



# Thames Valley Woodturner

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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](mailto:66.bobhewson@gmail.com) or refer to our web site at: <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/>

### Treasury

Our treasury report shows a balance of \$3400 less ~\$300 committed for another small Delta lathe and storage room materials that could run another ~\$300.



### New or updated web sites of interest to members

In Google, to execute a search on virtually any topic you can imagine try typing your query as a question into the Google box and see the breadth of information you can find.

I will try to include web sites that may be of interest to many of us or related to our meeting/demos. References are hotlinks, click them and go directly to the site, if that doesn't work copy the link into your browser's address box.

- Check this one out for hollow decorations and ultra thin finial techniques. This is another video sourced through the AAW <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-uMtgf38lc>
- Just read this very interesting article on pole lathe turning. Might be something to add to the next newsletter. Thanks to John Rice for the tip <http://www.merchantandmakers.com/pole-lathe-wood-turner-robin-wood>

- Highland Woodturner (September issue) for some interesting reading [http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodturning-tips-1611nov/wt67.html?utm\\_source=iContact&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Highland%20Woodturner&utm\\_content=HWT+November+2016](http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodturning-tips-1611nov/wt67.html?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Highland%20Woodturner&utm_content=HWT+November+2016)
- Highland Woodturner (October's volume). Please sign up if interested using the subscribe feature. Good article on Work holding. [http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodturning-tips-1610oct/wt66.html?utm\\_source=iContact&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Highland%20Woodturner&utm\\_content=HWT+October+2016](http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodturning-tips-1610oct/wt66.html?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Highland%20Woodturner&utm_content=HWT+October+2016)
- [http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodturning-tips-1610oct/wt66.html?utm\\_source=iContact&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Highland%20Woodturner&utm\\_content=HWT+October+2016](http://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodturning-tips-1610oct/wt66.html?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Highland%20Woodturner&utm_content=HWT+October+2016)
- A video from Curt Theobald on finishing. Another of the available videos on the AAW site for members use and viewing. Another good reason to join the AAW. <http://www.woodturner.org/default.asp?page=VideoFinishTheobald> plus a few other items of interest to turners.
- To subscribe to Woodturning OnLine (another free on-line publication worth reading) see <http://www.woodturningonline.com/lists/?p=subscribe>



## Visiting turners

A list of future seminars and visiting turners scheduled at neighbouring Guilds as well as planned events in London. Area Guilds encourage neighbouring guilds to attend, space permitting.

If you wish to attend make your wishes known as early as possible.

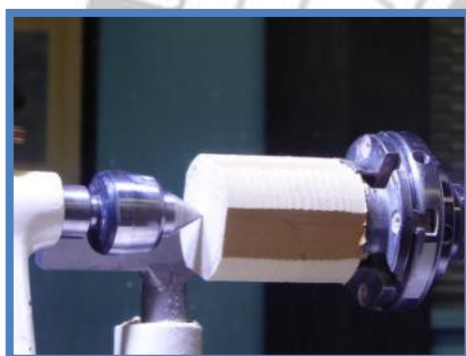
Turner	Date	Location	Fee	Confirmed
<b>David Ellsworth</b> seminar <a href="http://www.ellsworthstudios.com/">http://www.ellsworthstudios.com/</a>	Rescheduled April 22, 2017	TVWTG	\$50- seminar with lunch	Yes
<b>Glen Lucas</b> seminar <a href="http://www.glennlucaswoodturning.com">http://www.glennlucaswoodturning.com</a>	April 14, 2018	TVWTG	\$50- seminar with lunch	Yes

For sessions held in London see Bill Orlowski (in Jackie's absence) to sign-up and/or buy your advance ticket(s).

## November Meeting

With the holiday season rapidly approaching the topic for the meeting was a Christmas ornament bird house ably demonstrated by Bob Fenn.

The 1<sup>st</sup> birdhouse is in 3 parts, the top/roof, the body/wall of the house, and the base/floor.



***Start to work on the body of the birdhouse***



***Work body to desired OD***



***When near proper OD, use a Forstner bit to easily drill out the interior***



***Finalize the exterior***



***Drill "bird" entry and perch holes (actually it is better to drill these holes before the body is hollowed out).***



***Sand the exterior, finish and part body off.***





***Work on the roof now. Start with a tenon to fit the body of the birdhouse.***



***Size the tenon to fit.***



***Begin working the top finial.***



***Finial/roof is complete, still to sand and finish.***



***3rd part, the base. Turn tenon to fit the bottom of the birdhouse body***



***Shape the base.***



***Oops, missed the final shaping of the base due to a camera battery change.***



***Birdhouse completed. A "mini-bird" would be happy to call this home.***



## *November Show and Tell*



***Bruce Gordon, whimsical Santa, spruce 2 x 4, acrylic paint***



***Santa by Bruce Gordon. Maple and other painted with acrylic***



***Small decorations of redheart, zebra-wood, cocobolo, and maple by Mike Malone***



***An assortment of decorations by Carl Durance***



***Part 2 of an assortment of decorations by Carl Durance***



***Bruce McGaulley, walnut with shellac finish***





**Mike Malone - tagua nut (also known as vegetable ivory), cherry and lignum. Note the interlocking rings.**



**Fir candle sticks by Eric Deckert**



**Boxwood elder burl by Bruce McGaulley**

## ***Storage Space***

A more useful storage space for guild lathes and equipment is in the works with permission of the Air Force Club. It will be built by the members/exec during December/January. Plans have been submitted for approval.

## ***December meeting - Christmas social and ornament exchange***

Our Christmas Social and Ornament Exchange was December's theme. Our thanks to those who brought "nibbles" and those who participated in the ornament exchange. Members in attendance and their significant others had an enjoyable.



***Members and guests chatting***



***MMM, good***



***Carl and Don***



***Eric and Bob***



***Bill, Mike and Peter for a 3-way exchange***

## ***Elections***

Elections will be held at the January meeting. Your Guild is run by volunteers, many whom have been on the executive for many years. New members for the executive are encouraged.

Please consider volunteering your name for a position on the executive perhaps replacing one of the existing executives and giving them a deserved retirement.

## ***1<sup>st</sup> Novice Workshop***

The workshop project was to turn a spindle and base for a lamp and enhance spindle and faceplate turning skills. The workshop was limited to 5 participants so each person had a lathe to use plus a 6<sup>th</sup> lathe for the instructor to demonstrate. Wood was supplied but the "students" used their own tools.

There was a nominal \$25 fee to cover hall rental and wood.





**Bob works a detail with Bruce McGaulley and Ralph Bertrand**



**Bob Fenn and Bruce McGaulley**



**Dave Hudgel helping Mike Stigter**



**Sharon Salive**



**Bill Orlowski**

## Shop tip from AAW Dish-mop sander

**Tips:**  
Getting started

For anyone who has arthritic fingers or has trouble holding small pieces of abrasive, try a dish-mop sander. It can be used on the lathe or to sand small boards or edges. Buy an inexpensive dish mop, remove its sponge/scourer pad, and replace that with a piece of high-density foam. I glued self-adhesive hook and loop to the face. Any cloth-backed abrasive can be attached. It is a quick-to-make, effective sanding tool.

~Gary Field, Australia



[Tap into our AWESOME resources with your AAW membership!](#)

**One more reason to join the AAW - good TIPS! Bob**

## Calendar of events

**2016-2017 season scheduled meetings and other events. There may be schedule changes, 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	
January 14th	Monthly meeting	Business/elections. YoYo demo by John Calver to tie in with March Challenge.	
February 11th	Monthly meeting	Paul Guilbault will demo a vase with a ribbon inlay. Meeting cancelled due to weather. Rescheduled to June Meeting	
March 10th	Monthly meeting	Spindle turning identical parts like balusters by Bob Fenn. While a basic skills the challenging part of the demo is to duplicate it.	
April 10 – 11	Seminar and workshop	Stephen Kennard seminar including lunch on Sunday the 10th, the workshop is on Monday the 11th, including lunch	
April 14th	Monthly meeting	Goblet demo by Paul Newton. Goblet challenge announcement. Judging the YoYo challenge	
May 12th	Monthly meeting	Enameling demo where enameling is used as an embellishment technique for your turnings. Presented by Carl Durance.	
June 9th	Monthly meeting	Paul Guilbault will demonstrate a vase with a ribbon inlay. Goblet challenge judging. Summer challenge to be announced with judging at the September meeting.	
September 8th	Monthly meeting	Judging the 2 x 4 Challenge. Hollowing demo – Paul Newton and Bob Fenn to demo.	
September 30th – October 2nd	Woodstock Woodshow	We will be looking for several demonstrators to do stage demos at the fair. Any volunteers?	
October 13th	Monthly meeting	Bowl demo by Paul Newton Demo/meeting with texturing systems. Demos and then hands-on by members	
November 10th	Monthly meeting	Bird house and an acorn ornaments – Bob Fenn	
December 8th	Annual Social/ ornament exchange	Ornament exchange – Please think about participating, it would be nice to have more people exchange ornaments. A small demo will be ongoing on the “One Way” during the meeting. Food would be appreciated as well. Significant others are invited too.	
December 10 tentative	Novice Workshop	Basic lamp spindle and a base. This demonstrates spindle and faceplate turning. Wood blanks will be supplied (6 lathes 6 people). This will be an all-day workshop geared towards our novice turners. Cost \$25, bring your own lunch. Bring your own tools. Sign up now!	
January 12th	Monthly meeting	As follow-up to the recent survey Eric will turn a box. A Box Challenge ,turn something to fit into the 6" box.	
February 9th	Monthly meeting	A Cabriole leg. We need a volunteer to demonstrate this technique..	
March 9th	Monthly meeting	A dizzy bowl, how do you get to the point where you are ready to turn. We are looking to bring a turner from another guild for demonstrating this technique.	
April 13th	Monthly meeting	Judge the 6" box challenge.	
April 22, 2017 8:30 start	Davis Elsworth Seminar	Visit by David Ellsworth: seminar including lunches.	
May 11th	Monthly meeting		
June 8th	Monthly meeting		
Ideas	Program ideas and suggestions for guest turners. Member input is always welcomed by your committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Guest turners or seminars.</li> <li>-Design? What makes a “good” turning into an “outstanding” turning?</li> <li>-Metal spinning</li> <li>-A safety night (discussion/panel)</li> <li>-A seed pod turning.</li> <li>-Homebuilt kiln/ drying wood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Shear scraping</li> <li>-Inlace</li> <li>-Basic drying of wet wood</li> <li>-Finishing</li> <li>-Make a home drying cabinet</li> <li>-Chucking and holding</li> <li>-Segmentation</li> <li>-Jigs and fixtures.</li> </ul>

Shaded entries are past meetings, listed for reference

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 usually 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](mailto:66.bobhewson@gmail.com). Members can support other members by **buying: good deals and at good prices!** Ads are first emailed to our mailing list, if not sold the ad is published in our newsletter as well.

**Commercial “business card” type** advertisements are available on this newsletter for \$30. 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 issue our newsletter** on a non-date-specific schedule, generally every two months. Our newsletter is found on the internet at <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/> in glorious **colour**.

**Remember, this is a no charge feature of the Guild.**

