

THE CHIP FLYER



Golden Horseshoe Woodturners Guild - Burlington, Ontario

From the President's Notebook

November hands-on will feature making Ornaments. Beginning spindle turning and sharpening will also be available.

The November meeting will feature Bruce Campbell a professional woodturner from B.C. who is making a tour of Ontario. We selected Christmas ornaments as his topic and he will make a number of different style ornaments including a hollow ball. Bruce's web site is www.artisansworkbench.com.

With all the focus on ornaments the Christmas party should have a large variety of Christmas ornaments this year. We are suggesting that you bring 2 or 3 ornaments to hang on the tree. When your ticket is pulled you or your guest can select the ornament of your choice.

Tickets for the Christmas raffle will go on sale at the November hands-on and meeting as well as at the Christmas party. See the separate page for all the prizes available.

Bring a toy which will be

distributed by the Burlington Fire department to needy children.

Sandwiches, cheese tray veggies and fruit are supplied and there will be a cash bar. See the map and directions in the Chip Flyer to the Royal Canadian Legion at 828 Legion Rd Burlington. Start time is 7 p.m.

We are still seeking candidates for President and 1st Vice president. See Mike Brazeau to apply.

We asked members who attended the group workshop to write about their experience to share with the guild. Peter Hyde and Andrew Turnbull responded and you can read their comments on the web site with the photo's from the two day's under the Member Gallery section.

Anyone planning to attend the AAW symposium held on June 18 to 20 in 2010 should make reservations at the Marriott hotel in Hartford Ct. There is a link from the AAW site (<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2010/>) to the

convention hotel and the convention discounts are applied. One of the key advantages of being a AAW member is the discounted entrance fees for the symposium and hotel discounts. This is the closest that the symposium will be to us within the next three years.

George Jacquemain



Coming up

See ghwg.ca for more details

Nov 12:

Hands- On: Christmas Ornaments, take a chance to learn a new ornament.

Nov 19:

General meeting: Bruce Campbell from Vancouver will show how to make a variety of Christmas ornaments.

Dec 10:

Christmas Party and turning competition at the Burlington Legion. Bring your spouse or significant other and enjoy the evening.

Jan 10:

Hands- On: Lidded boxes

Octobers presentation: Ornamental Bird House by Frank Ditomasso

We were most fortunate to have one of the GHWG's founding Presidents, Frank Ditomasso provide us with a wonderful evening of demonstrating the patience and precision required for fine woodworking and craftsmanship for small turned pieces.

The project was an Ornamental Birdhouse (Diagram Included.) for the purpose of a Christmas tree ornament. He demonstrated how to turn down to a wall thickness of approximately 2 mm. in order to keep the ornament light as well as the use of ebony for finials and perches due to its strength and texture for minimal sanding. It also provides a nice contrast to the lighter woods such as Pine and Cedar which are readily available and help to keep the weight of the ornament to a minimum.

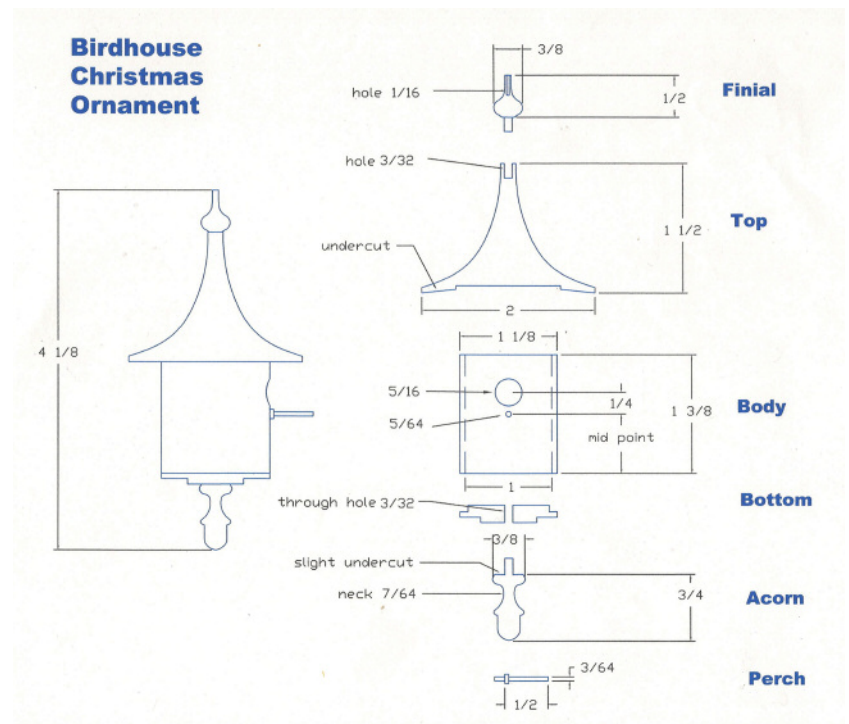
Several times Frank emphasized the importance of having sharp tools in order to turn the small pieces properly and cleanly. We all know that tools should be sharp for any turning, but it becomes more important on the more delicate pieces due to their fragile nature and smaller details which are much more difficult to sand smoothly. If the cuts are clean and precise, then the need for sanding is reduced to a minimum. A small chatter on a larger bowl which may appear rather insignificant could spell disaster for the more delicate ornament.

The use of a quality set of calipers can also make the project easier in order for the tiny pieces to fit together in the final assembly. When we are turning our own Christmas ornaments this year we will probably all find it just a little

bit easier to incorporate a few of those extra fine details to create that one unique piece. I know that I will have to remember to bring my patience into the shop with me and not leave it outside the back door.

Thanks again Frank for a very fine demonstration and I am sure that everyone came away with at least one or two pieces of information that will make our pieces just a bit better. I know that I did.

Morley McArthur



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

For Sale: A General lathe typical of that used by most high schools in wood shop. Would like to trade it for a bench top lathe such as a Jet to do small work as it is unlikely I'll ever be doing large work again. The lathe is good but sits idle.



I also have 5 gallons of end cut sealer. It could be purchased and then shared out in smaller quantities to a group of people. I would be asking \$40 for the 5 gallon pail.

My home number is 905-574-0526 (Paul Siwy)

For Sale: After downsizing I have 3 machines that need a new home.
 Makita 2040 Planer. This is a fairly heavy duty machine that handles 14" boards quite nicely and is in excellent condition. Asking \$1000.
 Busy Bee 6 inch Jointer model B706. 7 X 47 inch bed, 1 HP, 3 blades. works very nicely. Asking \$300.
 Delta shaper/router. Takes 1/4 or 1/2 inch bits. Asking \$175.



Contact Rick at 905 333 5409 or rcullis@cogeco.ca.

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 2010 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.

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Christmas raffle

Tickets are \$• 10.00 Each or 3 for \$25.00

- 1st Prize Stronghdd Chuck
- 2nd Prize Talon Chuck
- 3rd Prize OneWay Wolverine & Vari-grind
- 4th Sorby Micro Texturing tool
- 5th Hunter hollowing tool
- 6th Kreg drilling jig
- 7th to 16 Rough Chery Bowl



Seeking Cabinet Maker for Shelving Unit

Seeking services of a finish carpenter or cabinet maker to construct and install paint grade shelving and cabinetry or custom wall unit.

The purpose of the shelving will to be display Doug Newlove's wood turnings.

Wall dimensions approximately 9 ft wide and 8 ft high. Shelving to cover complete wall and surround a 50 inch x 32 inch window opening. Approximately 5 shelves to span the wall and cabinets for the lower section.

Ideally work to commence as soon as possible with completion by the end of November.

Interested parties please contact

Sharon Turner-Newlove

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GHWG

Cordially Invites You & a Guest to Our

ANNUAL Christmas PARTY

December 10

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Legion Hall, 828 Legion Rd Burlington

Sandwiches, ,Fruit Pastries Coffee and Tea

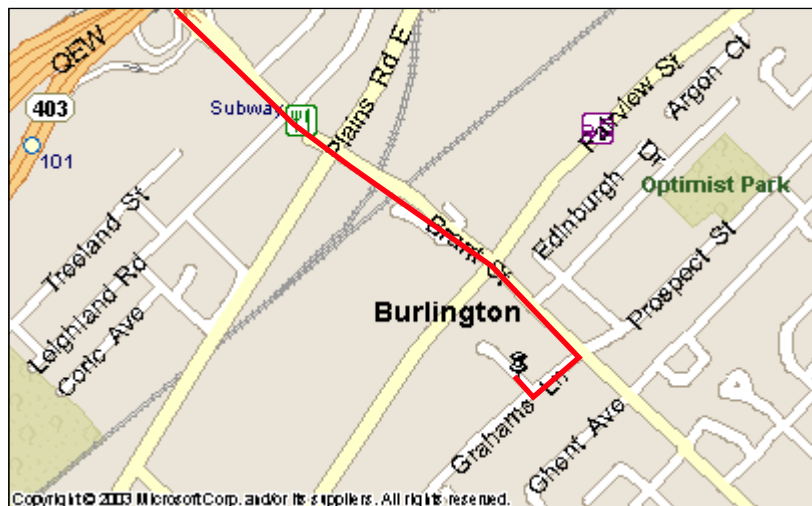
Annual Competition judged by your guest
Raffle held tickets available
Ornament draw supplied by you
Bring Toys for needy children

Christmas Competition

Novice class
Intermediate class
Open class

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd
with ribbons

You pick the design
* Judged by the guests
* Enter as many pieces as you like



Why Round Skews Are Best!

Well, actually they're not the best, but they are the best for the kind of work that I do. I'm known mostly for my small scale turning. After reading Nick Cook and Alan Lacer's article about their favorite skews (2004 summer issue), I knew I had to horn in on the act. I do believe that your favorite skew will be the one you get good at and that will be dictated by the kind of work you do.

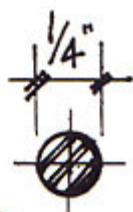
If you do a lot of small scale turning, I don't think that you can go wrong with a small round skew. These inexpensive skews are easy to make and user friendly. You can purchase small round skews commercially, but the steel in the ones that I have seen are too short for my purposes. I buy tempered 1/4" round 8" long high speed steel from Enco Manufacturing (800 860 3400; part #383 7015). I make a 10" handle and sink the HSS about two inches into the handle. That gives me about 6" of usable tool.

One of the things I like the best about my small round skew is that the shaft of the tool does not damage or nick the tool rest. I stick to 1/4" diameter skews because I've found that the larger round skews (3/8" or 1/2") tend to be a little cumbersome. When I need a larger skew, I switch to my traditional 1/2" skew.

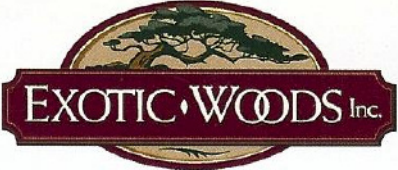
My switch to a round skew took a little time. First, it was about 12 years into my turning career before I became just "fair" with a skew. I started out with a 1/4" square skew. That tool worked fine, but I did need to soften the edges since they regularly marred the tool rest. I then remembered reading about oval skews, but could never find one small enough for my needs. The next logical step was a round tool.

Actually, sharpening the round skew is fairly easy, although a coarse grinder (36 grit) is helpful when first shaping the tool (see American Woodturner, 9.2:7, 9.4:11). If you are starting from scratch, first turn the tool into a screwdriver shape. Grind one side, turn the tool, and repeat until your skew looks like a screwdriver. Then grind the skew portion of the tool. The blunted portion of the tool is then ground away. Once the tool is roughly shaped, I switch to a 60- or 80-grit wheel and complete my sharpening. I rarely hone the skew because I don't find it necessary. I also free hand sharpen all of my skews. Although I don't make extensive use of jigs for sharpening most tools, I've never found a jig that gives me the bevel I desire on my skews.

Whether you use a round skew, rectangular, or oval skew, getting comfortable with one just makes your turning life a lot easier. It is well worth the time it takes to master it.



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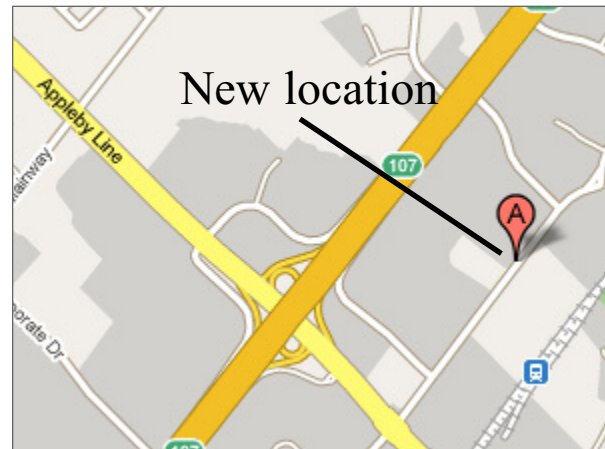
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