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# THE CHIP FLYER

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The meeting was attended by 36 people and we welcomed three new members - John Christilaw, Brian Crosthwaite and Dr. Ken McCuage, bringing the membership to 49.

A warm welcome was given to Don Campbell who limped in on crutches and we hope to see him without them at the April meeting. Apologies were received from Denny Crowe, 2nd Vice President, Brian Graham, Secretary, and our demonstrator Brian Crosthwaite due to bad weather.

### VINCE BRANCHES OUT

Our first demonstrator was Vince Redmayne who agreed to substitute for Brian with less than four hours' notice. Thanks again Vince.

His focus was on his perfected spindle-turning techniques which virtually eliminate the need for sanding.

From a rough branch to a surface as smooth as a baby's nub! WOW.

A really masterful gesture was his invitation to anyone to come up and have a try. Congratulations to the three members who volunteered, you did real well.

### HOLES IN ONE

Following the coffee break (which raised \$35-00) Doug Newlove did a SHOW and TELL of his thin wall Manitoba Maple vases featuring delicate floral patterns around the

entire circumference. He pierces these with an air-operated dentist's drill, rotating at about 200,000 rpm. A Dremmel is not nearly fast enough.

Doug, who is also a member of the W.G.O., was inspired by a recent club seminar given by the acclaimed turner from Saskatchewan, Mr. Frank Sudol.

Doug has "offered"! to do a full demo for us, probably in September.

### HOLLYWOOD, EAT OUR DUST

Our thanks again to the first two demonstrators, and as good as they undoubtedly are, what really transformed the presentation into an Oscar-style epic was Al McBurney's live video taping on a colour monitor, for ALL to see.

In addition, we have Eugen Schlaak to thank for providing a borrowed audio system, which made the speakers' voices clearly audible, even over the old Wadkin doing some 1600 r.p.m.

What you may not have been able to see on the monitor (and Al did not miss much) the overhead mirror showed in clear detail.

And that wasn't all either. We sincerely thank Len Collins for filming the entire evening's proceedings, which will later be available through our library.

Hope you were all smiling!

### DISCOMANIA

Our third presentation was by Eugen Schlaak who did not miss a grit in showing us how to economise on conventional power sanding pads and discs, by making his own.

They are much cheaper, longer lasting, less prone to leaving scratch lines, or spinning off.

The trick is knowing what is available from industrial and autobody suppliers and who they are.

Eugen's twenty years of research and turning experience was very evident, and to assist us all he provided **Source of Supply lists** which were quickly snapped up by those who were fast enough @ a buck apiece, which he kindly donated to the G.H.W.G.

### SHOW and TELL

Cliff Rose showed us some lovely pieces he had turned from a piece of Mulberry, won at last month's WOOD RAFFLE

Josh Pichanick explained how the grain in inexpensive plain wood such as Tree of Heaven or Ash can be dramatically highlighted by applying high pigment, non-toxic Japan Paint (from Lee Valley).

After sanding very well, spray at least once with Sanding Sealer and buff to a shine. .... (cont'd)

**SHOW and TELL (cont'd)**

Mix a little paint with turpentine, wipe on and off again almost immediately, then finish with fine sandpaper and 0000 steel wool. With only the grain highlighted, apply Waterlox (of course) and watch the startling transformation.

**W.N.Y WOODTURNERS CLUB.**

Dave Mortimer and Josh Pichanick visited their members at their very attractive 40 foot demo and display booth at the recent Buffalo Wood Show. It was equipped with five lathes on continuous demonstration, and displayed many fine examples of their finished pieces, including those of our own Brian McIntosh and Eugen Schlaak who are also W.N.Y.W.C. members. We exchanged Newsletters and agreed to welcome each other's members as guests at regular meetings. Although they were not permitted to sell finished items, they were selling tops, yo-yo's, pens, eggs, and bottle stoppers, all hot off the lathe, with the proceeds donated to a worthy local charity. We believe they raised almost \$2000-00. It would be a most worthwhile project for the G.H.W.G as well, so let's talk about it.

**VOLUNTEERS.**

Extra's were requested for Al McBurney's Set-up and Clean-up crews, and a sincere thanks to those who did offer their services. The complement is now as follows>>. SET-UP.(from 6-30 pm) Randy Morrison Ken Agg

Vince Redmayne  
Eugen Schlaak  
Al McBurney

**CLEAN-UP**  
John Craven  
Bob Hitchcox  
Eugene Walker  
Cliff Rose  
Doug Newlove  
Len Collins

And George Wilbur volunteered to be the chief (and only) Picker and Packer Upper of GHWG tools and misc. assets. Please remember that on April 18th we plan to have an extra three lathes to set up for the hands-on meeting, so anyone else who can be present from 6.30 pm would be very welcome.

**THE GHWG SPEAK-EASY!?**

It is now loud and clear! We really need to purchase our own wireless sound system @ about \$250-00 instead of renting one for \$35-00 or more for every meeting, **but how?** The only way we can is with the proceeds of the **Wood & Accessory Raffle.**

**A NOTE from the PRES.!!..** Kevin is right guys ,but I can't encourage members to buy raffle tickets unless there are more donations on the table. BUT, much more important, is the quality of the donations. You would not be interested in a short piece of off-cut, with a large knothole in the middle, or how about a piece of "super spalted" (almost rotten) wood that my mom-in-law wouldn't even bury in her neighbour's garden. Sure, you already pay membership fees and for your

coffee, but you stand a very good chance to win twice or even three times. So, if you can't find anything of value in your shop, consider buying something to donate for under ten bucks. Things like..... Hot Stuff...Wood Glue.....2 or 3 inch sanding discs (oop's sorry Eugen)..a small can of Waterlox.....cheap blanks from Glen or Mel.....Woodworking tools from garage sales or flea markets and I'm sure some members have greenwood logs that are clogging up their shops. We will, of course, continue with the **FINISHED ITEM RAFFLE** (at no extra cost). Please give it your best shot and I promise to zip up.

**DID YOU NOTICE the new NEWSLETTER LOGO.**

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**HI NEIGHBOUR.**

With the new hand-drawn **name tags** (by Josh), let's all get to know each other by name, instead of "the Pen guy" or "what's his name". Dave Mortimer will bring the tag case to all meetings and says six members did not turn in their Tags. Don't forget them, or \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ to replace. Ouch !!.

**NO-NO'S**

The executive committee agreed unanimously against allowing private sales of "whatever" by members at the meetings. The only sales will be by legitimate retail outlets who are or will be associated with the GHWG, such as Mel of Exotic Woods and Oneway in May 1996, etc.

**MEECH LAKE! no, not again**

After many mind-boggling hours, the Executive approved a draft of our own **Constitution and By-Laws**, based on similar documents from the KWG and WGO (but not the KGB).

As we only meet for 30 hours per year, a lengthy legal document is not necessary.

Members present were asked to sign for their personal copies, so that a motion can be raised for its acceptance as written and a vote taken for its adoption, at the April 18th. meeting.

To avoid reprinting costs, please make any comments on a separate sheet of paper. For those members who do not have a copy of this important document, please call Dave Mortimer at 689-8462.

**WHAT'S SHOWING**

- April 19--21 - Rockton
- May 4 - The Hillbilly at the WGO.
- May 4 - free Seminar at Chalet Woodcraft
- June 14--16 - Ancaster
- August 9-11 - Durham
- October 4-6 - Woodstock
- November 8-10 - Brantford
- Plus
- June 22-24 - AAW Symposium, Greenboro, N.C.

**GHWG SEMINARS**

To stage our own seminars, for instance, the Hillbilly, the cost of extra school rental, motel, fees, lunches and travel etc. would be about \$1,250.00, which means a breakeven of 36 registrations @ \$35-00 each.

Josh Pichanick called the President of the Grey Bruce Woodturners Guild, Ken Goldspink of Port Elgin who

advised that he has offered his services to the CWA to organise all -day Seminars with internationally acclaimed woodturners such as Clay Foster of Texas and Melvyn Firmager from England.

Ken will coordinate these Seminars with Woodturning Clubs in Southwestern and Central Ontario,, both in the spirit of woodturning and particularly to reduce costs.

**ROCKTON WOODSHOW.**

Our President has been trying to arrange a live demo and product display at this show, and had a brief phone conversation with the organiser.

However, since then, all calls and messages left for them have been ignored.

Whatever the reason, a majority of the Executive agreed this lack of response was unacceptable and therefore the GHWG will not participate in the show.

**ANCASTER WOODSHOW**

JUNE 14--16TH

By contrast, after one phone message, which was promptly returned, the Organizer will confirm, in writing, their offer of free space for a GHWG live demonstration and display. Members participating in the demonstrations will have free passes and all other members will be admitted at half price. It was also suggested that our live demo would be regarded as payment for the space utilized and we would therefore be entitled to offer our own products for sale.

This is the first time for this show and the organizers intend it to become the third largest of its

kind in Ontario, something like the Ottawa Woodshow. -

**WANTED**

Donations of surplus pine lumber and/or 3/4" plywood, suitable to build a lathe platform about 9ft. x 4ft x 9 inches high. Call Dave Mortimer at 689-8462 or Josh Pichanick at 335-3275.

**WANTED**

Completed INFORMATION SURVEYS from members who have not submitted theirs yet, to Al McBurney at the April 18th meeting.

Thanks to all those who have submitted theirs. Your input is invaluable.

**FOR SALE**

Walnut, butternut, katalpa, box elder (Manitoba Maple), locust and some other types of wood - call Guy at (905) 336-8549.

He also has a Craftsman 9" tablesaw with dado blade for \$200.00 and a 6" x 48" sander with a 9" disc at \$200.00.

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10" Radial Arm Saw with Accessories, as well as a 52" Excaliber Rip Fence System. Call John (905) 544-7273.

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General 260-2 Lathe, variable speed, with factory-fitted Riser Blocks and Outboard Attachment. 20" capacity over the bed and 48" between centres. 22 months old, in immaculate condition, c/w 4 faceplates, asking \$2,700.00, approx. new price today just under \$4,000.00. What a steal! Call Kevin Ellis (905) 319-8863.

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