

# Newsletter

December 2011

## Editor's Corner

Here it is the last month of another year and usually we spend some time reminiscing about what has gone on during the last twelve months and thinking about what we can look forward to in the next twelve. I certainly don't want to dwell on any negative points because our club is one that is based on an art form that we all enjoy so lets point out some of the good.

We've had a number of weekend demos from some world class turners who have challenged us in our style of turning. We've had monthly demos from club members who have shared their style and projects so that we might grow. We've had the Show-N-Tell table and the Challenge Table filled with items that make us drool over some beautiful pieces of wood. We've all spent time in the workshop crafting things for other people to enjoy and sometimes making mistakes that can dishearten us.

And for the next twelve? Well it looks like we will have a new executive – and hopefully more members will volunteer their services to help the club to grow. We have no idea who may be coming from outside in this next year to demonstrate their talents. The club members list on the other side of this page will be speaking on a number of topics that I will look forward to. But what about our turning? Will it improve? Will we just make "safe" turnings? Ones that are no challenge but easy to do? Will we look at a piece of wood and create something that could change the woodturning world? Who knows. Safe turning everyone and a Merry Christmas to all.

*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](mailto:lfriley@rogers.com)

## Woodturning Course

We still have 6 openings for the April 2012 course. Interested parties should contact Larry Katz at [lkatz@sympatico.ca](mailto:lkatz@sympatico.ca)

## Future Monthly Presentations

### December 13

Paul Matteau - Using a story stick to work from a design

### January 10

Bart Poulter - Choosing and caring for your Lathe

### February 14

Carlo Robazzo - Pens and CA finish

### March 20

Kathy Daub - Rim Treatments

### April 10

Vic Buxton - segmenting

### May 8

Ken Waller - Marketing your Pieces

### June 12

TBA - Favorite Tools/Jigs

## Monthly Challenge

### December 13

Natural Edge Pieces

### January 10

Boxes

### February 14

Brian Larkin Competition

### March 20

Story stick projects/following a pattern

### April 10

Pens

### May 8

Rim Treatments

### June 12

Segmenting

## *Midi Lathes for Sale*

We will be drawing names at the December meeting for those who have voiced an interest in purchasing 3 midi lathes offered for sale. The cost is \$250, the person whose name is drawn must be present at the meeting. Sandy Ives will be on hand to collect payment.

## *Elections*

December is elections month. Thus far, one candidate has stepped forward for the position of President and that is Tony Ricard, a long time member. Tony was the person in charge of producing the Constitution the club will be using effective January 1st 2012. Bob Durance, another long time member, has agreed to stand for Vice-President. Sandy Ives has accepted to remain as Treasurer. As of this writing, there is no candidate for Secretary. Should you be interested in the position, please let Mike Courteau know at [mike@toymakersite.com](mailto:mike@toymakersite.com).

## *Critiquing*

Effective from the next meeting, we will now set up 3 tables for Show-N-Tell. The third table will be 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?"

## *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.

## *New Demo Lathe Purchase*

We are still looking at the purchase of a One-Way to replace our aging DVR lathe. Right now, it is a matter of getting permission from the school / school board to install a 220 volt power outlet. Regulations and safety issues are involved, and rightly so. As soon as we have permission, the purchase will happen.



## *Season's Greetings to Everyone*

And on behalf of the 2011 Executive, thank you all for your support during the past year. We've weathered the storm and made some great things happen in spite of it all. With your help, we look forward to bigger and better accomplishments in the years to come.

Happy Holidays!

*Mike Courteau*