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# In House Meetings 7:00 P.M.

**Hands-on Night** Thursday, June 14

**Regular Meeting** Thursday, June 21

# MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR WOOD

J im Lorriman believes in showing a piece of wood off to it's best advantage. That does not only mean finding an interesting grain pattern in a bowl blank to turn a bowl out of, oh no. It means finding a treasured piece of wood and using it to it's full

potential in every sense. Jim does not believe in cutting down a tree to make a bowl (or several bowls even). He takes a slab of wood, a board if you will and cuts rings out to make a bowl. This is called concentric ring lamination. By gluing the pieces together and then turning a bowl out of these rings Jim is able to waste very little. In fact, the left over pieces are used to make plate stands and yo-yos! Why go to all this effort? The results speak for themselves. Jim creates very unusual repetitive patterns. He is able to make a bowl as a keepsake for someone from the family farm, beloved cottage or historically significant buildings. The wood itself is different than the wood we see today from conventional sources. It is old wood, grown when Canada was voung and forests were very dense. The growth rings are tighter and the grain



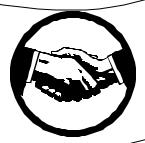
patterns unexpected. The piece he brought in to demonstrate on was a 100 year old plank from Langdon Hall, a restaurant and Inn in Cambridge. I would not have recognized it as pine at all. It is interesting to contemplate

what the scenery was like when that tree was a seedling. This method of making bowls began in the late 1800's in England. Large trees were becoming harder to come by even then and new methods of mass production had to be developed to serve the demanding marketplace. Jim did not always turn his bowls. He used to sand them round. It could take as long as four hours to sand one bowl. It did not take him many bowls to realize he had to speed things up if he were going to produce enough to keep from going hungry. Jim quickly learned to turn the bowls round and then finish sand only. He uses only a bowl gouge to shape his pieces and always turns outboard. It was great fun to see someone turn outboard on our lathe. Jim showed a number of overheads to explain how he draws on

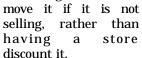
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# Welcome New Members

The Guild is pleased to welcome our newest members:
Mark Victor (Stoney Creek)
Al Hindi (Mississauga)



his pieces, how he carefully joints on the table saw and cuts one up and one down to compensate for the blade being out slightly. He spends a good deal of time laying out his pieces before gluing them up. This along with full size templates made via Corel draw make for precise cuts on the band saw. For anyone wishing complete instructions you may visit Jim's web site at info@artscolony.on.ca. Enter the user name *Student* and the password *Lesson*. All step by step instructions are shown with photos. Jim shows his work at the Guild Shop, Millcroft Inn in Alton (as part of the inns and arts program), Reels End Gallery, Dufferin County Museum, etc... He tries to maintain a 100 piece inventory and prefers to sell via consignment because it offers him more control over the piece an area gets. He can







Jim Lorriman, born in Toronto in 1947, has his studio in the Mulmur Hills near Mansfield, Ontario, where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

In closing I would like to mention the other way Jim creates bowls. He takes what he calls local exotics such as sumac, lilac and honeysuckle and hot glues several sticks together. He then runs the sticks through to sander to give him two flat edges. He runs the pieces through again the other way and ends up with glued up boards of sumac, lilac etc... He then begins the process from it's first stage again. This produces absolutely beautiful bowls! Thank you Jim for going beyond what was comfortable for you and demonstrating your unique talents to us. I look forward to seeing just what influence your demonstration will have on our membership.

Joanne Hallman

# **COMING EVENTS**

# **The 15th Annual National AAW Symposium** July 6 to 8, 2001

River Center Convention Center, St. Paul, Minnesota

# **Durham Wood Show**

August 10, 11 and 12 Durham, Ontario

## The Muskoka Wood Show

August 17, 18, and 19 Bracebridge, Ontario

# **Central Ontario Woodworking & Hobby Show**

September 7, 8, and 9 Barrie, Ontario

# **Brantford Wood Show**

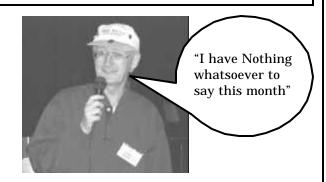
November 2, 3, and 4 Brantford, Ontario

# **EVENTS and DEMONSTRATIONS**

## June 21

Dan Braniff will demonstrate on a variety of subjects, some involving technique and some design, and Sandy Graham will be presenting a design/critiquing session.

Remember to pick up your blanks for the "Have it your way" turning competition



A "First" for our President!!



The next Hands on night will be June 14 and we have Frank Ditomaso who will be completing his Rimmed Platter. Dave Page will be doing Natural Edge Bowls, and Brian Graham will be turning Pens and related objects. I would like to thank the following members on behalf of the Guild for their time and skills: Eugen Schlaak, Cliff Rose, Al McBurney, Brian Graham, Wayne Cardinal, Jim Fretz, Malcolm Cumming, Doug Newlove, Frank Ciccarelli, Dave Page, Frank Ditomaso. And last but not least, the crew who worked so hard setting up for us. It has been a joy arranging demonstrators this past year, and I look forward to next year. Thank you all so much.

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# HAVE IT YOUR WAY THE COMPETITION

It's that time of year again when we all look forward to the summer break so we can get into our shops and start working on our pieces for the "Have it your way" competition. Please enter as often as you like with either spindle or bowl blanks (or both!). You will be informed of the cost of the blanks and the type of wood at the next meeting. The contest rules will be the same as last year.

The classes remain the same, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Master in two categories "Purist" and "Variety" (if we have enough entries). For those who don't remember let me review the differences. Purist means the finished item must be made from the blank supplied, with nothing added but glue, stain or paint, and finish. The blank can be cut up and reassembled as much as you like. Variety means you can add up to 20% by original volume of other material such as other wood, metal, epoxy, and anything else your imagination can dream up. Again the blank can be sliced and diced to your hearts content.

Novice class is for those turners who have been turning for one year or less.

Intermediate are for those who are still learning but have been at it longer than one year.

Advanced are those turners who have mastered the basic skills and are developing their sense of form and design

Master are those who make a living at turning, or are very good at it. You know who you are.

Remember, if you won first place in Novice, Intermediate or Advanced last year, you must move up to the next class. Big Brother will be watching.

Good luck to all participants, especially those novice turners who will be entering for the very first time. If you do not have access to a lathe or require some other equipment please speak to any member of the executive. We will make every effort to line you up with the support you need.

Joanne

# **RAFFLE TABLE NEWS**

The raffle table was a great success. Thanks to all those who donated items. A special thank you to members Doug Newlove, Randy Hodge, Dave Page and Joanne Hallman for the prepared hard maple blanks. All four spent a day at Dave Page's place to fell a couple trees and prepare blanks for the club. The draw for the Brass Hammer donated by Doug Bremner was won by Ken Mc Cuaig. Congratulations! The apple wood on the raffle table was donated by the members of the Maple Grove United Church. The church members would appreciate some finished turnings to be used in their raffles and bazaars for the purpose of fund raising. All items donated would be acknowledged as the work of the GHWG. Finished items can be passed on to Vince Redmayne (905-822-3475).

# **Christmas Raffle**

Purchase your tickets now for the Delta mini lathe. The lathe will be raffled off during our Christmas Party. Our thanks to Jim Fretz for finding the lathe for us.



# WOODTURNING ON THE INTERNET

hese days, more and more people (including a growing number of GHWG members) ■ are using the internet to locate sites of interest around the globe. Of course it's a "double edge sword". The more time you spend staring at a computer screen, the less time you have to enjoy the hands-on experience of woodturning. But, when it's time to take a break, finding woodturning sites on the internet can be a lot of fun and educational too. So, for the benefit of the members with internet access, here is a directory of popular woodturning & woodworking sites, including retailers, clubs and associations, magazines and publications, and related sites.

Happy surfing, Brian Taylor

# **Retailers / Catalogues**

Barmossie Woodturning Sup-Scotland www.barmossie.co.uk

Busy Bee Tools, Canada www.busybeetools.com

Coeur du Bois www.woodworking.co.uk

Constantine's www.constantines.com

**Craft Supplies** www.woodturnerscatalog.com

Craftwoods www.nexus.net/~crftwood

The Cutting Edge www.cuttingedgetools.com

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Hartville Tools www.hartvilletool.com

Highland Hardware www.highland-hardware.com

House of Tools, Canada www.houseoftools.com

Japan Woodworker www.japanwoodworker.com

Kendal Tools, UK www.kendaltools.co.uk

Rockler Woodworking www.rockler.com

Lee Valley www.leevalley.com

Sharptools, USA www.sharptoolsusa.com

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## **Clubs and Associations**

American Association of Woodturners (AAW) www.woodturner.org

Association of Pole Lathe Turners www.bodgers.org.uk

Association of Woodturners of Great Britain www.woodturners.co.uk

Canadian Woodturners Assoc. members.tripod.com/~cwa\_online

Eliptical Turning Association www.eliptical-turning.co.uk

Irish Woodturners Guild www.irishwoodturnersguild.com

National Association of Woodturners of New Zealand www.woodturning.co.nz

Northern Federation (UK) www.woodturners.org.uk

Ornamental Turning Association www.tooltimer.com

Register of Professional Turners www.rpturners.co.uk

## Woodworking Magazines and www.newyankee.com **Publications**

American Woodturner www.woodturner.org/aw

American Woodworker www.americanwoodworker.com

Australian Woodworker www.skillspublish.co.au

Canadian Woodworker www.canadianwoodworker.com

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**Nexus Publications** www.nexuswoodturning.com

Taunton Press (incl Fine Woodworking) www.taunton.com

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Today's Woodworker www.todayswoodworker.com

Tools of the Trade www.toolsofthetrade.com

Wood Magazine www.woodmagazine.com

Woodshop News www.woodshop@ix.netcom.com

Woodworker West www.home.woodwest.com/wood

Woodworkers Journal www.woodworkersjournal.com

## General

HC Sorby www.shef.ac.uk/mes/sorby.html

New Yankee Workshop

Sorby Natural History www.shef.ac.uk/city/community/ sorby/1004/main.shtml

Stiles and Bates www.stilesandbates.co.uk

**Sheffield Internet Directory** www.sheffield-internet.co.uk/ frames.htm

**Turners Retreat** www.turners-retreat.co.uk

Ron Clarkson - period furnisher maker www.ronclarkson.com

Martin Thompson-Ornamental turner www.members.aol.com/mtoram/

Society Ornamental Turners www.the-sot.com

Museum Woodworking Tools www.antiquetools.com

The Woodturning Center www.libertynet.org/~woodturn/

The Woodworks of Sven Axels www.snickarkonst.com

Women in Woodworking www.womeninwoodworking.com

Woodworking on the Worldwide Web www.iucf.indiana.edu

## Newsgroups

Woodcarving rec.crafts.woodcarving

Woodturning rec.crafts.woodturning

Woodworking rec.woodworking

# IT'S ALL IN THE LOOK!

ext month, we will see an informal panel formed to discuss design. Dan Braniff he has agreed to demonstrate for about one hour on a variety of subjects, some involving technique and some design. Sandy Graham will also present a design/critiquing session and will work with Dan on this in the second half of the evening's session.

Please bring in one or two of your pieces to be critiqued by our friendly panel of judges. You may have your pieces reviewed and remain anonymous or for the braver among us, stand up and be openly critiqued. All is in fun, so come out and support this unusual event. If you have a piece that just didn't quite work and would like some input or if you have a piece you feel really good about bring them to the table and let our judges take a look. There will be a question and answer period for those who would like some specific issues addressed.

Joanne Hallman

# LYLE JAMIESON



L yle Jamieson will be demonstrating at the Durham Woodshow in August. He is available for a hands-on demonstration for a small group of turners. If anyone is interested in our Guild hosting such an event, please contact anyone from the executive and we will start the ball rolling. Here's some background information on Lyle's work.

Lyle has been involved in both woodworking and turning from an early age. Lyle's artistic development has been built through a series of symposiums and workshops. He has spent time at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee studying his craft with accomplished artists including Michael Peterson, David Ellsworth, and Hugh McKay. He has attended American Association of Woodturners Symposiums in 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 and participated in workshops with John Jordan, Clay Foster, and Frank Sudol.

Today, Lyle is an accomplished teacher of woodturning technique. He has been a demonstrator at AAW national and local chapter symposiums since 1996. Lyle was a selected instructor featured in the 1997 AAW Symposium Video. He is a frequent instructor at the Arrowmont

School of Arts and Crafts. Additionally, Lyle is an Extended Education instructor in Woodturning at Northwestern Michigan College and does workshops and demonstrations for beginning and advanced students in his Traverse City studio. As Lyle moved into more complex multi-axis turning he developed a tool system for hollow form turning. An ongoing difficulty in woodturning has been the ergonomics of getting the hollowing tool into the vessel. Traditionally, a turner would have to bend over the lathe during hollowing. This position is often hard on the back and can cause damage to neck and back mus-

cles over time. This problem is further antagonized by the need for proper tool placement to achieve a perfect finish. It was this problem that led Lyle to create the Jamieson Hollow Form Turning System for safer, in-control hollowing, that is fun, too. The system creates a rest behind the main tool rest which simplifies the hollowing process. A turner can stand beside the lathe and gently guide the cutter into the vessel. The newest advancement has been the use of a laser beam measuring devise to accurately measure wall thickness of hollow forms. The tool and other turning equipment can be purchased through The Cutting Edge, Inc.

Lyle's work has been displayed throughout the country including The Bohlen Collection at the Detroit Institute of Art; Bella Galleria in Traverse City since 1994; Northwestern Michigan College Library Gallery in Traverse City since 1993; the Fitchburg Museum, Fitchburg, MA, in 1994 and 1995; Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in 1998; and Cleveland State University Art Gallery, Pathways Exhibit, in 1998. His awards and honors include First Place, 1995, 1997 and 1998, Traverse Area Arts Council; First Place, 1998 Pathways Arts Council of Kalkaska, MI; Sculpture Award, 1997, Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, New Castle, PA; and Award winner, 1997, Canadian Woodturning Championships, British Columbia.

For more information about Lyle visit www.lylejamieson.com



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same products, most of us don't bother to read the labels and I think we sometimes forget or get a little complacent about the potential hazards. I almost burnt our



house down a couple of years ago, leaving a few tung oil soaked rags in the sunroom after refinishing the oak flooring. In only a couple of hours, the rags were too hot to touch, and probably not far from combusting.



It never hurts to refresh our memories, so here's a label worth reading again.

**Brian Taylor** 

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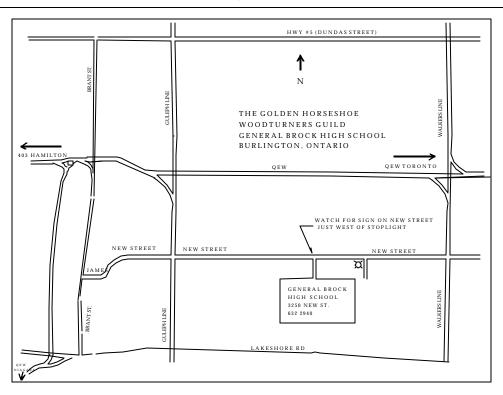


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