

Calgary Woodturner's Guild Newsletter

February 2010

February Meeting

President Don James called the meeting to order at 7PM. He announced that Ludjie Molner passed away that morning (February 2nd). Our sympathies to his family.

There was a challenge issued; Ron Falconer brought in a table he made and asked if anyone could guess what kind of wood it was made from. More later on that..
Ron also brought in a box of some square Ash stock that was free for the taking.

Duncan Robertson has some tools for sale. Contact him directly for more information.

Don James and Mike Swendsen made a trip to the Calgary Drop-In Center to try and arrange a sawdust session, scheduled for Saturday, February 20th. There are ample tools and lathes available for use.

The Guild in Yorkville, Ontario has accepted some of Dennis Milbrandt's work. Congratulations to Dennis on this achievement!

Terry Golbeck announced there are a couple of spots available in the upcoming Jimmy Clewes "Woodturning and Surface Decoration" course being held at "Black Forest" February 13th & 14th, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Don James posed the idea of raising some money for charity. Various ideas were discussed and in the end, a motion was made by Mike Swendsen to make a cash donation of \$500 and seconded by Carl Smith.

We welcomed Roley Furguson to the meeting.

Demonstration

Jim Osenton and Ken Miller demonstrated the techniques demonstrated the techniques in the making of square bowls. Some advantages are that square bowls make efficient use of wood and they can also take more advantage of wood grain. Some techniques discussed were making a round bowl and band sawing it square. Another way is to take a square piece of wood, and add sacrificial edges, which reduce "cutting air" and hence make it a safer operation.

It is important to ensure that when gluing these sacrificial pieces that glue is spread evenly so that they don't come off as they are being turned away.

Jim started out by attaching a faceplate using enough screws so that the piece is held securely and does not wobble as it is being turned. Calipers are used during the process to ensure constant thickness since with the nature of a square rim; the sides will be visible after the sacrificial pieces are removed. Ken started with a detail gouge ground at about 50 degrees. Jim used a bowl gouge ground at 65-degree angle for the remainder. Jim recommended cutting downhill, moving his body to control the cut. After turning the basic profile, Jim again verified the thickness with calipers and adjusting where necessary.

Thanks to Jim and Ken for a very entertaining and informative presentation.

Dave Beeman's Draw

Following the break, some great pieces of wood were won during Dave Beeman's draw. John Simard was the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw.

Critique

Ron Falconer presented the critique portion of the meeting. He noted that the level and quality of work has dramatically increased over the years.

Thanks to everyone who brought in their work to display. It is always inspiring to see what other people are doing no matter what their level of experience.

And what kind of wood was Ron's table made of? There was a lot of guessing, but all were wrong; it was Mountain Ash. Correction - actually, Don James was the only one who knew. Drawing on his years of experience and analytical techniques of wood identification, he read the label underneath!

Upcoming Events

The annual turning event will be held at Foothills Composite High School, 229 Woodhaven Drive, Okotoks from 10 - 3 on Feb. 27th. It is anticipated the cost will be \$10 per head and that includes lunch. If people are intending to go, it would be appreciated if they would pre-register with Cyril Reschney at 403-938-6116 so they can get a handle on the numbers for lunch. Thanks to Jim Jones for this information.

Next Meeting March 2nd, 2010

To wrap up the meeting, Don James announced that there was a limited supply of \$10 gift certificates from Craft Supplies available to any interested members.

For the next meeting, Ken Woodkey and Wilf Talbot will be discussing and presenting segmented turning techniques.

Important Note: The March meeting will be the AGM during which elections will be held. Various positions will be available and all members are encouraged to attend this very important event.

Here is an excerpt from Article 4 of the by-laws of the Calgary Woodturners Guild:

Elections and Terms of Office

- 1. Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the Annual General meeting.*
- 2. Term of office shall normally be two (2) years, unless the membership is notified otherwise before elections.*
- 3. No officer shall hold office for more than four (4) consecutive years, unless extensions are specifically approved by a majority of members at the Annual General Meeting.*
- 4. Members will simply be elected to the Board and the Board members will divide up titles and responsibilities according to Article 4 of the constitution.*
- 5. Any Director may be removed for cause by majority vote of the Directors then in office at a regular Board Meeting or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose.*