

# THE CHIP FLYER



## Golden Horseshoe Woodturners Guild - Burlington, Ontario

### *From the President's Notebook*

The last month of the year we hold our annual Christmas party on the second Thursday of December (the 9th).

As usual it will consist of a free buffet of sandwiches and desserts. We ask all members to bring at least two Christmas ornaments which will be distributed to attendees during the evening. Toys for needy children will be collected by the Burlington Fire Department for distribution. Our annual competition will be held, judged by your guest and winners will receive a ribbon. Tickets for our annual draw have gone on sale and will be drawn during the evening. There will be tickets available at the start of the evening.

Rumour has it that we may have a jolly visitor to help us draw names for the Christmas ornaments. Now if you are procrastinating like I have been now is the time to get a couple of ornaments made.

Our main demonstration workshop this year will feature Cindy Drozda and accomplished turner and outstanding presenter. The main workshop will be held on Saturday April 2 2011. The cost of this workshop will be \$40.00 and lunch is included. We are planning to hold two hands-on group workshops on Thursday Mar 31st and Friday Apr 1st. See Mike Brazeau to reserve your spot at one of these group sessions. 6 places

are available at each session and most are already reserved. Cost will be \$ 125 per person. We are open to accept hosts for the hands-on.

Our project to supply wig stands to cancer patients who have undergone chemotherapy, needs your support. We have delivered or ready to deliver 120 stands towards our 165 wig stands for the Cancer Society. Hardware to attaching the spindle, top and bottom will be available at both the hands-on and regular meeting. If you are unable to make a wig stand then bring the wood and someone will make one on your behalf so that you can be part of this project. There are 178 sets of attaching hardware that have been distributed to our members. If all the outstanding sets come in with wig stands we will exceed our goal. We ran out of hanger bolts but will have some available in January.

#### Guild Elections for 2011-2013:

**2nd Vice President:** Peter Hyde will stand

**Secretary:** Leonard Kauffman will stand

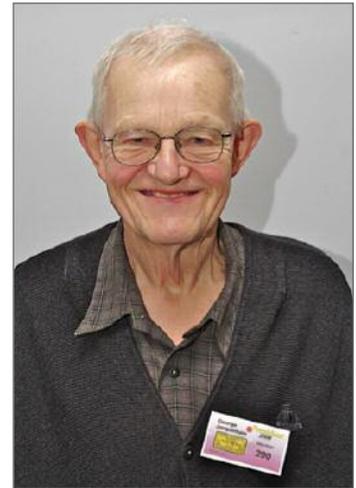
**Membership:** Tim Hendry will stand

**Chip/Web editor:** Lloyd Butler will stand

**Member at Large:** Open

Don Andrews had volunteered but work in Afghanistan has taken priority.

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George Jacquemain

### Coming up

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

#### Dec 9:

Christmas Party and turning Competition

#### Jan 13:

Hands on - Basic forms and bowls

#### Jan 20:

General meeting and elections. Eugen Schlaak covering sanding and buffing

President's message continued....

the guild is dependent on volunteers taking their turn on the board.

January we will hold our annual meeting which will be chaired by Mike Brazeau filling in for me when I am in Arizona for the next two months.

Eugene Schlaak will present a demo on Sanding and buffing at the January meeting. Hands-on will feature basic forms and bowls.

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party !

George Jacquemain

## A new texturing tool on the market....

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John at Woodchuckers will be carrying these soon if you are interested in getting your hands on one. If you want to see a demo of it in action and you have an internet connection, Nick Agar has a couple of youtube videos available:

Part 1

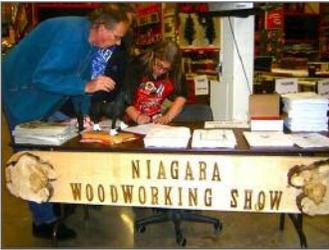
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBtyWicLLSc>

Part 2

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9IfEHczKYs>

## Out and about....

Over the past few months we have had a number of members either out in public competitions, doing demos, talking or showing their various skills and talents.



On Oct 30, the 5th Annual Niagara Woodworking Show had a woodworking competition and we had a few people from the guild who had entered. Mike Dimercurio was entered in the “bigger than will fit in a 2ft cube” category with nice Shaker style long table with turned legs, he got 2nd place. Eugen Schlaak entered in the “smaller than will fit in a 2 foot cube” category, he had entered several pieces and got 3rd with one of his yew root turnings. Michel Dupuis was also there, with his portable bandsaw mill to demo its abilities.

On Nov 28, Peter Reisiger was interviewed on the Art Wave podcast. He spent about 50 minutes discussing wood turning and related topics with the hostess, Bernadette Rule. You learn a bit about his past careers, including designing and building industrial miniature models as well his approach to turning. (<http://www.archive.org/details/PeterReisigerArtWaves97>)

On Nov 25 thru Dec 3, the Guild was asked to fill a space in the Artisans workshop at the One of a Kind Show at the Direct Energy Centre, demoing woodturning. We were scheduled for a daily weekday demonstration for a minimum of one hour each day, for the purpose of promoting wood turning and its’ creativity as well as the GHWG. Although the attendance this year appeared to be slightly lower than normal, the flying of wood chips (and a chuck jaw) managed to draw a good crowd at each session and many questions. The time was filled by Morley McArthur, Peter Hyde, Derik Dix, Hugh Widdup, Andrew Turnbull and Lloyd Butler. They had a chance to show some of their creativity and technical expertise at the lathe as well as fielding questions from the people watching.



Congratulation to all for stepping up and showing the varied talents that the guild members bring to the group. If you hear of other members who have stepped up to demo or show their talents, please pass them along to me for future inclusion.

by Lloyd Butler

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## November's demonstration by Seri Robinson... "Spalting Wood".

Seri presented our club with a most informative presentation on the causes and happenings that occur during the spalting process of wood, as well as how we ourselves can initiate the process on our own wood.

Seri currently holds a Doctorate degree in Bio-Science doing research on Fungi and spalting of wood. She is the only person doing this research and consults with Artists and Business throughout the world, currently working on business applications in the lumber industry.



Spalting is any color on wood that is caused by a Fungus. This color does not dissipate or fade over time, unlike a color caused by injury (red in Manitoba Maple) or a chemicals (ground minerals). The fungi can impart a variety of colors into the wood. Seri talked about "bleaching" the wood with a white rot fungi (like *Pleurotus ostreatus* or *Trametes versicolor*). If you get two white rot fungi of near similar strengths, then as they attack the wood, their defenses create the all too familiar black zone lines we associate with spalting. There are some white rot fungi that will defend against themselves, and thereby create zone lines as well.

If you want to add in some color, then bring in a fungi to produce blue or green stains (*Chlorociboria*), and then finish off with a fungi for pink color (*Arthrographis cuboidea*). The coloring fungi tend to be much weaker than the white rot fungi.

The process for creating zone lines can be initiated by simply applying some of two different types of fungus to the end grain surfaces of a rough turned piece or the ends of a log and keeping them in an environment where the moisture content is above 30% and a temperature above 25C or 78F. The white rot fungi tend to travel through the length of the wood. When you are looking to add some colored fungi, those tend to penetrate through the side grain via the rays in the wood, so can be placed on the side grain surfaces.

Some of the best woods for spalting are the hard Maples, but Birch, Aspen and Basswood also easily spalt. Each type of wood has a different timeline, depending on the type of fungi used and the environmental conditions present in the process. The time to completion can vary from a few weeks to a few months.

More information as well as a complete section on doing it yourself can be found at her web site; [www.northernspalting.com](http://www.northernspalting.com). We have the links on our web site to her Fine Woodworking Blog as well.

Thank you Seri for a great presentation.

Morley McArthur



### White rot fungi:

*Pleurotus ostreatus* - oyster mushroom

*Trametes versicolor* - Turkey Tail

*Xylaria polymorpha* - Dead Man's Finger

### Coloring fungi:

*Arthrographis cuboidea* - pink stain fungus

*Chlorociboria* -blue/green stain fungus



Florent Lefevre-Schlick was in to talk to us about a new business he is working on, to provide hand made funeral urns. 416-931-9226, HeartwoodVessels@gmail.com

To help give you some idea of how large an urn needs to be:

- 1 cubic inch per pound body weight (approx).
- 1 cup rice = 14 cubic inches
- 1 gal = 231 cubic inches
- volume for sphere =  $(4 (\pi) \text{ radius cubed}) / 3$
- volume cylinder =  $(\pi) r \text{ squared (height)}$
- volume cone =  $((\pi) (h) (r \text{ squared})) / 3$

## Coming Events ...

### TOTALLY TURNING 2011

March 26 and 27, 2011 in Saratoga Springs City Center Saratoga Springs NY

Presenters: Richard Raffan	Dale Nish	Curt Theobald
Jennifer Shirley	Giles Gilson	Kurt Hertzog
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Two day registration of \$175.00 for Totally Turning gets registration to:  
Totally Turning 2011 PLUS two days of Woodworkers Showcase 2011

### Cindy Drozda



Coming to the Toronto area in late March and early April 2011.

We will be hosting a full day demonstration by Cindy on April 2nd, with 2 hands on sessions available for 12 people total on the 1st and 3rd. See Mike Brazeau about booking a hands-on slot if you are interested.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Stronghold Chuck
- 2nd Prize Talon Chuck
- 3rd Prize OneWay Wolverine & Vari-grind
- 4th Sorby spiral Micro tool
- 5th Hunter hollowing tool
- 6th to 15 Rough Salad Bowls



# Christmas draw winners

since this came out after the Chrstitmas party

### Bowl blanks:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| John Bowler          | Peter Reisiger        |
| Victor Aubin         | Geraldine Kelter (x2) |
| Arthur Ravin         | Don Svob              |
| Malcolm Cumming (x2) |                       |
| Hugh Widdup (x2)     |                       |



**Pat Moran :**  
Oneway Stronghold Chuck



**Victor Aubin :**  
Oneway Talon Chuck



**Thomas Last :**  
Oneway Wolverine & Vari-grind



**Tom Wharrick :**  
Micro spiraling tool



**Geraldine Kelter :**  
Hunter tool

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 Member at Large .....OPEN

### It is time to consider running for office of the guild Elections 2011

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