



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Daylight saving time already. Our shops are getting warmer, and enthusiasm builds to once again make wood chips. Your executive decided that Kai Muenzer will demonstrate for our guild on May 24. The one-day Demo will be followed by 2 days of hands-on training. We are planning to offer a broad range of training so everyone will benefit from this at their own level of experience. Dan is in talks with Kai to determine how this will be offered. More news to come later. Later in this newsletter I will post Kai's website so you can peruse not only his accomplishments but also to find your own challenge.

Personally, this month I challenged myself to tame the skew. I lived with skew fear for long enough. So, I have decided to skew it. I hope to have mastered the skew by our March 20 meeting. I look forward to demonstrating how to make a small stool with Spindle legs.

Note from Earl Wilson

If anyone is intent on acquiring carbide tools of other lathe things from a Canadian source, here's a couple I have dealt with that are good outfits.

kiliantools.com Kilian Tools - Canadian Carbide Wood

Turning tools in Pefferlaw, Ont

woodworkerspecialties.com Woodworker Specialties in
Port Coquitlam, BC

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

March 20, Regular monthly meeting.
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Casa. 230 8th St
South, Lethbridge.

April 5, 2025- Sawdust Sessions at Casa. 10 am – 12 PM @ Casa. 230 8th
St South, Lethbridge. Steve will send out
an email to remind us of plans for the
morning.

Tool sharpening should be done as
necessary. The grinder will be set up
and ready to go. If you have any
questions as to how to accomplish any
task, bring your materials and ask for
help. Someone will surely know how to
help you.

Remember, the best part is sharing some
quality time with friends of like interests.
Bring something you have made.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

The American Association of Woodturners is a huge source of information on all things related to woodturning. This is a worldwide organization encompassing woodturners of all interests and skills. Many benefits accrue to members. If you are not a member you can check out their website here <https://www.woodturner.org/>. *We recommend membership to all our members.*

SUBMISSIONS REQUEST FROM GUILD MEMBERS

Again, I want to encourage any of you who have a story regarding wood and turning, or anything related, to feel welcome to write up your experience and submit it to me for inclusion in the newsletter.

It has also been quite some time since anyone has written an introduction of themselves to the Guild. Several new members have joined while we have not been able to meet.

Please take a few moments to tell us about yourself, your experiences and your dreams and I will include it in an upcoming newsletter. (New members encouraged).

If you are not comfortable writing, contact me and we will work on it together. We would like to know you.

Remiebenoit@shaw.ca

ABOUT THE GUILD

The **Chinook Woodturning Guild** was formed in September 2004. The Guild's main emphasis is skill improvement and camaraderie.

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Meetings - 7 pm - 3rd Thursday each month, Sept through June @ Casa building on 8th Street South in Lethbridge

Sawdust Session - 10:00 - 12:00 1st Saturday each month @ Casa. Interested individuals are Welcome.

A map to the meeting location is found on our website

[http:// www.chinookwoodturning.org/](http://www.chinookwoodturning.org/)



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Kai Muenzer

May 24, All day demonstration. May 25 and 26 Hands on opportunity with Kai. Make sure you are free for this time. We are trying to make this very affordable for everyone. Kai Demonstrated at our club on a previous occasion. Some of you should be familiar with him.

About me

Kai's Bio



Natural wood with all its irregularities gets a beautiful symmetrical shape through the work on the lathe. I like exploring that symmetry. I enjoy crafting wood combining its possibilities with ideas for practical and useful or just interesting designs. Much of my art is a result of iterations of planning and trials based on a science and engineering background combined with learning's from international woodturning artists like Mike Hosaluk, Alain Mailland and Graeme Priddle. Other training included classes in design and woodworking at the University of Calgary. My designs are often inspired by having lived and worked in very different places in the world, from Asia to South America to Europe and North America.

Sharing ideas has been important to me since the beginning of my wood-turning career back in 2008. I am equally drawn to help new turners succeed with the craft as well as experienced turners who are interested in exploring new ideas.

Based in Calgary, Alberta I enjoy collaborating with artists of other crafts producing unique pieces of art.

Kai Muenzer

[HTTPS://KAIMUENZER.COM](https://kaimuenzer.com)

Under the tabs click on Demos and classes.

Vern McNeely gave an excellent presentation of Various Planes. His presentation included a collection of different numbered planes. He explained the history of the plane as well as its specific use. Very informative and interesting to all attendees.



Vern showing his collection of Block planes.



Steve Munroe



Terry Beaton



Terry Sutton



For those present at our last meeting we had a wood draw that raised \$120 for our guild. Steve Monroe sold a craftsman's saw for \$200 at silent auction. Steve donated 1/2 of that to the guild. Thanks Steve.

There were 9 or 10 people at the sawdust session.

There were 2 guests, Ken and Kent. Terry visited with them.

Steve demonstrated the use of Beall taps at the session. One member used the Beall taps to make a glue block and a mounting chuck.

Vern also made a glue block for himself. Mainly the session was just a friendly get-together.

André's preferred websites of the month

Lorin Bruckin is a woodturner from southwest France. He has the distinction of being one of the two turners selected for the Professional Outreach Program (POP) at the 2025 AAW International Woodturning Symposium to be held this coming June in Saint Paul (MN). His amazing work includes adding copper, zinc or stone to his wood pieces with a very spectacular effect. The hammer-shaped metal incorporated into his pieces brings a unique impression. Lorin, like many new turners, does not have his own website. He publishes his works on Instagram instead. You will find him at @lorinbruckin using your web browser. You can either select the French or the English version of his page. Going down his page, you will discover hammered metal sheets of zinc or copper incorporated into spheres for a sensational impact. Click on a picture that you like, and you will access different images of the same piece and a brief description of the work. The different pictures enable us to see the different effects of light on the metal. I also like very much metal decorated wood donuts. They are unique and so classy. You do not want to miss the house-like within a sphere made of rocks and shiny metal. He said that he turns spheres and not hollowed spheres as this is much quicker. Instead, he just removes wood as needed to be able to place metal and rocks. This is quite a unique process. His animals, although not turned are beautiful. I am sure that you will smile when you see his spruced-up Pica pencil with a metal sleeve and a wood handle. Something to keep in mind. If anyone is planning to go to the meeting in Saint Paul, you will be able to see (but are likely not touching) numerous pieces of his work exhibited in the POP area and attend his demonstrations.

I have been at the same time fascinated and scared by the large turned wall hanging decorations. Darren Breeze (www.breezewoodturning.com) is an amazing professional woodturner from Lowestoft (Suffolk), UK. He lives in a small town of around 50,000 people. He owns a cute shop known as "Art & Craft in Wood." On the main page you will find a lovely wall hanging decoration. Impressive. Click on the "About" tab at the top and you will see Darren holding to a work at least his height. Amazing and beautiful with textured painting and gilding accents. It must have been noisy in his shop while the propeller was spinning. While on that tab, click on the YouTube link and you will find Darren turning and prepping a huge piece from one of the Wadkin lathes in his shop. The peaceful music is very appropriate to calm my anxiety of just watching him. Opening his Instagram page @breezewoodturning (using the link provided in the same window), you will find a variety of works dispersed among advertisements. The most beautiful pieces are toward the end of the page. It is interesting that he makes wall hanging pieces in a variety of sizes and geometry and most of them with paint and gilding accents. The table-top clock and the table are just stunning pieces. He also produces plates, bowls and pens which are likely more affordable. If you are travelling to UK, he also offers individual and small group instruction in his workshop at a reasonable price.

I was also impressed by all the woodturning supplies that he sells in his shop in a city half the size of Lethbridge. There must be a lot of wood-turners in his area.

Enjoy the websites and the video. Please stay safe while you are in your shop.

André