

February 2012

Editor's Corner

Sorry about last month, my bad. But here we are in February and our monthly meeting is moved to a week later due to Valentine's Day on the second Tuesday. I remember going to LV on a Valentine's Day once (SWMBO was at another meeting) and the place was deserted. It truly points out the importance of our partner in woodturning. They can be great critics and even better supporters when we turn something that we truly might not be pleased with.

I'm now officially tired of the winter, although I've spent quite a bit of time in the basement trying to get some pieces finished. I really enjoy the turning part immensely, but the sanding and finishing are sometimes a pain to do and complete. I really have to apply myself to getting some pieces done. And since I tend to sell most of the pieces, its better that they are completely finished.

I enjoyed Bart's "demo" on lathes last month. I learned a few things that I can apply.

As usual, we need volunteers for some jobs in group. I know there are a few people hanging back thinking that they couldn't take over "that" job, but in reality the jobs can be quite fulfilling and do give you the feeling that you are contributing. Think about it. We do need YOU!

Laurie

The views expressed in the "Editor's Corner" are my own. If you have any questions or comments concerning this newsletter, or if you want to contribute an article please contact me at lfriley@rogers.com

Future Monthly Presentations

February 21

Carlo Robazzo - Pens and CA finish

March 3 & 4

Alan Carter

March 21

Kathy Daub - Rim Treatments

April 10

Vic Buxton - segmenting

May 8

Ken Waller - Marketing your Pieces

June 12

TBA - Favorite Tools/Jigs

Monthly Challenge

February 21

Brian Larkin Competition

March 21

Story stick projects/following a pattern

April 10

Pens

May 8

Rim Treatments

June 12

Segmenting

Woodturning Course

The February course is totally full. But we may have some openings for the April 2012 course and some spaces are definitely available for our Fall, 2012 course. Interested parties should contact Larry Katz at lkatz@sympatico.ca

New Demo Lathe Purchase

We are still waiting for permission from the school / school board to install a 220 volt power outlet. Regulations and safety issues are involved.

Congratulations to Sam Lewinshtein. one of our members, who made it to the February Lee Valley supplementary catalog and was interviewed on All In A Day on CBC Radio, Ottawa on February 13.

Critiquing

The third table at our Show-N-Tell is for those who would like to get some feedback from senior turners. The person(s) doing the critiquing will rotate among our more advanced turners. This is a good opportunity for those asking themselves "How am I doing? How can I improve?" This has started slowly but seems to be a growing item. Don't be afraid to bring a piece to the table.

Alan Carter Demo

On Saturday and Sunday, March 3rd & 4th, Alan Carter of Lisle, Illinois will be demonstrating at Louis Riel HS in Blackburn Hamlet. Alan will cover thin stemmed and suspended vessel and reassembled shallow bowls. For more information and prices, check out the VWT website. To see Alan's work check out: alancarterstudio.com or the VWT website.

Brian Larkin Competition

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Brian was one of the founding members of the VWT. A memorial trophy was created when he passed away a few years back to commemorate his contribution to the club. The competition is held every February. Any member can participate. The object is to create a simple bowl, without embellishment. Brian was best known for creating nice, well designed, plain bowls without added embellishment. The bowls will be displayed at the meeting and the members cast their votes for the best bowl. The winner of the competition gets to take the Brian Larkin Memorial Trophy home for a year.

Small Want Ads

We want **YOU!!!!**

Special Events Coordinator such as Wood Show & summer picnic needed for the Valley Woodturners. The pay has increased this year to almost nothing, but the returns to the right candidate will be immense! Reply to President for further information!

Website Improvement

We would like your help in making the index page of the club web site more "alive". If you come across sites you think would be of interest to other wood turners, please send the link to our webmaster. We will try to update this every week or so.

Call for Woodturners Help

In January a good friend of mine, Paul Beaupre, passed away from prostate cancer. He was 45. He a motivated high school wood shop teacher, and frequently would have his students build items to be donated to various fund raising causes, teaching not only wood working skills but also how to make our world better. He was teaching his daughter to turn wood and she may be joining our club.

On February 26th the Russell Knights of Columbus are having a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser In Embrun in his honour (dinner tickets are available for \$25 if anyone wishes to attend), and there will be a silent auction table. All proceeds for the evening go straight to the Cancer society; a representative will be attending the event.

If anyone has an item that would be appropriate for a silent auction and would like to donate it please contact me to make arrangements to pick it up. I will be at the February 21st meeting.

Thanks in advance,

John Jackson (jj@jacksonville.ca)

Membership

172 members & counting.....