

# THE CHIP FLYER



## Golden Horseshoe Woodturners Guild - Burlington, Ontario

### *From the President's Notebook*

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 to exchange. When your ticket is pulled you or your guest can select the ornament of your choice.

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale prior to the draw at the Christmas party. See the separate page for all the prizes.

Bring a new toy to donate to the Burlington Fire department which will be distributing them to needy children in the area.

Sandwiches, cheese tray, veggies and fruit are supplied and there will be a cash bar available. 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.

There will be a competition at the Christmas party. The choice of turning is open. As usual there will be three classes, Novice, Intermediate and Open. The judges for this competition will be your guest. Ribbons for 1st 2nd and 3rd for each class will be awarded. You may enter as many pieces as you wish.

As Michael Brazeau explained last meeting we have decided that we are unlikely to find candidates for President and 1st Vice President who have not served on the

executive. Our solution to this problem is as follows. I will run as President and Mike will run as 1st Vice President. We need to have two additional Executive Assistants to learn the role of the executive and assist where necessary. Norm Deneault has volunteered to fill one of the positions. We are now looking for one more volunteer. Michael Brazeau in agreeing to take on the role of 1st Vice is fully aware that I will be away for January and February of this coming year and has agreed to fill in.

The slate for executives will now be complete save the one additional Executive Assistant.

President : George Jacquemain  
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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 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.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party.

### Coming up

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

#### Jan 14:

Hands- On: Lidded boxes

#### Jan 21:

Meeting - Turning a Calabash bowl but Peter Hyde (GHWG)

#### Feb 18:

Meeting - Vince Lebert will cover minitures and the tooling to turn them

## November presentation: Christmas in Campbell-ville

We should have had Christmas carols in the background – perhaps he should have been dressed in an elf-suit. Maybe Santa should have been doing this instead, but Bruce Campbell was making ornaments so this is the unofficial start to all woodturners' Christmas. S.

Bruce was an engaging presenter with all the right stuff; multi-media savy, generously sharing an interesting biography; skilled at the craft and generous with loads of advice; laryngitis. You've also just got to like the self-deprecating humour that sneaks into the presentation.

Bruce's involvement with the whole woodturning world was another important aspect of the presentation to me – he extols to virtue of getting involved with the club, champions attending lessons with visiting professionals and is genuinely excited about managing conventions and gathering turners together to share and develop the art.

Of course he also turned an ornament!

Here is a selection of the ideas he shared with us – and a kind of stepwise instruction set to that end.

Bruce started with the "ball". His was turned from spalted maple and padauk. Use wood.

But honestly, who cares how big it is?! Design the ornament and size the ball accordingly! I think I speak for Bruce by saying – make it smaller than a basketball but larger than the thickness of your gouge!

Drill the ball with a Forstener bit to depth – nearly all the way through.

Then hollow the ball – and to hollow the ball – do what Bruce suggests: Reverse the lathe! Now you don't have to reach in backwards and blind! Wow! Why didn't I think of that? Oh yeah – I don't hollow anything! But this isn't about me!

Concerning design, don't turn a "round" ball – make it "squashed". It WILL look far better.



Regarding the finishing of the ball – part the ball off by drilling through the opposite end with a smaller Forstener bit having turned down the blank still holding the ball to a diameter SMALLER than the Forstener! This means the hollowed little pumpkin will spill into your hands free and clear with a perfectly sized and centered hole. A picture at this point would be worth a thousand words – or at least the 58 words just above.



Turn the finials with an eye to proportions – Bruce does utilize the Golden Mean – 1.618... – in establishing thicknesses and lengths. I was fortunate enough to attend his TWG

demo on the following Sunday and that fact of design became evident.

Bruce advises us to part off the finials from the headstock end of the lathe by-the-way. His reasoning? The parted piece (of padauk) should be prevented from puncturing pieces of participant's pants or plummeting to a

poignant passing.

Regarding the finials again, Bruce recommends a step-down cutting action to easily match the diameter of the finial tenons to the ball openings. A picture here would, once again, replace dozens of words. I would personally recommend a viewing of Cindy Drazda at this point to see how finials are turned! Bruce has studied with her by-the-way!

- Glue the finished pieces together using CA.
- Inflate with helium.
- Attach 100 000 of them to your house and fly UP!

Oh.

Sorry about that - where was I – oh yes! Bruce offered several snippets of advice along the way regarding turning in general:

Beware spalted wood – take it below 8% moisture to kill off fungi and prevent sporulation. Use a respirator!! (I can scare the crap out of you by talking about deep aspergillosis of the lungs and brain if you want!) He recommends Hamlet 2060 steel gouges.

Go to Vancouver.

Regardless of what you take away from Bruce's demo – I personally think the big overall message is clear – TURN! Enjoy the craft, the art. Do it because it's fun.

Do it for Christmas!

By: Andrew Turnbull



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**FOR SALE...If you have items to offer guild members, pass them along for inclusion in the Chip Flyer**

- Rigid 10" compound mitre saw with Freud blade, laser guide and Lee Valley saw stand \$200.
- Craftsman 10" contractor table saw with pullout side extensions, back support, stand, dust capture bag and dado set included. \$200
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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

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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
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## Executive Committee:

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# 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*

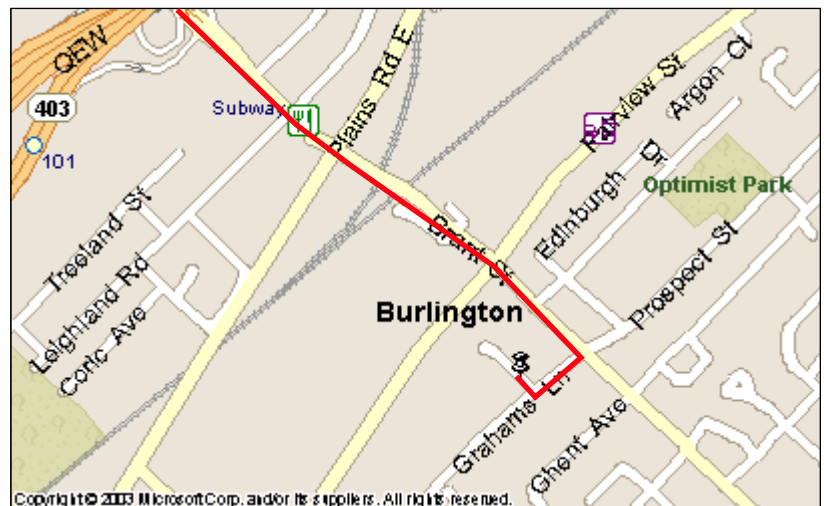
Annual Competition judged by your guest  
Raffle held tickets available  
Ornament draw supplied by you  
Bring Toys for needy children

## Christmas Competition

Novice class  
Intermediate class  
Open class

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

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\* Judged by the guests  
\* Enter as many pieces as you like



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