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## THE CHIP FLYER

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### NEXT MEETING

Casual Evening - Members only - **Wednesday** January 7 - 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm  
 Formal Evening - Members and Guests - **Thursday** January 15 - 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRES

As a member, there are many, many things about the GHWG of which I am really proud, and particularly so with the privilege of being President.

- From a humble restart in December 1995 with about 15 members, to 81 now and a record turnout of 59 at the October meeting. WOW!
- The fabulous progression of the Chip Flyer newsletter under the editorship of Frank Ditomaso.
- The ability to attract quality advertisers for the Chip Flyer.
- The dedication shown by so many members - from the loan of equipment by Steve Villeneuve, Jim Campbell, Cliff Rose and others, to the eager volunteers when it comes to clean-up time.
- The absence of politics or dissention so often associated with clubs our size.
- The truly excellent drive and teamwork of the super Executive Committee.
- The growing number of members proudly wearing their GHWG crests.
- The introduction of our casual hands-on nights for beginners and new members and the more experienced turners who

give up their time to help and advise. We are fulfilling our mission to "promote and educate in the art of Woodturning"

- Our members successes at the Lee Valley sponsored WGO competition and the Durham wood show.
- Then came the prestigious Woodstock Woodturning Competition, and five of our members almost swept the board with 9 prizes which included two firsts. All the pieces, complete with their Ribbons were on display at the October meeting. What a sight.
- The overwhelming display of so many excellent pieces at the October Show and Tell, which just "blew me away". Our experienced guest turner was Bob Hastings and he was particularly impressed.
- To see the tremendous strides made at the casual night. There was Mary Muir who had to be persuaded to show us her fabulous turned vase .. Steve Villeneuve was also very impressed with Mary's piece, even though it wasn't laminated! Then there is Claude Hippolyte, we just showed him "how to" once on the Delta and he just took off. Not to forget Jim Wright,

Malcolm Cummings, and -- well, I had better stop before I list 81 names.

I could go on but ----

Finally to borrow someone else's motto,  
 - "Our Purpose is Woodturning,  
 but our success is our members"  
 (apologies to Frank, Don and John Mayberry)  
 Josh

### CASUAL MEETING

The Casual meeting on December 4th was very well attended by members wanting hands on instruction with turning and also tool sharpening.

Our 3 lathes were busy all evening and in addition, Kevin Ellis brought his Carbatech and demonstrated making hollow Christmas decorations. What we do need though is more experienced turners in attendance, to offer their valued expertise.

Cliff Rose, attending to spindle turning and tool sharpening was busier than a one armed paper hanger, and I was the only other member available to help out.

Josh

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Have you renewed your membership yet, we would really hate to lose you, you **are** the GHWG. 29 renewals have already been received.

Please send you \$40 cheque to me, Cliff Rose, 33 Golden Orchard Drive, Hamilton. L9C 6J2 or call him at 905-388-6164 to tell me why not.

Cliff Rose

## CAFE IN THE WOODS

The Tansley Wood facility we are moving to as from January 1998, also features a "Cafe in the Woods", who will in future be supplying our coffee and cookies, at the same old prices.

For those members who attend meetings straight from work, you will be able to get a great "quick fix" supper from Ralph and his son Steve.

Their prices are very good and the food is excellent. Remember to tell them you are from the GHWG.

## HAMILTON WOOD SHOW

The GHWG will be demonstrating at the Hamilton Wood show from January 30 till February 1, 1998 located in the War Plane Heritage museum at the Hamilton Airport. The format will be similar to the Ancaster show.

We still need about 12 more volunteers to demonstrate turning and/or just be there to help out. Please contact Frank Ditomaso at 905-335-5391 if you can help.

## CRESTS and SMOCKS

Just to remind all members -

There are two types of turning smocks available through the Guild.

- Waist length from Kincardine @\$65 including taxes and shipping
- Knee length from Two Heads @\$55 including taxes and delivery.

To order call Josh at 905-335-3275.

Mary Muir still has lots of GHWG crests which are great for sewing on caps or smocks. She has a great holiday special - 1 for \$13, - 2 for \$26, - 3 for \$39! -! Contact Mary at 905-335-8133.

## GHWG SCRAPBOOK

Another entry for the GHWG scrapbook.

Steve Villeneuve was featured in a Hamilton Spectator article on November 28th.

There are a number of pictures of Steve's work and one showing him at work on the lathe. The article details Steve's background before getting into Woodturning and a description of his current work. He generally specializes in polychromatic and burl bowls, but I don't think Steve would be afraid to tackle anything.

Steve was "one of more than 80 artists and artisans at the Winter Festival of Friends at the Hamilton Convention Center in November.

I will give this to Al McBurney for the GHWG scrap book if you wish to see it.

## BRIAN McINTOSH

Brian McIntosh was hospitalized on Dec. 8 with a heart problem. I understand he is recovering well and should be out of the hospital soon. The Guild has sent Brian a Fruit Basket from all the members. On behalf of all the members of the Guild, we wish Brian a speedy recovery and hope he is able to get back to his lathe soon.

I understand he had a very successful show at the One of a Kind Craft Show in Toronto.

All the best Brian.

## TURNERS TIPS

To overcome the problem with Cyanoacrylate (Hotstuff) glue, where the cap gets stuck to the spout or the spout clogs up real good. After use, wipe the nozzle dry (not with your fingers, eh!) and push in a 1" or 1 1/2" long finishing nail, the ones with a small head. This will seal the spout and still allow you to replace the cap. To use the glue again, remove the cap and pull the nail out with a pair of pliers. This way the spout is automatically opened up.

When applying liquid finish, eg Waterlox etc., apply each coat with a small wad of cotton material. Do not use cheesecloth as the small perforations tend to leave lines of liquid, which dry and are hard to remove.

Josh

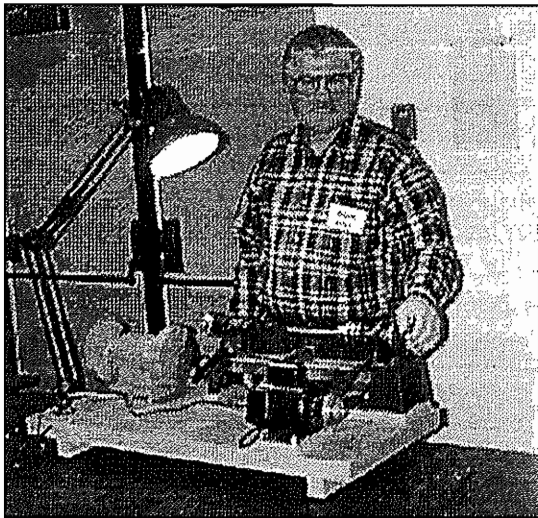
## SETUP CREW

Jim Campbell has volunteered to take charge of the setup and clean up crew for the Casual nights and members meetings. He can't do this alone and needs all the help he can get. In the new facility, the process should be much easier as we have better storage facilities and buggies to help transport the items. If you can help either with setup before the meetings or with clean up after, or both, please call Jim at (905) 824-4435 and offer your help. This should only take up a few minutes of your time and would be greatly appreciated by Jim and the other people involved with getting the meetings setup and running.

## DECEMBER MEETING

The last meeting for the year was held on December 11, at the Seniors Center. This special Christmas celebration was well attended by about 60 members and spouses.

There were 4 minilathes set up by Cliff Rose, Guy Mechan, Brian Graham and Kevin Ellis. Each was churning out there own specialty items with Kevin turning Christmas balls, Brian making key rings, Guy making mushrooms and Cliff, tiny cups. Some of the members even got a chance to try out the minilathes.



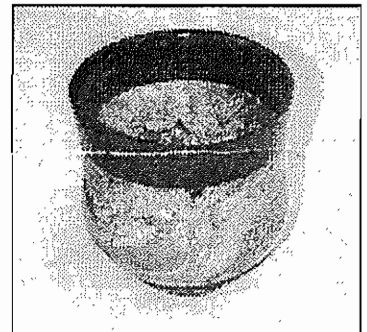
During the demonstrations the ladies were preparing enough food to feed all the woodturning clubs in Ontario. Mary Muir had bought a great selection of finger foods which were heated and prepared by Pam Pichanick, Dawn Graham, Marg McCuaig and others. Meanwhile, many other helpers where unloading and serving the desserts brought in by members. The selection was tremendous. I guess Christmas is the season to be Merry ( and fat).

Mid way through the evening we had the "Show and Tell" of turned items brought in by members.

Cliff Rose had made two beautiful canes of Pakkawood and Rosewood with antique brass handles for a customer of Steve Villeneuve. The handles date back to 1867.



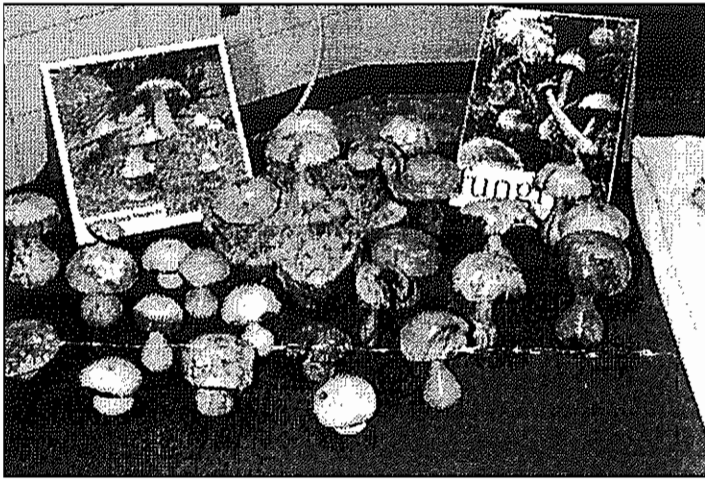
Cliff also had an Apple Burl bowl with a Rose wood rim.



Jim Campbell made an interesting vase using an inside-out technique where the piece is turned, split into 4, reglued with the outside facing in and turned again. The result is a vase with a turned interior.



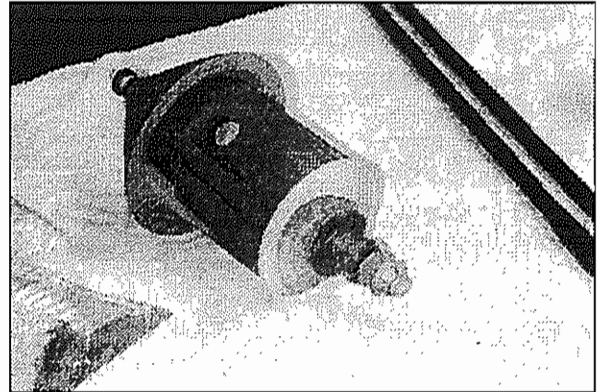
Eugene Schlaak made a large number of mushrooms out of a variety of burlled woods. He cut the bottoms at slight angles to give each a very realistic look.



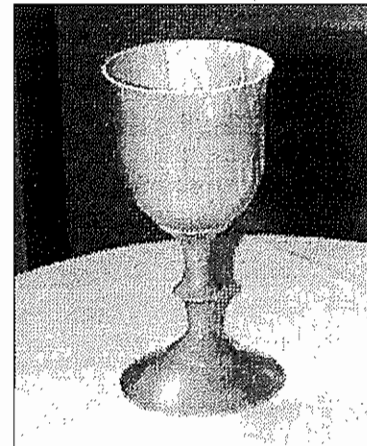
Josh Pichanick turned a beautiful natural edge bowl out of a very dark piece of English Walnut Crotch. He also had a number of laminated bowls and a laminated mirror frame.



Jim Fretz brought in a turned birdhouse.

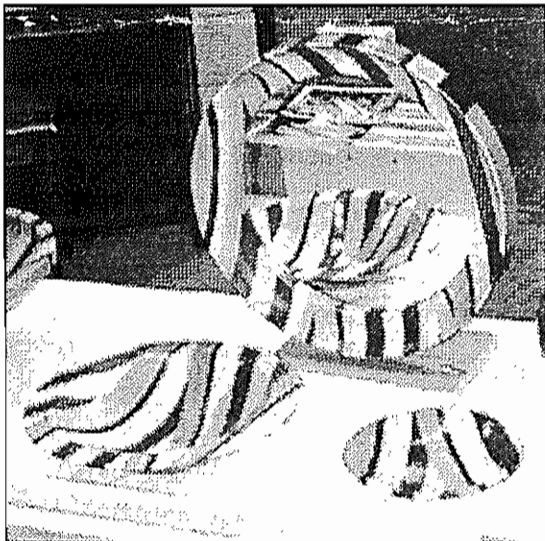


After the show and tell the wood raffle was held. The finished item was a paper thin and finely shaped goblet made by Vince Redmayne, which was won by Ken Agg.



The last item on the table was a bottle of Baileys and two glasses donated by the Guild just for the member's spouses. I was won by Dorothy Kemp.

The evening was very enjoyable and a good opportunity for member's spouses to connect faces to names that they may have heard in conversation. As well, they get to see what the club is all about. The Show and Tell gave them a idea of the huge range of items that can be made on a lathe, from works of art to canes. I hope all the visitors enjoyed themselves and I look forward to seeing them again.



**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

While the Executive Committee do not endorse any particular woodturning product or company, it is nevertheless our obligation to the GHWG members to promote safety and health.

Perhaps the most important aspect is lung safety, because simply put, what goes into the lungs (the dust), stays there - and grows. Add to that, the fact that many wood species such as cocobola, cedar, spalted beech or maple etc. have a potentially toxic effect on most turners.

At our October 16th meeting, we announced that Woodchuckers, on Weston Road, have offered our members special pricing on two forced air helmets. One is the Purelite model, Reg. \$ 380., GHWG members \$ 325 plus taxes.

However the other, Power Visor by Racal, will not be imported into Canada. This point was mentioned by John Beech during his recent Racal presentation to us and I have since confirmed this with their National Sales Manager.

I have had personal dealings with Airware America in Elbow Lake, Minnesota, who have been Racal dealers for 20 or more years. They have quoted the following price schedule for a complete package.

PV0085 - Power Visor, complete with 4 hour battery and charger.	U.S.	\$ 139.00
470-10-01R01 - replacement filter	U.S.	10.00
520-04-50 - extra 4 hour battery, (6 hour recharge time)	U.S.	45.00
plus shipping	U.S.	7.50
Total	U.S.	\$ 201.50

The Power Visor can also be ordered on it's own, complete with 4 hour battery and charger for U.S. \$ 139. plus shipping U.S. \$ 7.50, total U.S. \$ 146.50

Based on the U.S. conversion rate as of Dec. 4/97 of 1.4405, the package with spares would be approx. CAN \$ 290 and the Power Visor and battery alone CAN \$ 211. I cannot estimate the added cost of Duty (if any) or GST applied at Canada Customs, so be prepared for a little extra cost.

Airware America have also offered a 10 percent discount for a single order of 8 or more units, or, a 15 percent discount for a single order or 12 or more units.

Any bulk order must be done by our Treasurer, Ken McCuaig, on a fully prepaid basis.

If you are interested in the Racal unit, call Ken at 905-277-3029 to establish whether there is sufficient interest to warrant a bulk order.

If not, they may be ordered individually by calling Airware America order desk - Mike Nelson or Julie at 1-800-328-1792.

For personal referral to the two makes, call Brian Graham regarding his Racal at 905-339-3872 or Ken McCuaig at 905-277-3029 regarding his Purelite.

Please note that the Racal Power Visor is not NIOSH approved, and the filter is designed for wood hobbyist etc, to remove nuisance dust particles.

Josh

The following is a reprint of information form the Racal catalog regarding the Racal Power Visor.

**POWER VISOR  
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The Power Visor has a motorized fan which draws the surrounding air through the nuisance dust filter located in a compartment at the forehead area. The filter removes nuisance dust particles, and the filtered air flows down over the face. The continuous flow of filtered air gives a cooling effect and keeps the visor fog free. We recommend the Power Visor to someone who would be using a respirator for only short periods of time, or who only needs occasional protection. Some common applications might be for gardening, wood hobbyists, lawn care, chain saw users, or dozens of other projects in and around the home.

**Face & Eye Protection/Weight**

The Power Visor has an impact resistance polycarbonate visor which protects the eyes and face. The Power Visor weighs 1 1/4 lbs.

**Battery & Battery Charger**

The Power Visor is sold with one 4 hour battery and a battery charger to charge that battery. The Smart Charger does not work on the Power Visor. You can purchase additional batteries for the Power Visor if you feel that 4 hours will not be sufficient.

### Visor & Visor Overlays

The visor on the Power Visor is impact resistant. Also available are the visor overlays, thin pieces of plastic with a sticky substance on the edge to adhere to the visor. These provide extra protection to the visor and guards against minor scratches and abrasions.

### Filters & Filter Replacement

The Power Visor has a replacement filter, which needs to be changed approximately every 50-75 hours of use. (The approximate hours a filter will last will vary depending on conditions used in). The filter is designed to remove nuisance dust particle.

#### Order Information

PV0085 - Power Visor	\$ 139.00 U.S.
470-10-01R01	10.00 U.S.
520-04-50 - 4 hour battery	45.00 U.S.
529-03-74R10 -visor overlay - pk of 10	9.00 U.S.
527-01-29R01 - Face Seal	10.00 U.S.
529-04-71R01 - Brow Seal	4.50 U.S.
520-04-52R01 - Visor	15.00 U.S.
NF4 - Never Fog Solution	4.00 U.S.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>HAMILTON WOOD SHOW</b>	Jan 30 (1pm-9pm), Jan 31 (9am-5pm), Feb 1 (9am-5pm), 1998 Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum Hamilton Internation Airport Tel (905) 575-0450
<b>ROCKTON WOOD SHOW</b>	Wood Show and Carving Competition April 17 (12-5), April 18 (10-5) April 19 (10-5) Rockton, Ontario (519) 647-3899 Hwy. #8, between Cambridge & Hamilton The GHWG may be involved with demonstrating at this show, more details will follow soon.

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE GHWG AND THEIR FAMILIES

*MERRY CHRISTMAS*

and a

*HAPPY NEW YEAR*

## TURNING DEMONSTRATIONS AND SEMINARS AT THE GHWG in 1998

<b>JANUARY 15</b>	<p>At <b>TANSLEY WOOD</b>                  House warming get together to meet their supervisor, Chris Glenn; the facility officers, and all the staff.                  Turning demonstration by Josh Pichanick. He will make a Curled Lip Bowl (be sure to wear your name tags)</p>
<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>	<p><b>ROLY ANDERSON</b> of the CWA                  Deep Hollow Form</p>
<b>MARCH 19</b>	<p><i>TENTATIVE</i> <b>SORBY TOOLS OF ENGLAND.</b></p>
<b>APRIL 16</b>	<p><b>KEN GOLDSPINK</b> of the GBWG                  and a surprise turner (in other words, we don't know who yet)</p>
<b>MAY 21</b>	<p><b>VICTOR BURVILLE</b> of the GHWG                  Stacked Laminated Bowl</p>
<b>JUNE 18</b>	<p><b>MARK SALUSBURY</b> of the CWA                  Split Turning and Offset Turning</p>
<b>SPRING?</b>	<p>We are trying to arrange a sale night for dealers that advertise in this newsletter (wood, tools, etc.) to be held on a Casual night and a "garage sale/swap meet" night for members to trade and sell their blanks, tools, etc. to other members. More details will follow in the December newsletter, but we may be able to arrange something as early as February.</p>

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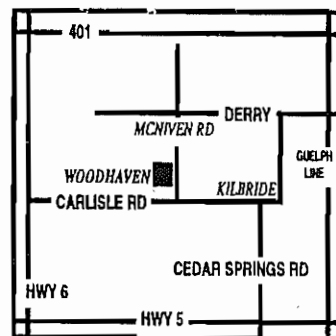
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