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SPECIAL HANDS ON SESSION FOR GHWG MEMBERS ONLY

Mitch Wolok of Florida will be conducting a Hands On Turning Session on

Saturday, June 19

9am to 4pm

**at Jim Fretz's workshop
in Jordon.**

This workshop will consist of learning to make the Wolok hook tool, hands on training using the hook tool by Mitch, and hands on training on lathe tools in general, especially the skew. Mitch guarantees you will be proficient with the skew in 20 minutes.

Cost is \$30 per person

which will include a BBQ lunch, but you must bring your own lawn chair.

This is for GHWG members only.

Attendance will be strictly limited to 25. tickets are available from any of the exec.

A special thanks to Jim Fretz who has generously donated the use of his workshop for the hands on session. He will also be boarding Mitch for the 2 days he is here. Also thanks to Josh Pichanick for initiating the session.

IN HOUSE MEETINGS

Regular Meeting

**Thursday May 20
7.00 p.m.**

Hands on Night

**Thursday May 13
7.00 p.m.**



Fellow Woodworkers you WOOD'NT believe how much work went into this presentation

GUEST POLICY

In case you may not have noticed, the guild is no longer the small group of enthusiasts that it once was. With well over 100 members, we are now experiencing some growing pains and find that this would be an appropriate time to revisit a few policies that have been let slide.

One of the things that has been commented on, is that it is getting more and more difficult to recognize everyone at a meeting. For this reason, we would like to once again request that you please make it a point to wear your name tag. While I will admit that in the past I have been somewhat negligent of this, it really does make a difference for the new members in the crowd. While they may learn who you are quick enough, why not make it easy on them and help them along.

The other matter that was brought to my attention (and which I didn't know about), is that all guests are welcome to the regular meeting nights, but are discouraged from attending the hands on sessions. The hands-on sessions are designed for the benefit of our members, and the casual atmosphere combined with having three or four lathes running simultaneously increases the potential for accidents and our liability with non-members.

Finally, guests are always welcome to a meeting, but we have to ask that they join when making a repeat appearance.

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WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

This month finds us surfing on over to <http://RTPnet.org/~aaw/>, the homepage of the American Association of Woodturners. Representing over 7000 members and 120 separate turning clubs, the AAW is the dominant organization for promoting turning in North America.

The AAW's website reflects this, with general information about the AAW, its publications, local chapters, membership, and woodturning on the web. This is one of those sites that you should definitely bookmark, as it makes a good starting point for other explorations on the web

RATING

A solid 4 out of five mouse clicks.

HINTS

A great organization, with a journal second only to the Chipflyer.

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MAY DEMONSTRATOR

Maynard Bauman of St. Jacobs will be demonstrating Burl Turning at the meeting of May 20. Maynard has been turning for about 10 years and since retirement has spent about half his time at the craft, selling his pieces through galleries in St. Jacobs and Bobcaygeon. About 50% of his work involves Burls.

He will discuss finding, processing, turning and finishing burls. Those who have been to St. Jacobs may have seen his bowls in the "Silo" craft gallery and admired the great finishes he achieves. He will also have some samples of his work on display.

Maynard is also a busy volunteer with Habitat for Humanities, involved with recycling material and equipment from old buildings. These materials are then used for remodeling or sold for cash toward new buildings.

Although this will be his first experience at demonstrating, he is looking forward to the challenge and to meeting such a large group of fellow woodturners and sharing ideas.

See you in May.

Frank Ditomaso

BOOK REVIEW

The focus for this month's book review is the monthly periodical, "More Woodturning." This is published by Fred Holder, an experienced turner who's enthusiasm assures the reader a solid foundation for the nuts and bolts of woodturning. In addition to the technical side of the paper, he also investigates the issues pertaining more to the "artistic" side of woodturning.

All three of the monthly issues that I reviewed were chock full of timely and helpful advice for turners of all levels. The content ranges from an easy to follow tutorial on hand chasing threads, to using the Sorby Texturing tool for applying (you guessed it) texture to your work.

There is a general theme to each issue and I found all of the samples to be equally as interesting and readable from cover to cover. In addition to several articles, each issue will typically contain comprehensive book and tool reviews, News in the Trade, Questions and Answers, Ask Fred, and a variety of other turning related topics.

I very much enjoyed reading More Woodturning, and believe that it would make a welcome addition to any turners library regardless of their individual level of experience. My only area of concern is with the newsprint that it is printed on. While the paper may keep the price reasonable, it also limits the definition of the photography. And more importantly, I have to wonder how it will hold up over time, especially since More Woodturning is one of those references that you are likely to return to time and again.

For subscription information, contact Fred Holder
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www.skagit.com/woodturning

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GHWG HANDS ON SESSION

The April session was very well attended. The May sessions are getting booked up.

For May and June the topics are as follows: Natural Edge bowls with Dennis Crow, Hollow Turning for the Novice with Al McBurney **which is now full**, Lidded Boxes or Bowls with Cliff Rose, Curved Lip bowls with Josh Pichanick and Bottle Stoppers with Brian McIntosh. There are openings in all of these sessions except Al McBurney's.

We will take a break for the summer and then start with a new slate of topics in Sept. I will have more on that in an upcoming newsletter.

If you want to get in on a session please call Jim Wright at (905) 681-2691 and leave a message if I'm not home as to which session you want, which time slot and your phone number just in case I have to call you back with a change.

Remember, the instructors are volunteers, so remember which session you are attending and be on time.

Thanks

Jim Wright

JET EQUIPMENT RAFFLE

Jet Equipment & Tools have graciously agreed to subsidize the clubs acquisition of not one, but a pair of their mini-lathes. The first will be delivered shortly, and will be for use on casual nights, demonstrations, and at other GHWG endorsed events. The second, will be held in reserve and raffled off to one lucky member of the GHWG! Raffle tickets will be priced at \$10.00 each, and will be available shortly. The draw will be held in the fall, with the exact date still to be decided.

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"HAVE IT YOUR WAY" WOODTURNING COMPETITION

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the Guild would like to have a woodturning competition in the fall. All those who enter would be given a wood blank measuring either 3" x 3" x 12" or 3" x 6" x 6", your choice. All pieces would be of the same species, we are looking at using hard maple, soft maple or ash and kiln dried. The exact species hasn't been decided yet, we are still talking to suppliers.

From there on you're on your own. Use your creative instincts and imagination and make whatever you want out of it. You can slice it up, glue it, dye it, paint it, your choice, the only real rule is that in the final analysis, it must be turned, after all we are woodturners.

Since some turners enjoy the challenge of making something with only the blank supplied them, while others would prefer to add something to it such as knobs, veneer, rings etc, we have come up with two categories. The first is for purists; the finished item must not have anything added to it except glue and finish (which could be a clear finish, dye, paint etc.). The second category is for those who like variety, the piece could contain up to 20% of the original volume added to it in the form of metal, veneer, additional wood etc. One could start a long argument as to which category would be more difficult.

The pieces will be separated into 8 groups for judging, 4 for the purists and 4 for variety, each having classes for Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Master. You decide which class you want to enter, but remember, if you have won in a competition before, you must move up a class.

Prizes will be given for the best piece in each of the eight groups and well as one for the most creative and another for the best use of material.

Judging will take place at the October 21 meeting with 3 judges. **Do not** identify the piece with your name on the bottom, you can do that after you take it home again. The judges will critique the winning entries after the competition. The entry must be brought to the October 21 meeting by 7:30 so the judging can take place.

To enter, fill in the entry form in this newsletter or pick one up at the April 15 or May 20 general meeting. Get the entry form to me (Frank Ditomaso) at one of the meetings. The wood blanks will be handed out at the June 17 meeting. We need to have the entry forms in at the May 20 meeting at the latest so we know how much wood to order. The entry fee is \$10 which must accompany the entry form. The entry fee will pay for the wood and leave us a little extra to buy prizes.

You will have all summer to convert your humble blank of wood into something really special. I think with over 100 members we will have over 100 unique and interesting entries.

Go for it and have fun.

FD

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The Marketplace

Items will appear in the Journal for three consecutive months, if you sell it before then let us know

Do you have a tool that you no longer use? A pen mandrel that is acting more like a dust magnet? Don't be shy, just let us know and we will put it before a market of over 100 turners, one or two who are almost assuredly looking for exactly what you are no longer using. Nothing is too small, and the only rule is that you have to let us know once you have found it a new home.

FOR SALE



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519-664-2828 (St. Jacobs)

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905-562-4397

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John
905-389-2645

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Brian
905-227-2408

WANTED

An amateur home photographer in Burlington, with lights, camera and accessories. Josh Pichinick will supply the action...in the form of his turned pieces. Perhaps once per week, more or less, he would like to bring his latest creations over to be photographed for a catalogue. Initially it may be necessary to take on site pictures of his pieces at two or three local retail outlets. If you would like to SNAP up this add, call

Josh
335-3275.

Jack Armstrong (member #177) writes that he has access to a freshly felled butternut log, 25' long by 18" diameter. It currently resides in a farmer's woods near Stratford, but the farmer will cut to suit and assist loading with his tractor - the transportation is up to you. If you are interested, call

Jack
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