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President's Column

Art Liestman

Ken Vicketts of Lee Valley gave an informative and detailed presentation on pen turning at the February meeting. Ken was called upon at the last minute to fill in for Kathy Somerville who was unable to make it to the meeting. Ken's presentation was so fascinating that nobody felt they could do it justice in these pages. Hopefully, we'll have an article on pens in the near future.

March 22, 2000 Meeting:

Focus on Fundamentals –
Fast Ferry Project Fundamentals
(starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Main Speaker – Colin Delory
– Segmented Vessels

**Meeting at Canadian Legion Hall
1025 Ridgeway Ave., Coquitlam**

Sandy Dougal volunteered to help out with the instant gallery. In the future, when you submit your piece to the gallery, please indicate if you would like a critique of the work. A critique will only be offered for those submissions for which it is requested.

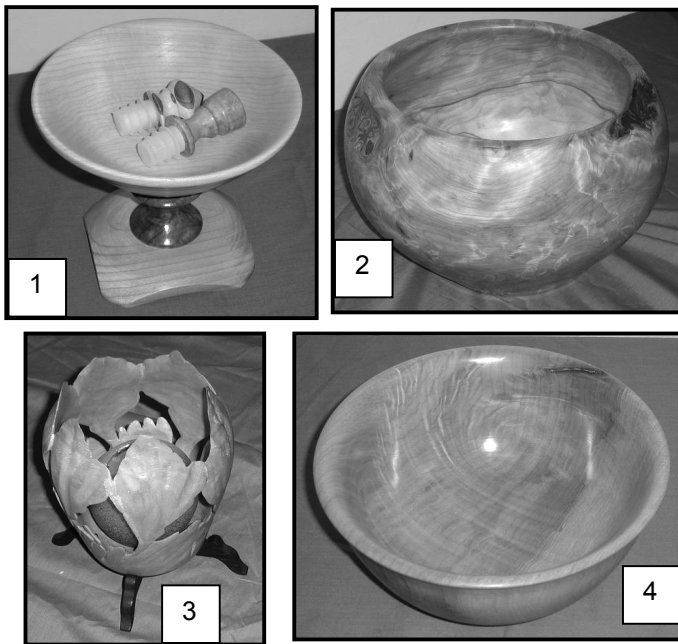
We modified the schedule for the last meeting, moving the "wood exchange" to the end of the meeting so as not to cut the speaker short. We try to squeeze as much as possible into our meetings. If you have any suggestions about how to do it more smoothly, please let us know. We (the executive, that is) are always interested in ways to improve our meetings, so please don't be shy in making suggestions or giving us feedback.

Thanks to Paul Grant for providing the photos this month!

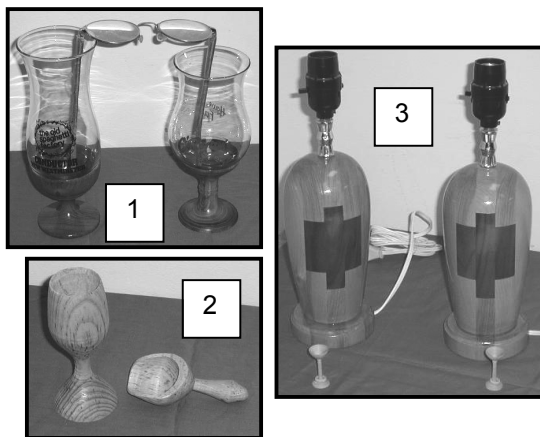
February's Instant Gallery

Art Liestman & Paul Grant (photos)

February's instant gallery was small, but select. Rich Schmid brought a nice maple bowl, two bottle stoppers, and a candy tray. Darcy Wardrop displayed an apple goblet. Sandy



1. Candy dish & wine stoppers – Rich Schmid
2. Douglas fir burl bowl – Bill Luck
3. Carved candle holder – Don Hoskins
4. Maple burl bowl – Cornelius Regehr



1. Glasses & goblets – Les Crossley
2. Goblet & scoop – Phil Laliberte
3. Lamps – Bruce Campbell
Goblets – Mike Dawson

Dougal showed off his skills with a maple burl and inlay bowl. Bill Luck's fir burl bowl was impressive. Les Crossley displayed an ingenious multi-sectioned adjustable floor lamp. Don Hoskins presented a turned and then carved cherry vase that appeared to be entwined ivy

leaves. Cornelius Regehr showed an elegant maple burl bowl. Thanks for your participation.

The February President's challenge was indeed challenging - to make a pair of identical items. Unfortunately, this may have been the cause of a smaller than usual turnout. Phil Laliberte, never one to shy away from a challenge, showed a pair of Honduran pine goblets. (Well, one of them was actually a scoop, illustrating one of the pitfalls of such a challenge.) Bruce Campbell made a pair of lamps (of laminated walnut and birch). Ken Booth brought a pair of spurtles (Scottish kitchen implements which the President preferred to think of as drum sticks). Mike Dawson displayed a pair of tiny goblets with captive rings. David MacDonald made a nice pair of knitting spools. (It's great to see the younger members participating!) Finally, Les Crossley showed a pair of glasses. Thanks to the participants of this month's President's Challenge.

Don't forget your toothpaste tube rollers for the March challenge!

Meeting Food Providers – Reminder
 The following people have volunteered to provide food for the March 22 meeting:
 Ryan Austman, Mike Dawson, Paul Grant, Bill Luck, and Larry Stevenson.
Thanks, guys!

Executive Elections Results

Dave Martin

As required by the bylaws of the Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild, an election of executive officers took place at the February meeting. Ted Fromson, member at large and chairperson of the nominating committee, chaired this part of the meeting.

Elected to a two-year term were Art Liestman as president and Dave Martin as secretary. The following members were elected to one-year terms: John Bese, vice-president; Don Hoskins,

treasurer; and Ted Fromson, member at large. The decision was made to elect these officers to one- year terms at this time so only part of the executive will change annually. In February 2001, members running for the positions of vice-president, treasurer, and member at large will be elected for a two-year term. Hopefully this plan will ensure continuity.

As there was an overwhelming number of volunteers for the positions, Andrew Forrest was added as a second member at large. One of Andrew's special responsibilities will be to fill in for executive members who are unable to attend meetings. We welcome Andrew as a new member of the executive.

Members who are interested in discovering what really happens at executive meetings are welcome to attend. Executive meetings, when required, are generally held on the second Monday of the month at ARC Arts Council building, 2425 St. Johns Street, in Port Moody. As meetings do not take place every month, you are advised to check with a member of the executive before deciding to attend.

Secretary's Report

Dave Martin

The Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild now has sixty-five members who come from seventeen different communities in the Lower Mainland. Almost forty percent of our members are from Coquitlam and Surrey with a further twenty percent from Vancouver and Burnaby. Robert Prinse and Cornelius Regehr from Chilliwack along with Terry Allen from Sardis have the farthest distance to travel.

In many ways our group is quite diverse. Some of our members have been turning wood for many years while others have yet to buy their first lathe. Our group also covers a wide age range. Several of our members are secondary school students while a number of others are enjoying their retirement years. In other

respects, however, we are certainly lacking in diversity as only two of our sixty-five members are women. We do welcome Amie Hillaby and Janis Horne and assure other female woodturners that they are most welcome.

One of the most remarkable statistics for our group is the fact that about fifty woodturners or eighty percent of our members attend each meeting! Thanks for attending and for keeping our meetings interesting.

All members are reminded that our membership year is from September to September.

Collaborative Challenge Report

Bruce Campbell, Coordinator

The Fast Ferry Project took a big step forward this month with each of the team leaders holding detailed demonstrations and discussions during the focus-on-fundamentals session of the last meeting. If you missed it there will be a repeat performance at the next meeting. Be sure to attend and plan on signing up to make a few parts of the project. I continue to hope that we can get every member of the Guild to make some contribution to the "ferry", and, remember, you are welcome to make parts for more than one section. The following people are currently signed up:

Fuel Tank and Hull:

Marco Berera and John Bese

Engine:

Larry Stevens, Ludger Paus, David MacDonald, Andrew Forrest, Mike Jacobs

Sea Cocks:

Bruce Campbell, Ross Pilgrim, Bob Dechaux, Don Hoskins, Andrew Forrest, Mike Jacobs, Neno Catania

Flues & Whistles:

Art Liestman, Dave Armatage, Don Bishop, Mike Dawson, Colin Delory, Ted Fromson, Bob Vergette, Sandy Dougal, Andrew

Forsyth, Don Hoskins, Dan Gaskell, Klaas Focker

Steerage & Linkage:

Phil Laliberte, Rick Schmid, Les Crossley, Bruce Campbell

If we have missed your name or if you would like to sign up please get in touch with me at 469-0221.

Bonnie Klein Visits the GVWG!

Art Liestman

We are very excited about the upcoming visit by Bonnie Klein. Bonnie is a full-time woodturner based near Seattle, specializing in small-scale woodturnings such as tops, pens, earrings, and lidded boxes. She designed and produces the Klein Designs lathe that is specially made for such small-scale work. She also produced a comprehensive set of instructional videos that show the great range of work that can be done on a small lathe. She is particularly active among woodturning guilds and has served on the AAW's Board of Directors and as the Vice-President of the AAW.

Bonnie is much in demand as a teacher of woodturning and teaches regularly in North America, Europe, and Australia. In addition to her detailed technical knowledge, she is highly creative and always seeking to improve and progress. Her enthusiasm is addictive. Every member of the guild of any skill level can learn from her and be inspired to new heights. We are very fortunate to have Bonnie as our guild's first special visitor. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend the events. You will not regret it!

Bonnie will give a 2 hour seminar and demonstration at 7:30 pm on Friday, April 14th. In addition, she will teach two hands-on classes from 9am to 4pm, on both Saturday, April 15th and Sunday, April 16th. All of the events will be

held in the Belcarra Hall (see directions below, thanks to Don Hoskins).

The charge for the seminar is \$20 if you pay at the March meeting or \$25 at the door. We'd like to encourage spouses or children to attend, so we will ask only \$10 for each additional family member. The classes will be \$110 per student per day with all materials, tools, and lathes supplied. Classes are limited to a maximum of 8 students per day. There are still a couple of spaces left in the Sunday class. See Don Hoskins at the March meeting to sign up for the remaining spaces.

To avoid lineups and delays at the actual events, please give a cheque made out to Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild for the appropriate amount to Don Hoskins at the March meeting.

The Belcarra Hall is located at 4084 Bedwell Bay Road in the village of Belcarra. Bedwell Bay Road is the main road into the village.

To get to Belcarra, first go to the intersection of the Barnet Highway and Ioco Road in Port Moody. Belcarra is about a 15 minute drive from that intersection.

From Vancouver take the Barnet Highway #7A through Port Moody to Ioco Road. Turn left (north). Since Lougheed is under construction for Sky Train between Gaglardi Way and North Road, if you come from Vancouver, take the Freeway and turn north on Gaglardi Way. Drive past Lougheed to Broadway (second light after Lougheed). Turn right on Broadway and then turn left at Clarke Road (the second light). Follow this road which eventually joins the Barnet Highway in Port Moody. Proceed to Ioco Road and turn left (north).

If you are coming from the Port Mann Bridge take the Lougheed Highway #7 to the Barnet Highway. Turn left (west) onto the Barnet

Highway and proceed to Ioco Road (the fourth light). Turn right (north).

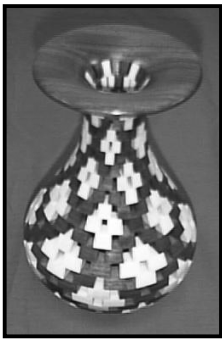
Once you are heading north on Ioco Road, turn left (west) at the third light and drive along the north side of Burrard Inlet to First Ave. Turn right at the school and church and go up First Ave. to the "Y" intersection. Turn left onto Bedwell Bay Road. Follow the yellow brick road west past the entrance to White Pine Beach down the hill to a stop sign. Turn right and follow around Sasamat Lake, keeping your eye on the yellow brick road. You will see a sign on your right indicating that you have finally entered Belcarra. The Village Hall is on your left about 2 kilometers farther west.

Parking is at a premium at the hall, so share a ride and please park as close to your neighbour as is possible and safe.

Upcoming Events

Fred Baldwin – Educational Coordinator

Guest presenters for upcoming meetings are as follows:



March 22 – Segmented Vessels. Colin Delory will show us the techniques he uses to make a segmented vessel.

*Colin Delory
Walnut & holly
segmented vase (8.5" tall)*

April 26 – Bob 'The Tool Man' Gadd of KMS Tools will discuss some of the latest tools and products available for wood turners as well as answer any questions you have about tools.

May 24 – Bill Smith of the Northwest Washington Woodturners will be giving a demonstration on goblet turning (with a barley twist).

June 28 – Steve Hanson will be discussing and showing us his techniques for hollow turning.

That's all so far. For future meetings if you have any suggestions please give me a call 224-5780 or email me at fbaldwin@direct.ca.

Regional News

Art Liestman

The Northwest Washington Woodturners (the nearest AAW chapter to us) is participating in Woodfest in Sedro Wooley, Washington on April 8th and 9th. The NWW will have a booth featuring their work and will be doing live demonstrations. There will also be displays of the work of furniture makers and crafts people from the area. If you have some time free on that weekend, it is worth the trip.

You are also reminded that the Pacific Northwest Turning Symposium is to be held May 4 - 6 in Everett, Washington at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. Some details were in last month's newsletter and we should be receiving an update in the mail soon from the organizers. If you put your name on their list, you should be receiving it at the same time. If you didn't get on the list, you can contact Earl St. Clair, Puget Sound Woodworking Center, 2416 California Street, Everett, WA 98201.

Canadian Woodturning Competition

Art Liestman

The GVWG has been asked to take over the organization of the Canadian Woodturning Competition that has been run for the past three years by the Fraser Valley Woodturners. This competition is held at the Surrey Woodworking Show in October. Andrew Forrest and Bruce Campbell have indicated that they are committed to seeing that the competition continues. The executive has agreed to support the competition. Further volunteers will be needed to make sure that the competition is a

success. Please see Bruce or Andrew if you are willing to help or just want to know more about it.

More Ways to Volunteer!

Art Liestman

As an organization of volunteers, we always have more participation opportunities!

Our illustrious newsletter editor Amie Hillaby is taking a brief break to do some serious travelling. As a result, we will need some help in putting out the next few newsletters until she returns. Amie is adamant about not wanting to give up the job permanently, though. If you'd like to help with the next few newsletters and perhaps even earn a permanent spot on the team, please let me know.

One of the downsides to having very full monthly meetings is that we don't have much time to socialize or to get to know each other better. It has been suggested that we should have a picnic in the spring or early summer in addition to our regular meetings. If you would like to organize such an event – or find other ways for members to socialize – please, let someone on the executive know.

We are now beginning to plan for special events (such as Bonnie Klein's visit) for next year. If you would like to participate in organizing these events or in suggesting names, we could use your help. Please let me know if you'd like to be included in a special event committee.

Many of our members are new to woodturning. Following in the footsteps of several other clubs, we would like to institute a mentor system where more experienced members can help the less experienced. If you'd like to be a mentor, please let me know and we'll put you on a list in the next newsletter. If you'd like to be a mentee (pause for laughter), let me know what you need from your mentor.

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Various hobby craft power tools for sale, including lathe, bandsaw and dust collector, and much more. Call Bert Gray in Surrey ((604) 572-3894) for more details.

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