



Thames Valley Woodturner

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web site at:
<http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/>

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President's Message

Hello all

Summer Meetings

Meetings to date and our new summer series have received quite positive comments from members. Your exec has worked hard in the background at organizing these events and providing practice sessions with demonstrators ahead of the meeting to insure all works with Zoom. Members continue to be eager to continue the education, demos and show and tells.

Covid

On a positive note, as of June 30 we're moving to Step 2 so fingers crossed for a fall of REAL face to face meetings. :-). When we are in the position to meet again your exec will be working on protocols for meetings to insure a safe return and also follow the hall's requirements as well.

Newsletter Input

As you know, Jen and Kyle are providing our newsletter. If you have any content you'd like to provide let them know. They're always looking for some interesting content. We've had very little input from the membership for Jen to share in the newsletter. Lets all pitch in with anything you have to keep the newsletter viable. tvwgnewsletter@gmail.com

Insurance

As you all know we carry our guild insurance through the Canadian Woodworkers Association. They work hard at getting the best coverage and rates for us as a group of guilds. The current insurance company they use increased rates during a period where we were not meeting and also our attempts to get relief during this period failed to get a receptive ear from the insurance company. Our insurance comes due in October. CSW is trying again and also looking at another company for us. Your exec also thought we should seek our own in order to compare. If any member has insurance expertise in this area please let your exec know. Maybe we can leverage your experience, advise and contacts.

Sponsors

The guild has a few sponsors that we advertise in our newsletter and website. When you buy anything from them be sure to mention you are a member of the TVWG. Knowing this demonstrates to them that we are supporting our sponsors and thus they will continue supporting us.

Project Committees

We encourage you to participate and share/learn new skills and down the road maybe have some shop visits together with each other. We've had just a small amount of folks interested. Let's get involved and have some fun within this targeting groups.

Demos

We've had some great demos over the past few months thanks to the contributions of our members. From birdhouses, to eggs, to wig stands to bowls. And don't forget Bob's great demo on how to take better pictures of your turnings. Many positive comments received.

July's demo will be on end grain turning of a bowl. Tips and approaches by Gary.

We have demos planned through December but if you have any ideas or offer to do something additional let us know and we'll fit them in. When possible, Scott has offered to do help video your demo if needed.

We're averaging about 26 members at the Zoom meetings out of 76. Your exec and demonstrators work hard to put on these meetings so let's try and get the attendee numbers up in support of that hard work.

Facebook and Instagram

Reminder. We are active on Facebook and Instagram organized by Renée Sferazza. Links are available on the main page of our website. She is doing a great job keeping it current. Feel free to send pictures you would like posted to Renée at thamesvalleywoodturners@gmail.com.

Again, please continue to renew your memberships to both cover our ongoing costs and to insure our guild remains solvent.

Stay safe and healthy.

Thank you!

John



A message from the Treasurer

PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES

For the last couple of years TVWG has been on an Anniversary Date payment plan. Unfortunately, this has caused some members to question when their membership fees are due as there is nobody sitting at the door on Members Meeting night to remind them.

So!..... I am now sending out reminders each month to those whose Anniversary Date has come to the top, and their Membership Fees are due.

I have not added my home and email addresses here for security reasons. But they will be included in the reminder you receive.

WHEW! What a relief! You can stop worrying about whether your Membership Fees are due. As I shall definitely not forget!!!

Thinking for you!
John Rice

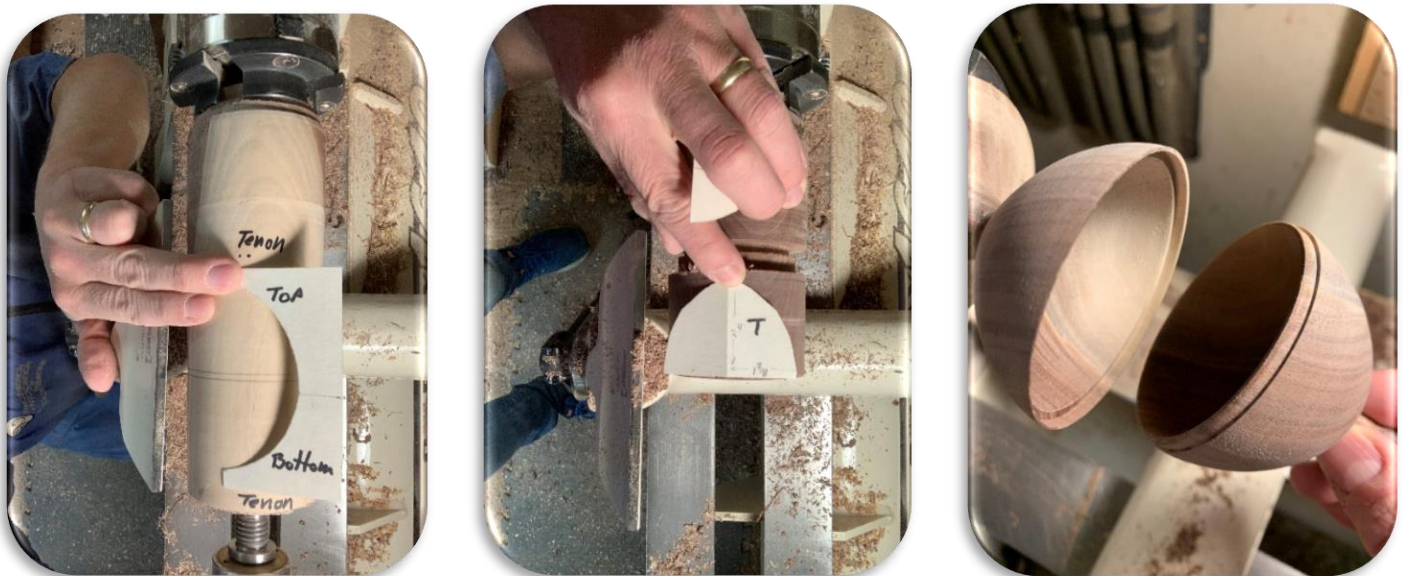


May Meeting: Turning Eggs

May's Zoom meeting started with Eric Deckert presenting a demonstration on turning a hollow egg. Eric showed us how he created his template to set up for the egg demo. Shown in the pictures below, he uses cardstock to draw the egg dimensions for both the interior and exterior of the egg, uses a knife to score the cardstock and folds it in half for accuracy, and then uses a bendable ruler to get a perfectly rounded shape for both the inside and outside of the egg. With all dimensions of the egg scaled and drawn out, he then carefully cuts along the lines to leave you with templates of the top and bottom of the interior of the egg as well as the exterior egg template. These templates will then be referenced throughout the turning process for an accurate guide for size and shape.



Eric showed a video of turning a solid egg using the template he created, marking center and then top and bottom of the egg, frequently referencing the template and marking high or low spots and adjusting as you go. When finished, just sand, apply finish and part off the lathe.



For turning a hollow egg, mark out the same way but add tenons to both sides and mark the center where you will be cutting in half to do the hollowing. Next, hollow both sides (top and bottom of egg) using the templates made to fit the interior shape and size of the egg. Eric used a spindle gouge to hollow out the end grain material for each side. Remember the tenon and mortise to the inside of the egg to fit it back together!

Fit the pieces back together and in the chuck with tailstock support, turn the outside shape of the egg, referencing the template for egg exterior as you go. Once complete, sand, finish and carefully part off the lathe.

Special notes: turning with a skew – it is smooth and easy to follow the curve, always use the bottom half of the skew for cutting and make sure that it is razor sharp!



Eric showed us his process for adding texturing, carving, pyrography, or painting to a turned project as well by using a carver's vice that you can easily take your turning off the lathe still in the chuck, to the vice, and back to the lathe again! Please find below the link to both the carver's vice and the chuck adaptor that he showed during the demo.

Carver's vice from Lee Valley:

<https://www.leevalley.com/en-ca/shop/tools/workshop/workbenches/vices/31172-veritas-carvers-vise?item=05G2001>

Threaded rod so you can attach your lathe chuck to the carver's vice:

<https://www.leevalley.com/en-ca/shop/tools/power-tool-accessories/chucks/58760-veritas-lathe-chuck-face-plate-adapters>



TVWG Birdhouse Challenge 2021

After April's Demo on turning birdhouses, Guild members were asked to turn a birdhouse for this challenge. Due to limited participation, here are the entries. So, all three participants are winners! Congratulations!



June Meeting: Photo Taking for Turnings – Bob Hewson

This month's meeting started off with a wonderful presentation from Bob Hewson full of tips and tricks on how to capture great pictures of our woodturnings. Bob covered equipment, lighting, and editing software – to name just a few – and provided us his full presentation in pdf format to share. Please find his presentation on the Guild's website <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/index.html> under the Techniques tab to reference and aid you in taking the perfect picture of your work!

June Meeting: Turning a Bowl – Dave Hudgel

The second half of the demonstration for June's Zoom meeting featured Dave Hudgel sharing some techniques for bowl turning. Dave reviewed finding and obtaining bowl blanks, assessing and mounting of the blank, roughing the blank, turning and designing the shape of the outside of the bowl, rim design, turning the interior of the bowl, and finishing the bowl base.



BOWL BLANK



CORNERS TRIMMED OFF



TAILSTOCK AND TOOL REST IN PLACE



INITIAL ROUGHING



SURFACE AFTER SHEER SCRAPING



INSIDE TURNING PARTIALLY FINISHED



FINISHED BOWL



TVWG Egg Challenge 2021

After May's Demo on turning eggs, Guild members were asked to turn an egg for this challenge. Due to limited participation, here are the entries. Thank you and Congratulations to the participants!



Show & Tell



Rick MacKinnon shared this lathe tool holder with us and then wrote up a full and detailed description and instructions to share with the membership! Please find that write-up he did for us detailing this awesome project on the Guild's website under the Techniques tab.



Here is the finished work shared as a work in progress by Bruce McGauley last newsletter.

Dave Hudgel was the Featured Artist at Sunset Gallery in Grand Bend, displaying his turned bowls and wood art forms. Dave was at the gallery the weekend of July 2- 4 to discuss details of his work. Congratulations Dave, hope it was a great weekend!

Members that share what they are working on during the meetings via Zoom – Please remember to forward pictures to the Newsletter crew at twvgnewsletter@gmail.com to be included in our Guild Newsletter!!



Regarding ZOOM Meetings:

With regards to conducting our meetings via Zoom, we would just like to make the general membership aware that the Thames Valley Woodturners Guild is not recording these zoom meetings.

For some helpful hints on how to use Zoom, please find some useful links below:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M> a step-by-step guide for beginners
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TL0DRymkJUE> on general Zoom use
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4vXWjRU8kq> on sharing your screen (great for Show & Tell nights!)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzUZeN2DGKE> on how to raise your hand



NEW* TVWG Special Interest Groups *NEW

As discussed, we are offering email admission to special interest groups! These groups are email groups where you can submit photos and talk about processes with your fellow guild members. The groups are listed below. Please, to sign up, use the following method:

Send an email to the email address listed below which corresponds to the group you are interested in. Please only sign up if you intend to contribute to the discussion and pictures. Digests of these groups will be available in future newsletter issues and future meeting discussions. Note that you must be a current member to subscribe to the groups.

Send an email as follows:

Subject: Subscribe - <special interest group>

Body:

Name: John Doe

Email: john.doe@provider.com

The groups currently being offered are listed below. If there is a group you would like to be in, but it is not listed here, please let us know.

Multi Axis and Off Center:

Moderator: Dave Hudgel

Email: multiaxis@thamesvalleywoodturners.com

Segmented Woodturning:

Moderator: Scott Beverley

Email: segmenting@thamesvalleywoodturners.com

Carving and Embellishing:

Moderator: Eric Deckert

Email: embellishing@thamesvalleywoodturners.com



Interesting Info for members:

- There's bowl turning...and there's segmented turning...and then there's this!!!! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uJHOLcG9RI>
- Check out this project for making salt and pepper mills for the chess player. <https://www.instructables.com/Chess-Salt-and-Pepper-Mills/>
- Here's a link to how to turn a planting stake by our very own Dave Bell. <https://youtu.be/3JVOiKzl67U>
- Here's a link to a video on turning a small triangle coin dish. <https://youtu.be/y517OztzU-w>
- For those of you interested in contributing to the Guild's "Tops for Tots" initiative, here is a video from Craft Supplies USA showing a few different styles of top to turn! Check out the parameters below for size and finish of completed tops. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_EidD2wLtA



“Tops for Tots” Challenge

“Tops for Tots” is an on-going challenge for all Guild members to continue to generously give their time and talent for a great cause! When you find yourself with a spare few minutes with nowhere to go and nothing to do, please consider donating some of your turning time to this cause.

We will have a collection box available once we are back to normal.

Please remember the guidelines for tops:

- One piece
- Minimum size. At least 1.75” (45 mm) diameter (smaller tops are a choke hazard)
- No sharp points or edges
- Sand to 400 grit
- If you are colouring them, use water-based markers only
- No finish except for carnauba wax
- No wood from nut producing trees



The Guild is on Social Media!

A new step into the Digital world for the Guild’s communications. The Thames Valley Woodturners Guild now has a presence both on Facebook and Instagram! Renée Sferrazza will be handling the social media accounts for the club so please contact her if you have any questions.

Click on the links below and check it out!



<https://www.instagram.com/thamesvalleywoodturnersguild/>



<https://www.facebook.com/Thames-Valley-Woodturners-Guild-101557104676603/>



Calendar of events for the 2020-2021 season:

Date	Meeting or events	Details
November 12 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: Demonstration by Carl Durance of a Staved Birdhouse Ornament.
December 10 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: Pyrography demonstration by Renée Sferrazza and Jackie Morningstar.
January 14 th	Monthly meeting and Demonstration	Zoom: 2021 AGM and Executive Committee vote Art Liestman will demonstrate “The Lost Wood Process”.
February 9 th	Demonstration	Zoom: TVWG Special Demonstration - Colin Knecht on General Woodworking
February 11 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: Show & Tell Night
March 11 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: Box Challenge, John Scott Wig Stand Demo
April 8 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: Birdhouses - Eric Deckert & John Rice
May 13 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: Eggs - Eric & Others. Birdhouse Challenge!
June 10 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: Turning a Bowl - Dave Hudgel, Egg Challenge!

July 8 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: End Grain Bowl - Gary Miller
August 12 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: Stabilizing & Casting - Dave Bell
September 9 th	Monthly meeting	Zoom: Melting Box - Eric Deckert
October 14 th	Monthly meeting	Texturing and Colouring - multiple contributors
November 11 th	Monthly meeting	Christmas Ornaments
December 9 th	Monthly meeting	TBD

Call for Demonstrators

We are looking for people who want to do demonstrations, short or long, by means of recording their session at the lathe and sharing that with members on the monthly zoom call.

Please email info@thamesvalleywoodturners.com if you are interested in helping out.

- **Meetings new start is at 7:00, doors open at 6:30.** The pre-meeting period from 6:30 and 7:00 is a great time to discuss problems or successes at the "Show and Tell" table and converse with other members. ***Currently on hold due to Covid 19***
- **There may be last minute schedule changes** due to weather or other unforeseen causes, if in doubt, check the website for the latest meeting info as the date draws near.
- **Raffle tickets** are usually available between 7:00 and 7:30 as well as during the break period.



Items wanted and for sale



Paaache Airbrush exhaust hood. Internal Fan or hook to dryer vent - \$75.00
Contact John Calver 519 455-6998

Assorted wood working tools and machinery for sale. Full detailed list was emailed directly to the membership on June 8th and the contact is Don Eyles at robsoneyles@gmail.com

Additionally, please see below for more items for sale



My friend has been a maker of custom furniture for many decades. He has decided that it is time to retire and is selling his workshop machinery, power tools and hand tools. My role is to facilitate the web/computer function and assist with sales.

Since he lives at a somewhat remote location we have moved some of his power tools and hands tool to my location. I have a small shed and I have arranged these items on a few of the shelves in order to sell these items on Don's behalf. See the attached photos pictured above.

I would like to invite the club members to have a first look and chance to purchase before we advertise the garage/tool sale that we plan to have later this month. If each person who is interested could email me at frederick.rodger@sympatico.ca or 519-858-2558 (not texting enabled) to arrange a time. The shed is not very big so it will have to be a 'one at a time' arrangement. Face masks appreciated.

There are some nice turning tools, an Excalibur scroll saw, a WoodRat milling machine which includes a Bosch router, etc.

Thank you in advance for your interest and time,

Fred Rodger 519-858-2558

****Please send items you wish to advertise for sale to TVWGnewsletter@gmail.com****

Ads are free for members and run until you sell your item or withdraw your advertisement. To run an ad or to remove one, email Jen & Kyle TVWGnewsletter@gmail.com. Members support other members by **buying or selling - good deals and at good prices!** Ads when received are sent to our mailing list which cover our membership as well as surrounding Guilds. The ad is published in our newsletter until sold or removed.

Commercial "business card" advertisements are available for \$75 for insertion for one year (5 – 6 issues).

Please note: The Guild provides a means of connecting buyer and seller through these ads. It is up to the buyer to ensure the item offered is as stated and the two parties should agree between themselves as to any warranty/guarantee. The Guild does not accept any liability for any such sale.

Sales tables: Members are welcome to set up a "sales" table in the bar section/room during **Swap night** at our June and January meetings. There is no charge to the member for the sales table.

We issue our newsletter targeting every two months. Our newsletter is found in glorious **colour** on the internet at <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com/>. Any newsletter photos are available to members by request to the Editor at (TVWGnewsletter@gmail.com).



Guild Advertisers:

A horizontal banner for Woodchuckers.com. On the left is a cartoon woodchuck holding a piece of wood. The text "WOODCHUCKERS.COM" is in large, bold, wood-grain letters. Below it, in a smaller wood-grain box, is "SOLID WOODS WOODTURNING SUPPLIES & FINISHES". To the left of this box is the phone number "416-241-8654" and to the right is "1-800-551-0192". At the bottom center, it says "50 Venture Dr., Units 4 & 5, Toronto, ON M1B 3L6". On the bottom right is the "Ontario Wood The natural choice" logo.

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Ontario Wood
The natural choice

A vertical advertisement for William Wood-Write. It features several pens and pencils with wood-grain and marbled finishes, arranged on a blue notebook. The text "william wood-write" is in a red, cursive font. Below it, in a smaller font, is "penblanks.ca", "shop online or call", and "1-877-585-0403".

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