

THE CHIP FLYER



From the President's Notebook

May didn't live up to its promise of warm Spring weather this year. June is here though and we will see sunny skies and be able to wear shorts, t-shirts and sandals. Can't wait!

May was not an overly busy month for the Guild. We held our hands-on night and had a very good turnout. Five members were turning at the hands-on lathes and we had one class turning on the 101 side. And Peter Morrill was giving another wig stand course to a full class.

On May 16, 2019 we had our Spring Competition at Exotic Woods. The event was well attended with a wide array of turnings entered for our viewing pleasure and for judging. I heard many compliments regarding the quality of the turnings and complexity of some entries. Judging was one of the most difficult years in the open category. I congratulate all the members who entered and hope you do so again. I was pleased to see a number of Novices courageously entered the



Keith Robinson

competition. Congratulations to all the winners of the various categories and to Devin Baker for winning the Doug Newlove Most Promising Turner award. Devin will host the award for the year and next May it will be presented to a new turner. Pictures of the winners will be posted below. I wish to also thank Sandy Zimmerman for her organization and her team of volunteers for helping make the event run smoothly. A very big thank you to Exotic Woods for going above and beyond in allowing us access to their store. A little glitch occurred this year with Exotic Woods only hearing about the competition at 3:00pm that day! John and his employees stepped up and made sure we were able to hold our event. I accepted responsibility and as a consequence, I am willing to tender my resignation as your President.

On May 31-June 1, Exotic Woods is celebrating their 40th Anniversary and asked the Guild to provide some demonstrations. I put the word out and I was pleased to have a number of members step up. We provided three lathes and demonstrated between 9-3 each day to a large crowd. Mel and John provided the wood for our turners and were great hosts. Thank you to members who took time to demonstrate and support both the Guild and one of our sponsors.

This month, on June 13th, we will have our annual garage sale with members putting up for sale items they wish to part with. This is open to all members and I encourage you to participate either as a vendor or "looky loo" / buyer. Weather permitting, we have been given permission to use the parking lot for the sale. So, we will call it a yard sale. The Church is also providing advertising on their big sign at the road. So, if you are going to sell, bring a table or two for

Coming up

June 13th Garage/Yard Sale
June 20th Annual General Meeting



your stuff. Or you can sell out of your trunk/truck. Your choice. Setup will be at 5:30pm. sale between 7:00pm and 9:00pm. See you there.

June 20, 2019 is our Annual General Meeting. This is an important meeting as you get to hear how your Guild is doing. And you have the ability to participate in selecting a number of Executive members to represent you in operating the Guild. As well, you may stand for any open Executive positions and become involved in managing the Guild. This year we have five positions for re-election: 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Communications Officer, Membership Secretary and Hands-On Coordinator. I encourage you to give participating some thought as it is a very rewarding activity and helps to support all the good things the Guild accomplishes throughout the year.

After the AGM, we will have our regular demonstration.

Last month I mentioned that we would be trying to establish a Saturday hands-on session for interested members during the months of July/August. I asked for interest in both participating as a demonstrator/instructor and as a participant. I was pleased to have a few members step up and say they were interested in instructing and a number of members who were interested in participating. I ask you to advise Sandy at the next meetings of your committed interest and what you would like to see as topics for turning and your available dates. I will then set up the Hands-On sessions and advise all of the scheduled dates.

President's Challenge: **WigStand.**

Keith Robinson
President GHWG

Membership renewals

New Member \$75.00	Member renewal \$60.00
New Family Membership \$110.00	Reinstatement (late renewal) \$75.00
Family renewal \$95.00	



President's Year End Report
June 2019

As my first year as your President comes to an end, I would like to reflect on our successes, accomplishments and challenges for 2018.

You voted in a new Executive who have managed to steer the Guild both fiscally and responsibly, ensuring we keep to the goals of our Guild.

Those Goals are: Practical Facilities, Education and Information.

Practical Facilities:

In September 2018, the Executive embarked on finding new facilities to meet our growing needs within the Guild. Our criteria for a new meeting hall was simple; ample parking for members, larger meeting space and a larger storage room for our equipment. Brent Beacroft took on the task and within two months, after viewing a number of facilities, reported back to the Executive with a very viable meeting hall. After discussion, we voted to enter into a contract with the East Plains United Church, 375 Plains Rd., East, Burlington, Ont. to rent their basement hall. The EPUC Hall had ample room for our activities, a kitchen, large storage room and ample parking, fitting all our needs. The contract ensures we have our two meeting dates per month, two special event dates on Saturdays, quarterly Executive Meeting dates for the year and our Annual Christmas Party and Competition. As well, scheduling permitting, we may utilize any other dates where we wish to have special events.

We moved in January 6, 2019 and after a few meetings ironed out some growing pains and found some new issues. Our biggest issue currently is acoustics. We are working on finding remedies for this and will keep you posted. Wifi was another and this will be remedied shortly. We are still awaiting the EPUC to install a 220V line to more easily accommodate our General Lathe and discussions are ongoing. Our storage room was organized by Peter Morrill and Mike Brazeau and thanks to their work, there is plenty of room for all our equipment. And our parking issues have disappeared. All in all, our new home is fulfilling all our present needs. With continued diligence we should be able to remedy any issues that arise.

Education:

This is a key goal of the Guild and one that I feel we accomplish very well. To start with, we have redeveloped our Woodturning 101 to be a skills based instruction on turning. Our classes are usually full and this coming year we have a waiting list of people wishing instruction. I wish to thank Brian Ashton for organizing the scheduling and our instructors. As well, thank you to our Instructors who provide excellent guidance and instruction to the students.

Along side of our Woodturning 101, we run the "hands-on" night. Our Hands-On coordinator, Kevin Ellis, has done a brilliant job finding and organizing fellow Guild members to come and demonstrate for the evening. And to encourage other Guild members to take a hand at turning with their guidance. Hands-On night continues to be a very active and successful program.

At our regular meetings we usually have a specific or special turning topic presented and demonstrated by one turner. Sometimes they are Guild members, other times, Nationally and Internationally accomplished turners. This past year was no exception. September 2018 saw us host Joe Ruminski from North Carolina, who provided a demonstration on a 3 piece goblet, an off-center plaque and a box. October 2018 had Malcolm Cummings demonstrate his basket weave process.



We also hosted Internationally Renown Michael Hosaluk who demonstrated turning balls, tops, off-set candlesticks, ladles, spatulas and a 3 legged bowl. He also provided one on one instruction at Ynot Woodturning for Guild members who bought tickets. November 2018 was a bit different with one of our Guild supporters/sponsors, Exotic Woods, providing a demonstration on the application and use on new finishing products they were carrying. January 2019 had John Mills, a Guild member, provide his experience and skills on embellishing your turnings. In February 2019, we learned how to make eggs with Carl Durrance of the Grey-Bruce Woodturners Guild. March 2019 we hosted Neil Haist of the Toronto Woodturning Guild, who also demonstrated his methods of embellishing turnings. April 2019 was a bit different as we asked Guild members to show us their Jigs & Techniques. April 27, 2019, we hosted National Woodturner, Kai Muenzer for a demonstration and two days of “hands-on” training.

So as you can see, our efforts to educate and instruct our Guild members is active and healthy.

Information:

This goal deals with informing the general public about our Guild and the art and craft of woodturning. To this end, this past year saw members representing the Guild and demonstrating at the following events:

September 28-30: Show & Sale in Dundas

January 26, 2019 - 13th Annual Niagara Woodworking Show

February 22-24, 2019 - Toronto Woodworking Show, partnered with TWG & WGO

March 30/31, 2019 - Wonders of Wood Show at Heartland Forest.

May 31-June 1, 2019 - 40th Anniversary Exotic Woods.

These events provide the public with the ability to see how we create the various pieces of art and utilitarian items. Our members also have opportunities to talk about their craft and encourage others to join our Guild and learn. I congratulate those folks who took the time to attend these events and support the Guild. I also encourage others to take that leap and attend one of these shows demonstrating turning. You will not regret the experience.

The Chip Flyer and our GHWG Web page both contribute to informing our Members about techniques, upcoming and past events, pictures and more. We also allow the public access to some elements so they can obtain an overview of our Guild. I wish to congratulate Tony Osman, Communications Officer, on an excellent job maintaining and administering both these programs.

Our Guild gives back to our community through The Canadian Cancer Society by producing wig stands for patients undergoing treatment for cancer. The Guild has produced hundreds of wig stands over the years and continues to do so presently. I will continue to encourage members to take the time to make a wig stand or two during the year. Norm Kemp is still our most prolific producer of wig stands and I commend him for his support of this program. You too can aspire to Norm’s level of accomplishment. Recently, through Joe Love, the Guild, in partnership with the Woodcarvers Guild, has been asked to support the Veterans by turning a cane. The Carvers then produce the head/handle to match our cane. Another worthwhile charity that provides exposure for our Guild with the public and gives back again to the community.

Financial:

The Guild’s finances are fiscally viable and healthy presently. Our revenue stream is supported mostly by membership dues and this can provide for some periods in the year where reserves are low. Your Executive tries very hard to ensure our expenses are minimal and within our projected budget for the year. I wish to thank Tom Last for his continued stewardship as Treasurer.

To maintain a healthy financial situation, I wish to encourage all Members to pay their dues on time, encourage others to join our Guild and to support Guild sponsored events ensuring they do not negatively impact our budget.

Membership:

Guild membership makes this Guild healthy, active and interesting. As noted above, without you as members, this Guild would not survive fiscally. More importantly though, without you to support the events and programs of the Guild, we would not exist. Your continued involvement and support has made this Guild one of the largest and most active of any of the Ontario Guilds. Congratulations to everyone for being a part of this Guild. I also wish to thank Sandra Zimmerman for her organization and efforts as our Membership Secretary. Sandy also takes care of the Christmas Party, ticket sales to events, organizing our competitions and any other task we throw her way!

Other Unsung Heros:

We have two Vice Presidents, Brian Ashton 1st Vice and Peter Morrill 2nd Vice, who apart from trying to keep me on the straight and narrow, provide service through their duties as equipment manager, clothing marketing, caterer and sundry other duties I ask them to complete. Thank you both for jobs well done.

Scott Millard, Secretary for the Guild, has done an exceptional job maintaining minutes for our Executive meeting and keeping historical data. He quietly sits in the background just doing his job! Thank you Scott for exceptional work.

Our Members at Large also need recognizing for their contributions to the Guild programs and behind the scenes jobs. Brent Beacroft - canteen, Maurice Solar - photographer, Derek Dix - Fall Show & Sale, Hugh Widdup & Andy DiTomaso - monthly demonstrators. My thanks to you all for taking on these roles.

And last, but not least, I wish to give thanks Geraldine Kelter, Gwyn Perry and Tim Hendry who run the Library and Wood Raffle and 50/50 Raffle. These are programs in the Guild which tend to get taken for granted as they run quietly in the background of the bigger events. Their efforts continue to make our Guild great.

Celebration of Ourselves:

We are fortunate to have the tradition and support from our members to hold events that celebrate what we create. Not many other Guilds take the time or effort to recognize their own. The Guild holds two competitions yearly, the Spring Competition held at Exotic Woods and the Christmas Competition, where members are able to enter their pieces in a friendly competition with their peers. The quality of pieces is outstanding. .

We also hold a Christmas Party yearly to host our significant others and showcase our turnings with them. Not only do we have the competition, but members create numerous Christmas ornaments that are then “gifted” to our guests.

The Guild sponsors the Fall Show and Sale with members showcasing their turnings and selling to the public. This last Spring, we also put on our Spring Show and Sale. My hope is that we can continue to have both shows to showcase our member’s pieces.



The Future:

As your President, I will continue to maintain and improve existing programs and develop new strategies to encourage membership retention and new membership. As well, explore other means of obtaining revenue streams to bolster our finances. A couple of ideas we are considering: selling wood blanks to members at a nominal cost; and, establishing Saturday turning sessions for both interested members and the public.

I will continue the President's Challenge encouraging all levels to present your rendition of that month's challenge. It is intended to be fun, so have some fun!

It has been my pleasure to be the President of the Golden Horseshoe Woodturners Guild and look forward to the next year.

Keith Robinson
President GHWG



2019 Spring Competition

Our spring competition was held on May 17, 2019, at Exotic Woods. Some 71 members attended, of whom 32 entered a total of 48 pieces. These were distributed as follows:

- Novice – Large 3
- Novice – Small 5
- Intermediate – Large 11
- Intermediate – Small 5
- Open – Large 16
- Open – Small 5
- Segmented (which has no size category) 3

And here's the team who had to put up with all those pushy presenters:



From left to right: Roy White, Geraldine Keller, Liz Audrey, Tim Hendry, Sandy Zimmerman.

The winners were as follows:



• **Novice – Large**



Rod Lippold -1st



Rod Lippold – 2nd



Devin Baker – 3rd

• **Novice – Small**



Suzanne Wood & Scott Tipping – 1st



Suzanne Wood & Devin Baker – 2nd



Tim Hendry for Lynda Hendry – 3rd



Note that the pictures for the Suzanne Wood wins are in the right order but that Keith is holding the wrong rosettes. Suzanne did tie for first place for her ice cream scoop (in bubinga) and that should be a red ribbon. And she did tie for second place with her live edge bowl (in elm) and that should be a blue ribbon. Keith... not that I am that picky, but I needed to fill the space at the top of this page instead of just letting the bottom go blank.

• **Intermediate – Large**



Gerry Bell – 1st



Gerry Bell – 2nd



Derek Dix – 3rd

• **Intermediate – Small**



Marvin McMeekin – 1st



Keith Robinson – 2nd



Frank Gianciolo – 3rd



• **Open – Large**



Donna Pickles for Phil – 1st



David Senecal - 2nd



Marvin McMeekin – 3rd

• **Open – Small**



Peter Morrill – 1st



Eugen Schlaak – 2nd



Gerald Matwychuck– 3rd



• **Segmented (which has no size category)**



Maurice Solar – 1st



Harry Rae – 2nd



John Buccioni - 3rd

And now for the special awards:



Devin Baker – Most promising Novice



David Senecal – Best in show



Woodturning 101.

The roster for woodturning 101 is now full and we are taking names for a waiting list. Please note, that in order to take the 101 Classes you need to be a paid up member of the Guild as well as paying the class fee.

2019/2020 Classes

Group 1 September start

Andrew Madsen	789
Bill Taylor	
Joe Pasquarelli	
Andrew Madsen	789

Group 2 October start

Citro Cabuyadao	
Citro's wife	
Suzanne Wood	
Richard Moldovan	807

Group 3 November start

Gerry Bluhm	
Rebecca Bluhm	
Bruce Clement	802
Matthew Clement	803

Group 4 January start

Scott Tipping	801
Doug Matthews	597
Paul Momelli	



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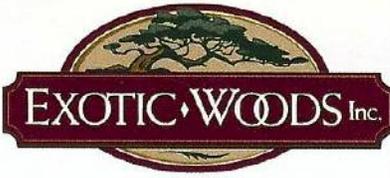
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