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“The Taming of the Skew”

I am proud to boast that we have one of the most entertaining and competent demonstrators we have had in recent years, right in our midst at the GHWG. I am going to let you in on a little secret. Malcolm Cumming felt that we would all be bored with a presentation on Skew work as Paul Ross had given it substantial coverage in his spindle turning demonstration in September. Far from it! Malcolm’s skills and his one-liners at the most opportune times, had us almost rolling on the floor at our October Meeting.



sander will make it much easier to make a smooth cut as the edge is not digging into the tool-rest as you move along the work. That never interferes with future sharpening as the cutting edge is in the centre of the tool stock. He also showed us how using the skew with the toe down actually makes the job easier on beads.

So much for the real thing. He then proceeded to pull out of his satchel a well-sharpened Hatchet and demonstrated the various cuts that the skew

is most often used for, including turning to a round polished surface and the difficult Pommel “with an o and not a u” transition from square to round found on table legs and such. Following the vertical position of the hatchet handle allowed us to visualize the angle that the skew makes on the work and the tool rest. Malcolm even turned a couple of captured rings with the hatchet. Soon an axe appeared and he performed equally good work with the axe.

It was a most entertaining time and very worthwhile for all. Now we all have to make a time commitment to practice, practice, practice.

Mike Brazeau

He started out by giving our somewhat neglected General 260 a bit of a tune-up by polishing the nicks out of the tool rest with an angle grinder fitted with a flat sanding mop. When he first pulled the angle grinder out of the bag, there were more than a few gasps, but then he showed us the mop and everyone breathed a sigh of relief. He then took us through various sizes of skews, flat and oval, most made by Malcolm himself. (We have to get him back to talk about making tools one night!) A valuable part of the presentation centered on sharpening and how touching up with a diamond hone made the essential sharp edge for success in “Taming the Skew”. A simple thing like rounding over the tool’s edges on a belt

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November’s Program

Our program for November is small items from the lathe, Christmas turning ideas.



I hope to have a number of members do these demos on all 4 lathes.

Lew Rowlands

Christmas Raffle Extravaganza

Get your ticket from any members of the executive for this year's Christmas Raffle Extravaganza. Tickets will be on sale in November at the Hands-On Night, at the regular meeting in November and at the door of the Christmas party in December.



For only 10\$ per ticket (or 25\$ for 3 tickets) you could win:



1st A Jet Mini lathe

2nd A Oneway Wolverine system and Vari-Grind

3rd A Oneway Talon Chuck

4th The Art Liestman collaboration vase the club helped created during his last visit

All the equipment prizes are sponsored by our good friends at All-In-One Wood Tools - corner of 401 and Argentia Road, Mississauga

Robin Le Sage

President's Message

Have you noticed that Christmas advertising has started to appear and the store displays are in place already? We are coming up on many important events around Christmas in our Guild and I want to give some extra space to them. You will find more details elsewhere in the Chipflyer.

The annual Christmas Competition for Ornaments, where wives and companions will once again be the judges, is upon us. These ornaments are distributed as door prizes during the party. Early this year we received a wonderful letter of thanks from the Children's Hospital thanking us for the wooden toys that members had donated for children in the hospital over the Christmas Holidays. We are doing that again and look forward to lots of toys to take to them. Due to the size of our membership, especially when we include spouses and companions, we are moving the Christmas Party to the Burlington Legion where they have lots of space.

We have expanded our Christmas Lathe Raffle to include not only a Jet Mini Lathe, but also some useful lathe accessories like a Oneway Talon Chuck and Wolverine Sharpening Jig. The Art Liestman collaboration vase will also be a prize in the raffle. This piece was turned by Art prior to our April Workshop, coloured by attendees at the workshop and finished by Art, partially during the demonstration and later at his home. That piece alone has a street market value in excess of the total all of the other prizes. Most executive members have tickets or will get one for you.

At our October meeting, once again, we had some excellent pieces by graduates of our Woodturning 101 Program. It looks like we are well on our way to a successful 2004, having had volunteers come forward for the vacancies on our 2004 executive and we will have more news on that next month. Lets all make lots of shavings in the next few weeks and get in the Christmas Spirit early.

Mike Brazeau

Looking Forward to Hands On Night November 13th



For the November Hands-On Night, the Think Tank discussion will be led by Al McBurney. Al will discuss Natural Shape Turned Sculpture. He has won several prizes in competitions with turned pieces that look like sea creatures, leaves and even vegetables. Remember, this is not a demonstration or a seminar, its an open discussion on the techniques and design ideas. There will be a project assignment after the discussion.

Also on Hands-On Night, since the competition theme this year is toys and gifts that will be donated to the hospital, I am calling on everyone to bring any "toy books", drawings and plans that you own so we can create an "Instant Library" on toys. Bring some material to take notes and browse through all the books to get your inspirational juices going. There is only one month left before the Christmas party and the competition.

Robin Le Sage

Looking Back on Hands On Night October 9th

Malcolm had a large audience for the demonstration of the Trapped Hollowing System and laser pointer that he put together for the Jet Mini Lathe. Malcolm made the whole thing himself to fit his Jet lathe (yes the same one he won at our last Christmas party). His quality of construction was very professional and the system worked extremely well. (Do we expect anything less from Malcolm?) It clearly demonstrated you do not need to have a large lathe to do hollowing with excellent results.



Mike Brazeau

GHWG DECEMBER COMPETITION

The subject for this competition will be :

TOYS – GAMES – GIFTS for KIDS

All the entries must be donated to the Club for distribution to the hospital. Each entry will give you a ticket in the special draw as well as an entry in the judged competition.

The competition will be judged by a group of wives of members present at the Christmas Party.

1st / 2nd and 3rd Prizes for the best entries will be awarded.

DATE : Thursday December 11th 2003

VENUE : This is still to be finalized

Please put in your entries as many as possible, to make this charity effort a big success

Note: We will need the Christmas Tree ornament from each member for the draw for the wives/partners, as is our usual practice.

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Recent Woodturning 101 Graduates



At the October meeting Certificates were presented to Brad MacCormack and Ed Hummel. Bruce Tracey was absent. Congratulations Guys!



Ho! Ho! Ho!



Yes, its that time of year to begin thinking of Christmas!

To start the Season, you are invited to our annual Christmas Party being held at the Legion Hall, 828 Legion Rd., Burlington, on December 11 beginning at 7 pm. Bring your spouse or significant other and enjoy an evening of food, beverage, and conversation. As usual, we will be holding a turning competition for members, and a Tree Decoration Draw as well as the Toys for Kids collection.

Don't forget to bring your "competition" piece and any toys you wish to donate.

Directions from Brant St (south bound):

Turn right onto Prospect St. at the first stoplight south of Fairview St. Go one block west , turn right onto Legion Road. Legion Hall is on your right 828 Legion Rd.

**Don't forget to bring your "competition" piece, Tree Ornament and any toys you wish to donate.

Hope to see you all there.

Glenn Mott

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The Marketplace Column is a free service for all Guild members. Woodturning, wood-working or related items are welcome for the Sale and Wanted Sections. Contact: Brian at tmt@vaxxine.com or phone (905) 945 7061. Items appear in this column for two consecutive months, or extended by request. If you sell your item, please let us know

FOR SALE

6" Rockwell Jointer

42 Table, new set of blades, re-conditioned 3/4 hp motor
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Contact: Jim Fretz (905) 562-4397

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New Rest Base for Delta Lathe as shown in the Lee Valley Catalogue (item Q, pg 70)
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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

It is with deep sadness that we announce one of our long time members, **Brian Harris** recently passed away on Sept.15.

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Annual Fees run from January to December at a cost of \$40.00. There is a one time membership fee of \$10.00. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month for Hands-on night (members welcome), and the third Thursday of the month for Demonstrations. Contact any member of the executive for more information about becoming a member. The Golden Horseshoe Woodturners Guild extends an invitation to all members to become more involved within the Guild. The deadline for submissions to The Chip Flyer is the 25th of each month.