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## IN HOUSE MEETINGS

### **Regular Meeting**

**Thursday November 18**  
**7.00 p.m.**

### **Hands on Night**

**Thursday November 11**  
**7.00 p.m.**

## And The Winners Are



## Have It Your Way Turning Competition

From left to right

Front row Jack McCrodden, Ken Lidgett, Ken Agg

Rear row Brian Graham, Al McBurney, Malcom Cummings, Lew Rowlands, Frank Ditomaso

## Treasurer's Notes

### Jet Lathe Raffle

Tickets \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00

You have only 2 more chances to purchase your tickets for the draw which will take place at our Christmas party December 9, 1999.

Thursday November 11 and Thursday November 18 are the last dates tickets will be available from any executive member, Don't miss out on your chance to own this excellent machine.

#### Membership 2000

These are due January 1 - if you are a snowbird...don't forget to renew before you go. If you are staying here - pay anyway...we need the money!



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## “HAVE IT YOUR WAY” WOODTURNING COMPETITION

For those of you who couldn't make the October 21 meeting, you missed a great opportunity to see what can happen when you hand a simple blank of wood to a group of talented and imaginative turners. Of the 46 entries, 28 brave turners brought in finished items. Entries varied from simple bowls, to elegant goblets, tall lidded boxes, candlesticks, to the hit of the competition, a lidded box in the shape of a painted turtle by Al McBurney. Al's turtle was very finely crafted and was a very realistic rendering complete with carved toes, tail and head and faithfully painted to match the real turtle. The shell became to lid of the box and it too was very well painted to represent the many sided segments of the turtle's shell. There were also a number of interesting stories to go along with each piece. Al recounted the vast number of hours he spent first making a prototype, and then turning and intricately painting his entry. Since he was a science teacher, he knew that the entry had better be accurate. Brian Graham finished his at 1:30 in the morning before the competition. Malcom Cummings managed to save his entry when one of the sides of his square box caught and edge and disappeared somewhere in his shop. However, after some creative thinking he decided to carve off the opposite square edge and made an asymmetrical square edge lidded box.

The following is a list of winners. There was no entry for the “Variety Master” category, so the judges decided to award two prizes in the “Best use of Material” category.

Most Creative	Al McBurney	Lidded box turtle
Best Use of Material	Ken Lidgett	Lidded Vessel
	Frank Ditomaso	Laminated Platter
Purist Master	Malcom Cumming	Lidded Box
Purist Advanced	Frank Ciccarella	Vase with painted interior
Purist Intermediate	Brian Graham	Lidded Box with square edges
Purist Novice	Ken Agg	Square edge bowl
Variety Master	No entries	
Variety Advanced	Al McBurney	Lidded box turtle
Variety Intermediate	Sean Rowlands	Bowl with carved and painted rim
Variety Novice	Jack McCrodden	Hanging candle holder

Each winner chose one of the ten prizes. These consisted of \$25 gift certificates from Woodchuckers (2), Woodhaven (2), Exotics Woods, Weeks Hardware, Ashman Technical, and Morley Miller Tools and 2 books from Busy Bee.

Thanks especially to the judges for a great job. Some of the groups of entries had to be reviewed a few times before a decision could be made. The judges were Brian McIntosh, John Salvatori and Lois Crawford. The guild presented them with a certificate of appreciation and a bottle of wine with our thanks.

I guess the competition accomplished what it was supposed to, that is, challenge the turners to push their skills and imagination to create something unique from a single blank.

Congratulations to all the winners and too all who entered. You have all enhanced your turning skills, overcome the fear of showing your skills (and goofs) to other turners and pushed your imaginations to a new level.

I would like to make this an annual event, possibly for our June meeting. What do you think? Please let me know.

**Frank Ditomaso**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have finally settled into our new surroundings at General Brock High School. Even though we experienced some confusion the first night, things appear to be running smoothly now. The students from the school will be catering our monthly meetings and will also be doing the refreshments for our Christmas party. We have had to move a lot in the past 3 years but General Brock seems to be a more suitable site for our Guild.

The raffle table is the life blood of our club. The revenue from this table helps us to meet our expenses. Members are encouraged to continue with their donations to the table and dig into their pockets to support the raffle. Thank you for your continues support.

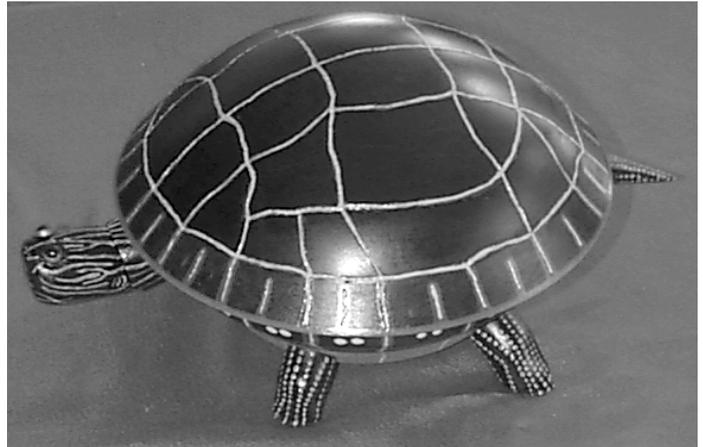
Have you purchased your raffle ticket for the Jet Mini Lathe. The draw will take place at our Christmas party on December 9th. Tickets are available from executive members for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Don't miss out on this chance as only a limited number will be sold.

Once again the nominating committee is actively seeking a slate of officers for the 2000 season. To continue the kind of success we have had over the last four years we need people to volunteer their time. YOUR Guild needs YOUR help.

The next meeting, November 18th, our guest demonstrator will be Mr. Dan Braniff. I had the pleasure of meeting Dan at the AAW symposium held in Akron Ohio. His presentation should not be missed.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 9th. Hope you are all busy making your competition piece and Christmas ornaments. More information in this newsletter.

**Brian Graham**



### Judges in action

### Double Winner for Al McBurney

#### Dan Braniff

The guest demonstrator for November will be Dan Braniff, of Hastings, Collingwood and other points south in the winter-time. Dan will be discussing his techniques used to create his astounding inlaid platters and will discuss some of the problems and solutions to making these complex pieces. Those of you who attended the Woodstock show or the WGO/Lee Valley competitions would have seen some his work which took many prizes including Best of Show. Dan will also have some of his winning pieces with him for display.

## Bill Duce

Bill Duce was the demonstrator for the October 21 meeting. His subject areas of small scale turning and design dovetailed nicely with the "Have it your woodturning competition" which shared the last part of the evening. The biggest challenge most people faced in the competition was developing a design that would fit the confines of the small blank that they required to turn for the competition.

Bill first reviewed and elaborated on what he calls his "10 rules of woodturning".

1. Turning should always be fun.
2. Turning is a personal exploration, so satisfy your inner muse first.
3. A successful turning is an equal balance between technique and design.
4. The success of your project is dependent on a positive attitude, not expensive tools or even secret tricks.
5. There is no shame in making a mistake, just try not to make the same one twice.
6. Never stop looking for inspiration, especially outside the world of turning.

7. A finished turning will always look better than one only half turned. By finishing what you start you just may surprise yourself.

8. The proper way to use any tool is whichever way works best for you.

9. Never be discouraged by people saying, "That's pretty, what is it?"

10. Design gimmicks and fads have the approximate life span of a free burl at a turner's convention. Avoid them at all costs.

With these rule in mind, Bill went on to discuss his approach to turning and design. One of the most important may have been to "learn the rules, then break them". That is to work toward being a proficient turner, but not being afraid to experiment with different technique or design elements. Another suggestion was to view others work as often as possible with an artistic eye, looking for the design element, not just how it was made, getting past the technique into the design of the piece. While technique is important, especially when first starting out, the design goal is what will carry the process to a satisfying finish.

Bill went through a slide show showing finished items from a number of turners and few of his own pieces. He provided critical comment, at least from his own viewpoint, on each, noting what he liked about the piece and what some of the challenges may have been for the turner to produce the work.

Bill has published his first book "the fine art of small-scale woodturning" (sterling publishing) and written a number of articles for woodturning magazines such as the Journal of the AAW. I would recommend you read his profile of Gerhard Enns in the Summer 1999 issue, Volume 14, No2. He is also the newsletter editor for the GHWG.

The Guild has purchased a copy of his book and it is available through our library.

Thanks Bill for an interesting evening.

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## Events and Demonstrations at the GHWG

NOVEMBER 18  
Dan Braniff  
Inlaid Platters

DECEMBER 9  
Christmas Party

JANUARY 20, 2000

GHWG Annual meeting  
Executive elections

Doug Newlove  
Vacuum chuck

BRANTFORD WOOD SHOW  
Brantford, Ontario  
November 5,6,7 1999  
tel 1-800-563-6858

HAMILTON WOOD SHOW  
Jan. 28, 29, 30 2000 -  
Canadian Warplane Heritage  
Museum - Hamilton  
tel (905) 575-0450  
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email: oakleaf@netcom.ca  
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## Coming Events

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