

# THE CHIP FLYER



Golden Horseshoe Woodturners Guild – Burlington, Ontario

## *From the President's Notebook*

In December our only event is a social get together on Dec 11 at the Canadian Legion in Burlington on Legion road at 7 p.m...Details inside.

We ask you to bring two Christmas ornaments which will be hung on the tree.

Another tradition that we have is to bring a toy which will be distributed by the Burlington Firemen to needy children.

There are still raffle tickets available and they will be sold at the start of the evening. John from Woodchuckers has agreed that any prize won may be exchanged for equal value. If you don't need what you win you can exchange it for something else at Woodchuckers. You can't beat that deal.

You are encouraged to bring a turning to enter the competition. There will be three classes beginner, intermediate, and open

Our annual meeting will be held on the third Thursday of January (the 15<sup>th</sup>). We will publish the annual report from the president and the treasurer's report in the next Chip Flyer to save time at the meeting. We have a full slate of executive proposed by the nominating committee. Secretary Leonard Kaufman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lloyd Butler, Member at Large Tim Hendry, Membership John Esson, Chip Flyer and Web master Peter Wright.

Ken Keates will demonstrate Peppermills in January. We will ask John from Woodchuckers to bring a few kits for your convenience.

January at the break of the main meeting will be the last chance to qualify for early renewal of your membership. 5 names of renewed members will be drawn and they will receive a gift certificate of \$ 50.00. 70 members have renewed to date. Dues are due in February at the latest to avoid an setup fee.

See you at the Christmas

party!

George Jacquemain



## Coming up

See [ghwg.ca](http://ghwg.ca) for more details.

### **Dec 11:**

Christmas Party. Bring your significant other. Competition, Food, Prizes, and good conversation. Directions inside.

### **Dec 18:**

No meeting. See you on January 8. Have a happy and safe season.

### **Jan 8:**

Hands – On. Coring and rough turning bowls

### **Jan 15:**

Making Pepper Mills with Ken Keates.

## November Meeting – Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance with Steve Anderson of Stihl



Steve began by asking who in the audience was the owner of chainsaw – virtually every hand went up!

We began with a short video on maintenance and safety. Some of the parts will wear out over time and will need replaced. These include, in addition to the chain of course, the bar, sprocket (about once for every two chains), and the filters.

Chainsaws are inherently dangerous, and Steve gave a few pointers on the most common types of accident (all accidents with a chainsaw are potentially lethal). Many accidents can be avoided or, at least, the effects can be reduced if proper clothing is worn. This includes: Hard Hat, Ear Protectors, Chaps, and Gloves.

We learned that the choice of fuel is important, as in recent years, increasing amounts of ethanol are added to fuel for environmental reasons. Premium gas generally has lower or no ethanol so Steve recommended premium gas partly for this

reason (however, Sunoco put ethanol in all grades). The problem with ethanol is that a pre-ignition is likely when used in your chainsaw, causing the saw to slow down and work inefficiently.

If your saw is relatively new (less than 10 years) then good maintenance is especially important. This is because these saws are designed to work with low emissions which in turn means that they work closer to the point of possible seizure. Consequently it's important to take the time to ensure that the air filter is properly cleaned (a tooth brush and water will work), and other parts are in good order.

The other enemy in the gas tank is water. This can get in as a result of condensation when the saw is not used for a short period. Ethanol, water and fuel will separate out over time and as a result of all this, you may find yourself trying to start up the saw and running it on mostly water or ethanol for the first few minutes (if it will start at all). Clearly not good for the saw – or your temper is you are having a frustrating time getting it going! In fact, Steve recommends that the fuel tank be drained if the saw is not to be used in the next 90 days. If your saw has fuel older than this, then it's a good idea to drain it in any case as the fuel will be on the point of becoming stale. Of course, a lot of this will apply to any two stroke engines that you may own – how many of us have a snow blower? Is it a bit difficult to start by any chance?

One final point was presented that we as turners can easily relate to. The chain on the chainsaw must be kept sharp! Sharpen often (touch up on each fuel fill-up). If in any doubt, it's time to sharpen. Maintain the geometry of the cutter. (All very familiar advice). On this last point, gauges are available to help maintain the 30-35 degree angle. If you prefer to use a Dremmel or similar, gauges are still available, and of course use the correct size of grinder set point for your chain.

Peter Wright.



## Early Membership Renewal Draw

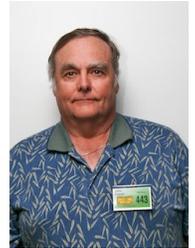
Due to the overwhelming success of the “Early membership renewal draw”, we are doing it again this year!

Just renew your membership for 2009 before the end of the break at the January main meeting, and you are automatically entered. A draw will be made at that meeting and 5 lucky winners will receive \$50 Gift Certificate to be redeemed at one of our sponsor’s places of business.

Membership renewal (\$40) is due by the end of the February meeting. Renewals after that date will be subject to the \$10 joining fee regardless whether you are a member or not.

When you renew for 2009, we are also asking you for permission to distribute your name, city, telephone number and email address to our members (and only to our members).

Thank you for your continued interest in the GHWG, and good luck!




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### 2008 AAW Symposium Techniques Volume One *DVD # (unavailable) (90 minutes)*

The video opens with a welcoming speech by Angelo Iafrate the current AAW president, and a few selected views of the city of Richmond.

The opening demonstration on the DVD features Richard Raffan turning a bowl. Richard commences with rough hewn piece of wet wood, which he holds on a screw chuck to turn the outside and produce a tenon to grip with a 4 jawed chuck, when he reverse it to hollow out the inside. The sharpening shape and edge of his spindle gouge is exhibited in the form of a wooden oversize model. All the other turners do likewise. The base of the bowl is completed by using a chuck. There are some excellent close up scenes of the cutting action.

Some excellent scenes of the banquet, auction and awards follow.

Binh Pho demonstrates piercing techniques, while talking extensively about the tool he uses and proper techniques. Binh demonstrates mostly on a flat piece of wood while referring to a bowl and goblet shape. The tool is compared to a mini router, with different bits and cleaning shown. Layout and design are emphasized. Trade show cameos follow.

Dale Larson turns spheres using 3 axis of holding. He works alternately on two pieces, passing them around as he finishes one, and switches to the other. Cup centre are used to hold the spheres as they progress. When they are completed Dale goes on to demonstrate adding decoration, while displaying salt and pepper shakers with a threaded lid that he had previously completed using spheres!

Hayley Smith shows off surface texturing and adding color, or reducing color using bleach. Mixing and application using sound techniques are an important part of the demonstration. Her parallel line tool is well worth noting.

Mark St Leger turns a rocker using a third axis of motion, or offset turning using his homemade eccentric chuck. Hand chased threads cut using a ground down tap, and continual wax lubrication complete this series.

Well worth watching for turners unable to make Richmond!

P.J. O’Brien



# Christmas Party Activity and Prizes

Mark your calendar for December 11. We will gather at the Burlington Legion Hall to celebrate the holiday season and have some great fun and fellowship.

Bring your significant other to this event that starts at 7.00 pm and runs till 9.30 pm. Admission is free, but there are some catches. We decorate the tree with ornaments that we make, so please bring one or two of your handmade ornaments. There will be a draw during the course of the evening to pick an ornament until they are all taken.

We would also appreciate toys in support of the Burlington Firefighter's toy drive for needy families. These will be collected during the evening.

There will be refreshments and snacks served later in the evening, draws for door prizes, a competition and a raffle.

## Competition:

Bring your best turning creations. The categories are: Novice, Intermediate, and Open. If you are not sure which one you are in, ask a member of the executive, and we'll figure it out. As usual for the Christmas competition, the judges will be the significant others. The prizes are \$50, \$30, and \$20, for first, second, and third, in each category.

## Raffle:

Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for three. The prizes are: a Oneway Stronghold Chuck, a Oneway Talon Chuck, a Oneway Wolverine Sharpening System, a 7/8" Steb Centre, a Sorby Texturing Tool, a Pepper Mill Kit, and a Pen Kit. The first ticket out picks from the list above, and the next ticket holder picks from the remaining prizes,

and so on each time. If you are not present, you will get the prize appropriate for the sequence of your drawn ticket.

## How to get there:

The place is the Legion Hall, 828 Legion Road, Burlington.

Take Brant Street south from the QEW. Go to the first set of lights south of Fairview and turn right onto Grahams Line. Go one block west and turn right (north) onto Legion Road. The Legion Hall is on the left.

Al Murphy.



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## Binh Pho's demonstrations in our area are as follows:

He will not be at the GHWG but you can see this influential artist at the following places:

Toronto: Contact for reservation : Jack Wallace [jack@jkwallace.ca](mailto:jack@jkwallace.ca) May 31 in Toronto Sunday

Barrie: Contact for reservation: Aubrey Ford [aubreyford@bellnet.ca](mailto:aubreyford@bellnet.ca) May 30 In Barrie Saturday

London: Contact for Reservation Gary Miller [garywmiller@rogers.com](mailto:garywmiller@rogers.com) June 6 in London Saturday

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**For Sale (Free to members - Just contact the Chip Flyer editor with your details)**

**Nothing this month....Put your ad here.**

## Nick Agar all day demonstration Sunday May 3 2009

Location Golden Horseshoe Woodturners Guild Knights of Columbus Hall

2400 Industrial Drive Burlington at 9 am.

Woodturning artist Nick Agar's large-scale, multi-textured turned wood sculptures, created at his riverside studio and gallery in Devon, have earned him a reputation for producing highly individual, beautifully crafted art.

Inspired by organic forms, pottery, and his natural surroundings, he specializes in hollow forms and large diameter work, and is renowned for his wall sculptures in particular. His award-winning work often incorporates carving, weaving and metalwork.

All of his pieces and detail about Nick can be found on his web site: <http://www.turningintoart.com/index.php>



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