

**Welcome to the  
Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild**  
Chapter 130 of the American Association of Woodturners

**Our purposes are:**

- To provide a forum for people of all skill levels to exchange knowledge, ideas, and information about woodturning.
- To emphasize safe practices in wood turning.
- To encourage creativity and the exploration of various methods and techniques for advancing woodturning as a creative unique art form.
- To provide the exposure of the art and craft of woodturning to the community.
- To have fun and meet new people with a common interest.

**Meetings**

Regular meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month except for December, July, and August at the Sapperton Pensioners Hall, 318 Keary St., New Westminster. The meetings commence at 6:30pm and are over by 10:00pm. Due to the Christmas holiday the December meeting is held at an alternate date and usually consists of a field trip to some point of interest to turners.

A typical meeting includes: -- A preliminary session consisting of a guest demonstrator or Focus on fundamentals sessions (1 hr). -- Then there is a feature event which is either a speaker or guest demonstrator displaying an alternate style design or technique (1 hr). -- Coffee break. -- Business meeting commences which is normally very short (15 to 20 minutes) -- Instant Gallery where peoples work displayed for the evening is explained. – Presidents challenge where the project of the month suggested by the president is discussed and scrutinized. – Wood exchange where members vie for morsels of wood which are supplied by other members.

Goodies are supplied for coffee break by members of the club selected alphabetically for each month's meetings.

**Special Events**

Several times a year the guild sponsors internationally well known tuners to come to Vancouver and conduct demonstrations and classes.

The guild hosts an international wood turning symposium "West Coast Roundup" every couple of years.

The West Coast Woodturning Competition is held yearly in conjunction with the Cloverdale Wood Show

The guild demonstrates wood turning in conjunction with the Richmond Carver's Competition yearly

**Services**

**Turning 101** is a series of 1 day workshops for beginners emphasizing safety, tool control and design.

**Our Library** is stocked with magazine videos and DVDs for the use of the members open at every meeting at a small administration charge.

**The Web** site [www.gvvg.ca](http://www.gvvg.ca) provides members with club information, current and past news letters, photo galleries and more club activities of the past and present.

**The Newsletter** is published monthly and sent out to member either by email or the postal system. Articles posted in the news letter are either written by member or excerpts from publications which permit use of their material. Articles written cover past and up coming events giving time and locations. There is also a series of photos selected from the previous month's gallery. The activities of the upcoming meeting are posted to give members forewarning to get in early and get a good seat.

## **Responsibilities of Members**

The greater Vancouver Woodturner's Guild is an organization of volunteers. To make the guild a useful organization it is important that members contribute by volunteering according to their interests and abilities. As a new member you are encouraged to contribute by getting involved, by making suggestions as to what you would like to see as activities, and by helping out with the many tasks that need doing from sweeping up after a meeting to chairing a committee.

The club promotes learning by providing demonstrations, workshops, seminars and classes. To learn you need to participate; do not feel intimidated by the caliber of the turners who demonstrate and give classes, they are geared to a wide variety of skill levels. If you expect to improve as a turner you need to seek out instruction whether it is from a fellow member or classes.

The club belongs to no individual but is the product of the whole it is your responsibility to keep it active and growing through your participation.

**Greater Vancouver Woodtuner's Guild  
Mail in Membership Form**

**Please Print Clearly**

Check one: New member  Renewal  Address change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the American Association of Woodturners *Y/N* \_\_\_\_\_

**The success of the guild depends entirely on its members volunteering for various activities. Please check all of the tasks you would be willing to help with.**

1. Orienting new members  2. Acting as a mentor  3. Serving on a committee   
4. Making Presentations or Demonstrations  5. Assisting with public events   
6. Assisting on a Phone tree

**Please read the following Limitation of Liability and Safety Guidelines (following page)**

**Limitation of Liability**

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I wish to participate in certain workshops, courses, meetings and other events held by or sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Woodtuner's Guild (herein referred to as the Guild), or any events officially co-sponsored by the Guild. I hereby accept all responsibility for any claims, losses, damages or expenses of any kind what so ever arising out of any injury, loss or death that may occur to me or arise from attending or participating in any event held or sponsored by the Guild, or while using any equipment at such events. I further agree not to advance any claims whatsoever against the guild, its officers, executives, directors, agents, employees, or volunteers, or any of them individually for any claims, losses, damages, or expenses caused by any negligence or in any way whatsoever that may arise at such events. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the **Lathe Safety Guidelines** and that I promise to comply with theses safety guidelines at all times when attending any events held or sponsored by the Guild

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and have witnessed the above (d,m,y).

Please complete the above form and mail it with a cheque for \$40.00 to Mr. Merv Graham 8800 Cooper Rd Richmond BC V6Y 2M7

## Lathe Safety Guidelines

- Safe and effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures for using this tool. Read and thoroughly understand the label warnings on the lathe and in the owner/operators manual.
- Always wear approved eye protection which includes goggles, safety glasses with side shields and full face shields.
- Use the appropriate dust masks and work in a well ventilated area with a dust collector system where possible.
- Hearing protection is recommended in a great deal of instances particularly when using chain saws to prepare material.
- Wear appropriate clothing with NO loose or dangling ends which will tangle in machinery.
- Tie back long hair in a manner to prevent it from contacting the machinery and becoming entangled in moving parts.
- Read and understand the section of the owner's manual regarding speed of the machine. It is always wise to work at a slower speed when a beginner. As a beginner seek out more experienced turners for their advice. Listen to your machine; different noises and vibrations are a good indication that something is not right –CHECK IT OUT.
- Before turning on the lathe make certain that all safety covers are in place. Make certain that all clamps for securing moveable parts are securely locked in place.
- Before turning on the lathe rotate the material to be turned by hand to make sure it clears all obstacles.
- Turn the lathe off and wait for it to come to a complete stop before making any adjustments to the lathe.
- Exercise extreme caution when using stock with cracks, splits, checks, bark and knots. Also use caution when using material that is irregular shaped and/or has protrusions.
- When rounding or balancing material hold the tool firmly and securely on the tool rest, using a slower speed until the balance is achieved.
- Know and work within your skill level and capabilities.
- Whether you are using a face plate, a scroll chuck or turning between centers always make certain you material is held securely.
- Always remove the tool rest when sanding or polishing.
- Do not over reach always maintain proper footing and balance.
- Never leave chuck keys and adjusting wrenches in place, make a habit of returning them to the work bench.
- Never leave a lathe running while unattended, shut it off and wait for it to come to a complete stop before leaving.
- If your lathe can run in reverse make certain the shaft set screw is secured. If your chuck does not have a locking set screw it is not advisable to run it in reverse.
- Keep your machine in good repair. Check for damaged mechanical or electrical parts and have them repaired before commencing.
- Keep your cutting tools in good shape, sharp and clean, use each tool only for the purpose it was intended
- Keep your lathe environment safe and clean.
- **NEVER** operate any machine while tired or under the influence of alcohol or medication.