsletter and feel free to suggest topics, or submit articles or photos.

Editor

December Show and Tell



Decorations by Carl Durance



Decorations by Carl Durance



Lever action pen by Carl Durance



Lever action pen by Carl Durance



2015-2016 season scheduled meetings and other events. There may be changes as the year progresses, if in doubt check our website for the latest meeting info as the scheduled time draws near. Your input is valued in the development of our program.

Date	Meeting or events	Shows/events/comments	
August 15 - 16	Symposium	Grey-Bruce TurnFest 2015 Symposium/Workshops	
September 10 th	Monthly meeting	President's challenge, a collaborative box created by 2 or more members (details elsewhere in the newsletter. Demo by Dave Bell on casting with Alumalite.	
September 11 th -12 th	Western Fair	Guild demonstrations at the fair, Sept 11 – 12. We need volunteers to set-up, take-down, demonstrate, and talk to visitors. This is a heavy schedule, so if you can volunteer for one or more shifts of 4 hours it will help. We need turnings to display and we will have a People's Choice Award competition as well.	
October 2 nd – 4 th	Woodstock Wood-working Show	Guild demonstrations at the Show. We need volunteers to set-up, take-down, demonstrate, and talk to visitors. This is a full schedule, so if you can volunteer for one or more shifts of 4 hours on one or more days it will help. We need turnings to display and we will have a People's Choice Award competition as well.	
October 8 th	Monthly meeting	Demo by Carl Durance, next steps in pen turning	
October 29 th	Woodturners' "Drop-In" Night	Open 7:00. Bring your own wood, bring your tools to learn to correctly sharpen, practice and use. Free to members and EVERYONE is welcome. Only members may turn though, not guests. (<i>Scott will be the go-no-go guy, phone 519-681-5565</i>)	
November 8 th	Special event	Maycourt Sale at the Hellenic Community Centre on Southdale Rd., W.	
November 12 th	Monthly meeting	Christmas themed demo. Gary Miller will demonstrate turning a segmented ball ornament (It is not as complex as it looks!).	
December 10 th	Monthly meeting	Christmas social and Christmas exchange of turned items (goodies always appreciated)	
January 14 th	Monthly meeting	Business/elections. YoYo demo by John Calver to tie in with March Challenge.	
February 11 th	Monthly meeting	Jigs and fixtures. Members are requested to tell/show their "special" jigs to the members. Let us know what you have that makes life in the shop easier or safer for you.	
March 10 th	Monthly meeting	Spindle turning identical parts like balusters by Bob Fenn. Basics plus a skills challenging part of the demo is to duplicate it. Goblet challenge announcement	
April 10 – 11	Stephen Kennard seminar and workshop	Stephen Kennard seminar including lunch on Sunday the 10 th , the workshop is on Monday the 11 th , including lunch	
April 14 th	Monthly meeting	Goblet demo by Paul Newton.	
May 12 th	Monthly meeting	Enameling demo where enameling is used as an embellishment technique for your turnings. Presented by Carl Durance.	
June 9 th	Monthly meeting	Goblet challenge judging. Summer challenge to be announced with judging at the September meeting.	
November 27 - 28	Davis Elsworth Seminar and workshop	David Ellsworth: seminar including lunches, Nov 27 with the workshop on the 28th	
Ideas	Program ideas and suggestions for guest turners. Member input is always welcomed by your committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. -Homebuilt kiln/ drying wood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Shear scraping -Inlace -Basic drying of wet wood -Finishing -Make a home drying cabinet -Chucking and holding -Segmentation

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 and the library, are available between 7:00 and 7:30 and during 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@gmail.com. Members can support other members by **buying: good deals and at good prices!**

Commercial "business card" type advertisements are available on this newsletter for \$50. Insertion in 5 - 6 issues per year.

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 any warranty/guarantee.

Members are welcome to set up a "sales" table in the bar section/room available before the meeting starts.

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**.



Bob's emporium

For Sale

I am closing my shop and have the following items for sale,

10 " Delta Unisaw & Blades

\$700.00

Assorted hand tools

various prices

If interested contact Tom Pinches at 519-644-0434

or tipinches@exulink.com

