



CHINOOK WOODTURNING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello. I am sure everyone is looking forward to the summer and all the events that are planned. I am pleased at the membership who are attending both the Sawdust sessions and the meetings. We are lacking somewhat in the number of Show and Tell items brought to the meetings. These are interesting and we look forward to discussing each turning.

The end of May is the busiest club month. **Roger McMullin** has offered to do a demonstration at the May 21 meeting on embellishing a turning. This will occupy most of the meeting. May 30 is **STEW BREMNER'S** demonstration at CASA and May 31 and June 1 are hands-on at Dan's shop. I would encourage you to sign up soon.

On the personal side, A lucky father had a good deal on the Nova lathe I sold. For me I acquired a new to me ONEWAY 2436 Lathe. I picked it up in Kelowna last week. Very excited to own it. Looking forward to the meeting as well as Demonstration by Stew on May 30. Remie

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT CASA

230 8th St South, Lethbridge

June 6, 2026- Sawdust Sessions at Casa. 10 am – 12 PM

Guild meeting May 21, 2026, 7 PM at CASA

May 30 Demo by Stew Bremner

May 31, June 1, Hands on.

Membership Dues

**Dues remain the same as 2024.
\$75 for in town and \$50 for out of town.**

E-transfer. Payment to:

Cwgtreasurer021@gmail.com

Sawdust Sessions.

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.

ABOUT THE GUILD: **Please check out the website if you have not already**

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

The **Chinook Woodturning Guild** was formed in September 2004.

The Guild's main emphasis is skill improvement and camaraderie. Mailing Address: Casa: 230 - 8 Street South Lethbridge, AB Canada T1J 5H2

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

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

A map to the meeting location is found on our website



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Dan Michener - Board Member

Woodturning Demonstration May 30, 2026

The Chinook Woodturning Guild

is pleased to host **Stew Bremner** woodturner and teacher from Spruce
Grove, AB



Join us for an informative and
entertaining
**Woodturning
Demonstration**
Stew will make, color and
finish
a whimsical bowl from a

tree crotch

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 9am – 4pm.

Location: Casa building, 230 8th St. South, Lethbridge

Registration: \$55, including lunch

(Non-members \$90) (under 18 \$35)

Two all day hands-on workshops with Stew Bremner

Sunday & Monday May 31 and June 1st, 9:30 - 4pm in Dan Michener's workshop

**Turning a wing bowl and exploring thread cutting during the first day,
coloring your bowl and epoxy coating during the second day.**

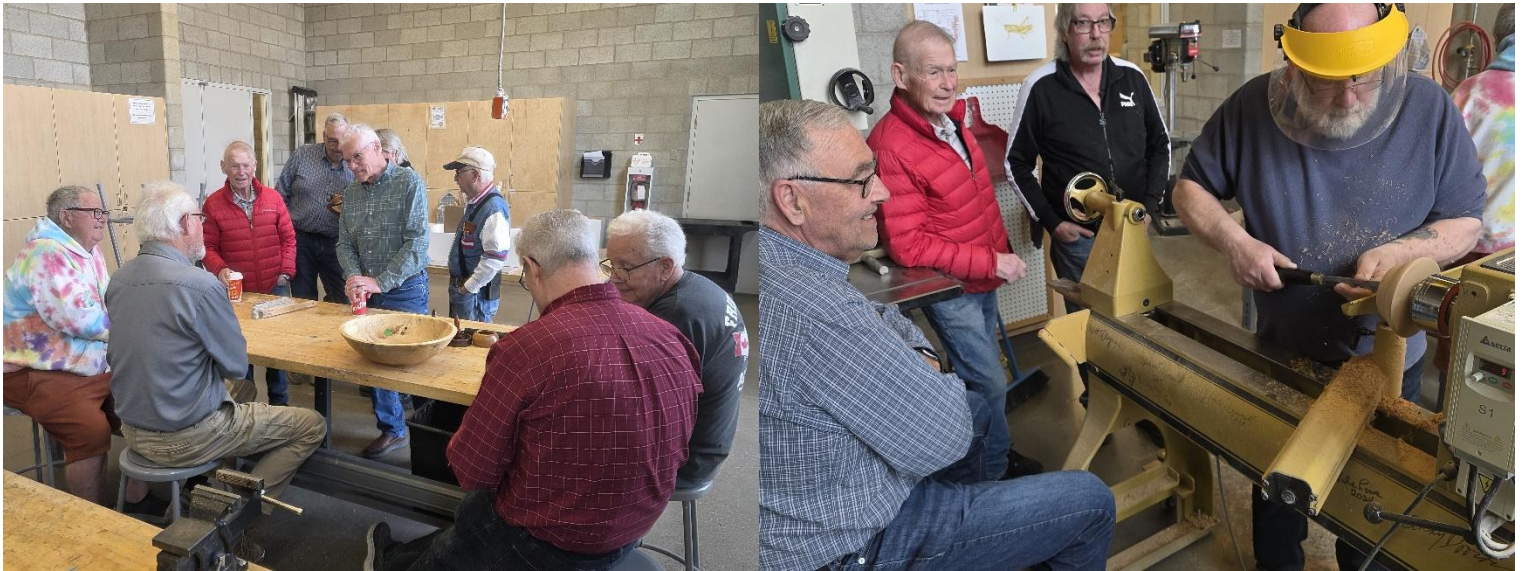
Registration open to all skill levels

\$155 (\$220 for non-members) lunch included.

Register early to be sure you get in.

For information and registration contact:

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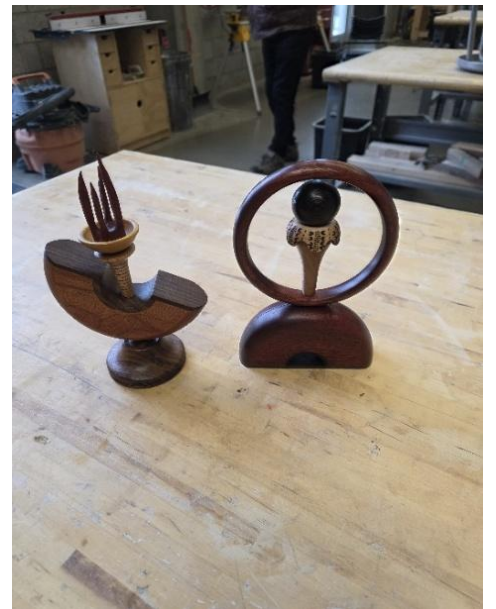
Saturday Sawdust session. Steve guiding Darren on the steps of turning a bowl Good job Darren.



Vern showing an Aspen Bowl.



Steve Showing hollowed pit piece. Very creative.



Norm a bowl with gold leaf finish.



Steve demonstrated a method of making a 3 corner bowl. Steve began with a 4 inch square block of Maple wood. Interesting way to create a different design.

Remie discussed bandsaw safety and reviewed making a wave bowl.

TNT 4-H Club



The TNT 4-H Club is hosted at Dan's shop. 14 students had a session of 4 total hours of hands-on experience. Thank you to the members who volunteered their time for the satisfying event.



André's preferred websites of the month

J. Ruel Martin (www.jruelmartin.com) is a woodturner from Acworth, GA (USA). In a previous life, he was building furniture and cabinetry and he started turning on a lathe given by a friend. Now he owns many lathes and creates beautiful wares with a stellar finish. His sole hunting activity is to hunt for dead trees with distinct growth patterns and often with significant levels of decay. He surely takes advantage of unique wood grains in his products. He also finishes them with epoxy to give that beautiful glowing feature. Under his Gallery of Favorite Pieces tab, you will discover fabulous vases and hollow forms with lovely ambrosia maple, spectacular spalted patterns and rare wood grain patterns. All his works are finished with two-part epoxy conferring depth and brilliance. The box elder pieces are all very spectacular. I also like the pieces where void areas have been filled with branches section in black epoxy. The tall spalted silver vase is amazing. What is your favorite work? Under the Shop tab, you will find many great hollow formed vessels and bowls. The ambrosia maple wares are spectacular and again the epoxy finish give them a wonderful impression.

In our upcoming weekend of demonstration and hands-on activity with Stew Bremner on May 30 – June 1st, you will have the occasion to learn how Stew turns challenging pieces of wood, stain them and finish them with epoxy to provide that spectacular finish well exemplified by Ruel Martin. Here are a few links to Stew's work on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/ctrd2B7z11o?si=SjOUnkqXjUnWo6ro>,

<https://youtu.be/lXWkjLYdmlQ?si=QeSoYLiuTrYHEFVH>,

<https://youtu.be/WvtqeqFgTgY?si=2rSlnRhQKvbWBg0h>). In a photo previously circulated by Remie and included here, we see a famous turner, Michael Hosaluk, one of the most known Canadian turners on the International scene, who took times to visit Stew in his shop in Spruce Groove to learn about Stew's skills at turning bowl and making a flawless epoxy finish.

We are surely fortunate to welcome Stew in Lethbridge and be able to learn numerous tricks from him in two weeks from now. Make sure that you do not miss this opportunity.

Enjoy the different sites.

Please stay safe while you are in your shop. André