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IN HOUSE MEETINGS

Regular Meeting

Thursday December 9
7.00 p.m.

Hands on Night

No Meeting

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the November meeting members were treated to the expertise of Dan Braniff. Dan took woodturning to another dimension with his inlaid serving trays using epoxy resin. Through Dan's eyes our members were able to see the great potential for epoxy in creative woodturning.

Our next regular meeting which will be held one week early. Thursday December 9th, will be our annual Christmas party. We hope the turnout for the competition this year is even greater than last year. The judging will again be done by spouses and there are many prizes for all levels of skill. Last year we introduced the idea of Christmas tree ornaments. It was such a success last year that we decided to hold the draw once again this year. You only have a couple of weeks left so get those wood chips flying and fill the tree with ornaments for our spouses. Catering will be done by the students from General Brock High School, They will be serving light refreshments throughout the evening.

It's finally here, The Big Draw. For all those who have purchased tickets for our Jet Mini Lathe, someones Christmas may come early. For those of you who have waited to the last minute or wish to purchase more, tickets will be on sale at the door for the first 1/2 hour or while they last, Good luck to everyone.

For those of your who were not at the last meeting, Loyal Leidens, a member of our Guild, is selling his extensive workshop. (equipment and lumber stock). Various varieties and sizes are available. Please only serious buyers should contact Loyal at:

(905) 945 - 9873 (workshop)
(905) 945 - 8964 (home)

At this time I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy Season's Greetings.

Brian Graham

NO SHOW AND TELL AND NO WOOD RAFFLE

There will not be a show and tell or wood raffle at the Christmas party. So save all those great turned items and wood blanks for the January meeting.

Dan Braniff

Our guest demonstrator in November was Dan Braniff of Collingwood. Dan is a member of the Grey Bruce Guild and has been turning and cabinetmaking seriously since his retirement in 1985. He was inspired by Marilyn Campbell's intricate platters using laminates and epoxies and has developed his own unique approach with that concept. Rather than going for abstract images, Dan, with a love a native art, seeks to bring images of wildlife to his turned objects. After some experimentation, he has had great success with images such as a loon diving below the surface of the water, or a bear going after his prey. This evening Dan walked us through the steps he uses in making his latest effort which is a rimmed platter with handles and in the center a bear about to swallow up a salmon. The bear appears to be coming into the scene from outside the platter and the fish even has its tails sticking part way into the opening for the handles. In all, the scene is very alive.

Dan brought a very comprehensive handout that outlined the steps, in detail, complete with 4 pages of photographs. He stepped through the process

using his notes as a reference, explaining his reasons for the particular methods he uses and even noted other unsuccessful or unsatisfactory methods he had tried. I won't attempt to duplicate that effort since everyone who attended the meeting received a copy but will briefly describe the steps.

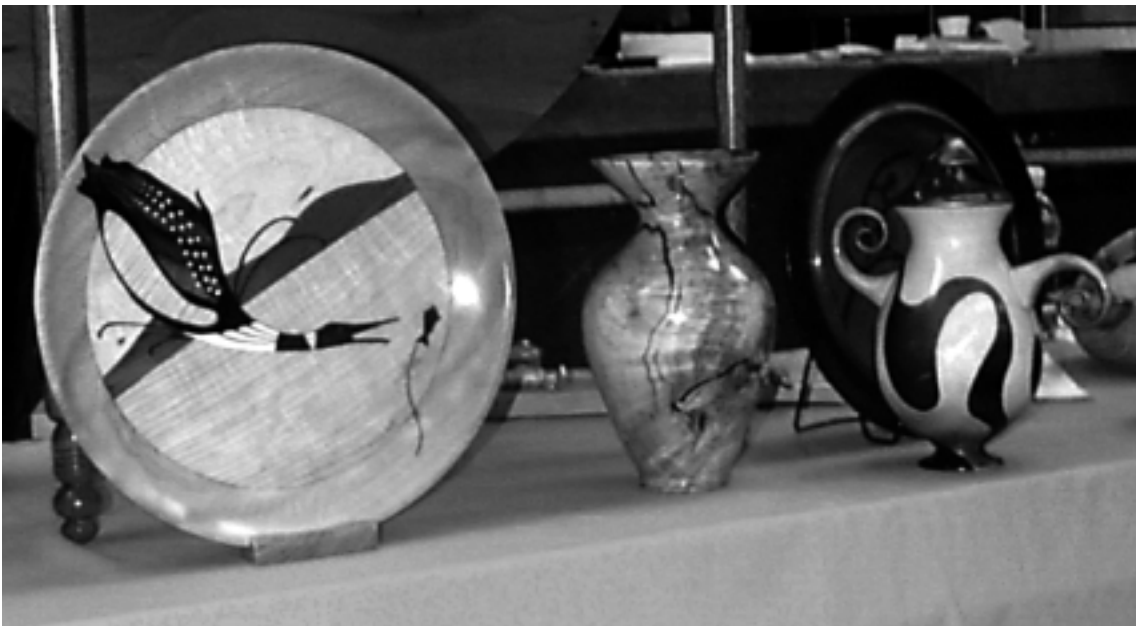
He first develops a drawing of the final piece as a reference. He uses this to cut out what he calls the negative space for the bear and fish from the rough turned blank being very careful in his placement relative to the horizon and outside edge. The blank is made from two types of wood (in this case white oak and figured maple), the junction between them forming the horizon in the scene. With a small offset allowance for the epoxy, he uses this cutout to trace the shape of the bear and fish on other contrasting pieces. He used walnut for the bear, zebrawood for the fish, and purpleheart for the eyes. All the pieces are cut out in this way and their edges cleaned up and sealed with clear epoxy to prevent bleeding of the coloured epoxy. When ready, the blank is sealed with duct tape, all the pieces put in place, and a very free flowing mixture of epoxy and earth pigments is poured into the spaces. Once cured one side is trued up, mounted on the lathe and the final

platter shape turned. He also may use his airbrush to add any final small details to the image.

Dan also reviewed his technique of egg shell texturing, again with a complete handout. Dan uses egg shells to give texturing to a surface similar to the cracked finish presented by Brian McIntosh earlier this year. The egg shells are more durable and allows for a contrasting colour grouting to be spread between the pieces of the shell. However, the process is very time consuming and can be overdone if you're not careful.

The presentation was very thoroughly planned and Dan brought a great deal of material, including samples of his turned work, a hall table, tools and material. The hall table was interesting as it was finished just as well on the bottom as on top, since it sits at the top of a set of stairs, and the bottom with it's mirror image of the top, was very visible. With the mirror image on the bottom of the turned pieces, the viewer get a little surprise when they flip it over. Dan's presentation for very entertaining and informative. He is an excellent speaker and is able to field questions without losing his pacing. Thanks Dan.

Frank Ditomaso



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS WANTED FOR THE PARTY

Ok fellow woodturners, let get those lathes cranked up and making Christmas ornaments for the Christmas party in December. Last year those turners attending the party brought in so many ornaments that we had to throw all the tickets back in the jar and draw again before all the ornaments were won. Our guests had a ball. Lets try and repeat this again this year.

I gave out handouts of some possible ornament designs as the last meeting. If you need a copy contact me.

Frank Ditomaso

JET LATHE RAFFLE

I have been assured personally by at least 20 people that they, and only they, are going to win the Jet lathe at the GHWG Christmas party. However, I can guarantee that only one lathe will be won, and it could be you. The last of the tickets will be available for a short time at the Christmas Party. Doug Kurtz and Cliff Rose will be selling them at the front door. We will have to cut off ticket sales early though, so that Doug and his committee can audit the tickets and prepare them for the raffle. So be quick and don't miss out.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Those members who wish to renew their membership can do so at the Christmas meeting. Cliff Rose will have a table set up at the entrance. So give yourself and the GHWG an early Christmas present. You get another year of great woodturning experiences and fellowship, the GHWG gets the 40 bucks to keep the programs going.

THE GHWG 1999 CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 9, 1999 7:00 pm
GENERAL BROCK HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT RAFFLE

All spouses, partners, guests and friends who attend will receive a free raffle ticket for one of the Christmas ornaments turned and donated by members. Last year we had so many ornaments that we had to redraw all the tickets again.

WOODTURNING COMPETITION

Bring in your **single** best piece.

Judging to be done by spouses, partners, guests, and friends by secret ballot. All pieces will be behind a rope barricade and not handled by anyone.

Prizes will be awarded in four categories, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced and Master. We have \$25 gift certificates for first place winners, and certificates for second and third place.

Novice

Turning for less than one year .

Intermediate

Still learning

Advanced

Experienced turner

Master

Making a living at turning or
an expert turner

Remember, if you have won previously in the Novice, Intermediate or Advanced class, you must move up to the next class.

All the entries for the "Have it your way" competition in October are eligible for this competition, even those who won, since the judging will be totally different.

JET LATHE RAFFLE

The winning ballot for the Jet Lathe will be drawn at this party. As well, there will be tickets for sale before the draw, so let your spouses, partners, and friends know. You may get a new Jet Lathe for Christmas.

FOOD AND DRINK

General Brock High School staff and students will provide light refreshments..

SANTA?

Who knows, Santa may show up again.
So you had better be good.

Please note that there will not be a "show and tell" or a wood raffle at the party. See you there.

Events and Demonstrations at the GHWG

DECEMBER 9

Christmas Party
Ornament raffle
Competition
Refreshments
Santa?
Good times with friends
and fellow turners

JANUARY 20, 2000

GHWG Annual meeting
Executive elections

Doug Newlove
Jigs and Fixtures
using a Vacuum chuck

MARCH 16

Frank Ciccarelli
Offset turned platters
(tentative)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members

Duke Murchison of St. Catherines

Dr. Ian Weir of Mississauga

Coming Events

HAMILTON WOOD SHOW
Jan. 28, 29, 30 2000 -
Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum -
Hamilton
tel (905) 575-0450
fax (905) 575-7409
email: oakleaf@netcom.ca
website: www.canadianwoodworking.com/hamilton

Chatham Wood Show
Feb. 5, 6, 7, 1999
Kinsmen Auditorium - Chatham, Ontario
Phone: 519-351-8344
email: john@bcwoodshows.com
website: <http://www.woodshows.on.ca>

THE WINDSOR WOOD SHOW &
CARVING COMPETITION
Feb. 25, 26, 27, 2000
Ciociaro Club
Sat. 10:00 - 5:00, Sun 11:00 - 5:00
Phone: 519-734-0648
email: info@epsglobal.com

Canadian Home Workshop Show
March 3, 4, 5, 2000 -
Toronto, Ontario Phone: 905-475-8440 ext.
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Kitchener Waterloo Wood Show
March 17, 18, 19, 2000
Kitchener, Ontario Phone: 519-657-8646
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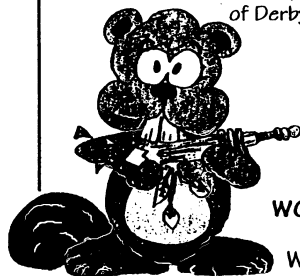
From the Treasurer's Vault

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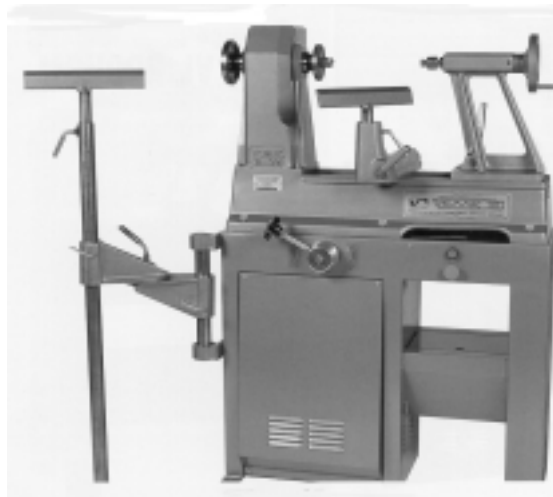
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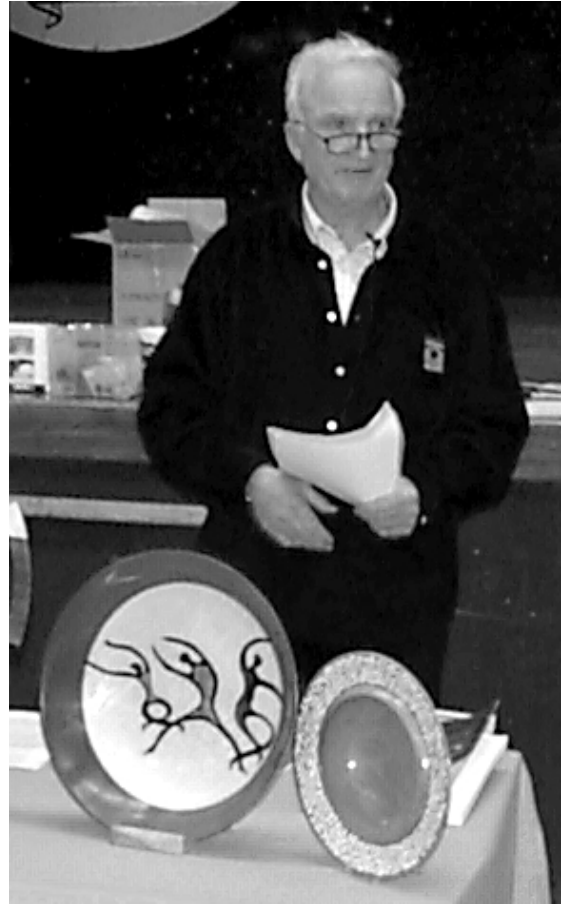
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HAMILTON WOOD SHOW

The GHWG guild will once again have a booth at the Hamilton Wood Show. This year will be held at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum at the Hamilton Airport on January 28, 29, 30. The show has been growing in the past few years and is drawing good crowds. We will have our Jet and Record lathes, and some additional members lathes for use. Please bring your own blanks and tools if possible. Do not bring large unbalance blanks, the lathe cannot handle the strain and it is dangerous to do this kind of work in front of a crowd. We will also like to have a number of items for the display table.

Andy Ditomaso will be coordinating the show again this year. He will have a sign up list at the Christmas party and at the January meetings.



The Gospel According to Dan



The Marketplace

Items will appear in the Journal for two consecutive months, if you sell it before then let us know

FOR SALE

Grinder, 6" with two stones, \$ 75
Brian Graham, 905 339 3872

Jet lathe stand, Portable with wheels, \$ 25
Doug Kurtz, 905 632 1923

Record RP3000X Power Chuck (similar to club's) plus 3 extra accessory jaw sets, plus precision machined adapter for mounting onto 1" x 8" shaft, plus scraper for forming 15 degree dovetail edge for accurate mounting of stock. All in original box with instructions - like new. \$125.

Bill Skrypka at 905-646-5135

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Jim Fretz 905-562-4397.

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