



GOLDEN HORSESHOE WOODTURNERS GUILD

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NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 21st. AT LORD ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL
5151 New street, between Appleby Line and Burloak Drive in Burlington.

Thanks to an excellent demo by Paul Ross of Chalet Woodcraft and the charm of Dave Mortimer at the door, we gained four new members at the meeting, bringing the total membership to 66.

We are pleased to welcome---
Bob Murray of Brampton
Michael Hoffman - Brantford
Stuart Aitken - St. George
Mary Muir- Burlington
Glad to have you all aboard

TREASURER DAVE MORTIMER

reported that the bank balance is steadily accumulating.
The Wood and Accessory Raffle brought in \$123-00 and the coffee percolated \$18-00.
For our newer members, everyone is asked to donate whatever they can, from a bottle of woodglue, superfluos tools, to bowl blanks, and even tree trunks.
Members are asked (pestered) to buy tickets,
\$2-00 for one or \$5-00 for three, and if their number is drawn, they claim their choice until all items have gone.

VOLUNTEER (REALLY)

We thank Frank Detomaso for offering to be the new coffee and cookie curator.

As a gesture of our gratitude, (and a sigh of relief from Dave Mortimer) we have awarded Frank a brand new name tag, with his name spelled correctly.

THE WOOD AND ACCESSORY RAFFLE

Was well stocked and the Finished Item Draw was won by Ken Agg.

Don Dickens, being the previous winner, presented the finished item and deserves to be complimented on his dedicated effort.

As a very recent member, Don does not have a lathe and turned his bowl by modifying the metal lathe at work.

SET-UPers & TEARDOWNers

The only comments we have had from the school authorities is that the tables (and chairs) are not always returned to their places.

Perhaps those who will be doing the Teardown could make a special note of the original table positions.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The executive committee, at their last meeting, debated a previously raised member's motion to distribute the GHWG membership list to all members and voted to do so. This is being done on the strict understanding that the membership list will not be used by any member for personal gain, financial or otherwise.

Some members had earlier indicated their unwillingness to have their names and/or addresses and/or telephone numbers included in such a distribution and this is of course their prerogative. In order to be excluded, in part or altogether, members MUST call one of the executives by no later than NOVEMBER 14th., 1996, failing which their names etc. will be on the distributed membership list.

To avoid mailing costs, the membership lists will be available for personal pick-up at the November 21st meeting

Executives who can be called are-----

Al McBurney	332-6343
Dave Mortimer	689-8462
George Wilbur	632-2378
Kevin Ellis	319-8863
Brian Graham	339-3872
Josh Pichanick	335-3275
Doug Newlove	416-622-3248

PAUL ROSS of CHALET WOODCRAFT treated us to a superb demonstration, which included something for everyone.

His first piece, turned on our Wadkin, was a shallow bowl with a burnt rim.

Using a propane torch, he burnt the rim and then polished it with black shoe polish.

The effect was stunning as it added a new artistic dimension to the piece and was much more effective than outright deep scorching or charring.

Next, on his Carbotech lathe, Paul turned a small, attractive natural -edge container into which he fitted the bottle of a fuel burning lamp. After reverse chucking the container onto a spigot (with the aid of a tissue) he turned the bottom and applied a finish of Melamine and paste wax. A great idea for Christmas gifts.

The last project was a key chain fob, turned from Snakewood.

This is a spectacular wood species, but even more spectacular was Paul's mastery of the 'dreaded' skew chisel, which for me does just that, cuts skew--very.

The true measure of an excellent turner / teacher / demonstrator is the ability to perform high-tech turning techniques on a low key basis, and still appeal to the entire cross section of his audience, from beginner to advanced to professional.

This Paul Ross did and a sincere thank you from all of us in the GHWG.

Chalet Woodcraft caters to woodturners with tools, equipment, accessories and wood blanks and, most important, woodturning classes at all levels.

Please see his flyer for details of his annual Fall Sale.

TAAAAALENT con't.

Since the October issue of the CHIP FLYER, we have learnt that Loyal Leidens also won a first and second at the Woodstock show, in the furniture category, and Michael Hitchcox had an interesting article published in the October issue of The Canadian Workshop magazine.

Josh Pichanick had a surprise phone call from a woodturner in Toronto, who said he had

chanced upon an excellent (he said) half hour presentation on a Rogers Cable Community Channel.

The taped show featured a very talented turner (he said), who is the typical, unknown, starving artist type (Josh said).

Yes, it was me. Josh, (sitting in for our Editor, Kevin Ellis), and the tape had been shot in my garage shop!, by a Niagara based community channel, for the St. Catharines Craft Guild of which I am a member.

I had forgotten all about it, but I will try to obtain a copy for our library. R.R. eat your heart out!

SHOW AND TELL

Was more proof of the talent within our Guild.

Sandy Graham and Doug Newlove, both Show prize winners, explained their fabulous winning pieces.

There were excellent examples of bud vases, platters, small vases, and a bird house, which were described by two relatively new woodturners, Guy Mechan and Cliff Rose. Pieces do not have to be big to be good.

Eugen Schlaak showed the custom made tools he uses to do the inside of hollow turnings, and also some of the pieces he used them on.

Brian Crossthwaite explained his ingenious home made jig which he uses to turn laminated napkin rings.

And Josh Pichanick showed a new type of caliper, available from Lee Valley Tools, used to measure wall thickness on hollow turnings or large diameter bowls.

He also explained the use of 10 oz. truck wheel weights to compensate for severely out of round or unbalanced blanks, when mounted on the lathe. Do you recall the resin blank which David Loewy poured for the GHWG at his September presentation. Unfortunately, when it was placed in the upstairs storeroom, it was not lying level and the resin cured very thin at the low end.

However, undaunted by this and a couple other problems, our Second VP, Doug Newlove volunteered (u-hum), to take it home and turn it. Doug returned the piece, which he had finished to perfection. Together with the artistic stand he made, it will make a very attractive special Christmas Draw Prize at the December 12th. meeting.

ELECTION of the new EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Al McBurney (our master movie man), as chairman of the Nomination Committee, briefly explained the procedure and the nomination forms and will expand on this most important subject again. From a shaky beginning in January 96, when the

steering / executive committee didn't know if there would even be enough members to pay the rent etc., we now have 66 dedicated members.

But, it did not just happen by itself, it took many hours of hard work to get things up and running.

As most of the major policies and decisions have been implemented, the running of the GHWG will be easier from here on in, but one thing is for sure, it will NOT run itself.

YOUR GUILD NEEDS YOU
Let's face it, it is always much easier to do nothing, than to do something.

Someone once said that in any field of endeavour, 80% of the work is always done by just 20% of the people.

Well 20% of 66 members is only 13.2 people, but, we need an Executive Committee of 7 members, and----- 7 of our members could be current executives who decline to run for office again.

So please---- don't leave it to someone else, submit nomination forms,--- either for yourself or for members whom you feel will be capable of doing a good job in the various positions.

Remember it's YOUR Guild, (nag nag nag nag etc.)

Over to Al McBurney-----
NOMINATIONS FOR THE GHWG EXECUTIVE.

For the period 1997 & 1998.

The Nominating Committee, comprised of -----
Al McBurney Chairman,
905-332-6343

Vince Redmayne --
Mississauga-----905-822-3475

Frank Ciccarelli--
St. Catharines----905-684-2235

are appealing for nominations for the various Executive positions of the GHWG. Nomination forms are available from any of the above members.

Please give serious consideration to running for a position yourself, or nominating nominees for the various positions..

We need good people to compose a strong Executive for the next two years.

Without an Executive, all the progress made this past year will go down the drain.

The duties and responsibilities of the various positions are detailed in the Constitution, under By-laws B and C.

Briefly, they include the following-----

President,
leadership, management, conducts meetings.
1st. Vice President,
Acts for President, develops meeting programs.
2nd. Vice President,
Meeting programs.
Secretary,
Records minutes of meetings, correspondence, records.
Treasurer,

Collects fees, pays expenditures, annual budget.
Editor,
Publishes Newsletter,
maintains library, requires word processing skills.
Member At Large,
Assists where needed.

Completed nomination forms may be submitted to members of the nominating committee, or turned in at the next meeting on November 21st. Each nominee will be asked to submit a brief resume for the election at the General meeting on January 16th. 1997.

Please get involved and keep our Guild functioning.
Al McBurney.

NOVEMBER 21st.

MEETING,

will feature -----

WOODCHUCKERS SUPPLY, and their inventory of tools and accessories.

The demonstration volunteer (he did), will be our own Doug Newlove, who will show us how he turns deep hollow vases, and his perfected method of perforating intricate patterns with a dentists drill.

TAGS NOT RETURNED, to you know who.

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FOR SALE,

before it is buried in the snow, Kevin Ellis still has some English Walnut left.

Call Kevin at 319-8863.

NOTICES----

• Chalet Woodcraft are holding their ANNUAL FALL SALE on November 30th. 1996, in the village of Boston. In addition to items on sale, there will also be free woodturning seminars. call Paul Ross at 519-443-5369 for details and directions.

• Woodturning demonstration by the nationally recognised turner , CHRISTIAN BOUCHARD hosted by the Western New-York Wood Turners., in Buffalo N.Y. on Thursday, November 14th. 1996. NOTE, no tickets at the door. For tickets (first come first served), and directions, call--
Ken Miller 716-839-9674
Jim Hillburger 716-652-3096
Rodney Gingerich -457-3718
Jim Cunning 716-649-8395

P.S.
RICHARD RAFFAN at the same location Feb. 28th. 1997.

P.S.
I have located the TV station which shot the tape of me working on the lathe and found out that the edited version is only about 15 minutes long.

BUT, the good news is that our young Brian Crossthwaite

is also on it, and they are making a copy(ies ?) for me.

Kevin Ellis
Editor.....