

Calgary Woodturners' Guild Newsletter

April 2009

Next Meeting April 7, 2009

Kevin Welch, Don James and Ron Falconer will share some techniques on the lathe that they will acquire from the Trent Bosch workshop this coming weekend. Some of their samples from the same course will be available to show how these techniques can be used.

Thanks to Jim Osenton for taking the following notes in my absence. LL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting March 3rd, 2009

Meeting opened at 7.05pm by President Don James

It was established that a quorum was present

The financial statements will be included in the next newsletter and can be voted on at the April meeting. Lyle Cuthbert & Henri Lefebvre have agreed to audit the statements again this year.

Jim Jones will be retiring from the board of directors as his allowed term is up.

Mike Swendsen and Peter Eddy were nominated.

Moved by Dennis Milbrandt and seconded by Carl Smith that nominations be closed – Carried.

Moved by Dennis Milbrandt and seconded by Wilf Talbot that the CWTG provide a scholarship for a workshop valued at \$255.00 at Black Forest Wood, to be given to a student attendee at the upcoming symposium in Okotoks - Carried.

Terry Golbeck offered to match the clubs scholarship for the Okotoks symposium.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Andy Lockhart seconded by Dennis Milbrandt.

Report of March regular meeting

Business Session

High School Woodturning Symposium March 14th in Okotoks. Members were encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$10 which includes lunch catered by the culinary program students. Let Jim Jones know if you plan to attend as he needs to provide numbers for the lunch.

There was some discussion about a portable screen for use in the workshop area at Black Forest for CWTG meetings. Bob Grabowski offered to find one.

Dwayne Sims reminded members his charitable donation inventory was low and could use replenishment.

It was noted that The Croft has closed down recently. A number of members had sold pieces there over the last 10 years.

Ron Falconer will be taking over responsibility for the display cases from Dennis Milbrandt.

Terry Golbeck reminded the membership of the upcoming Trent Bosch workshop and the Richard Raffan workshops later this year.

After some discussion as to suitable timing the next Sawdust session will be Wednesday March 25th at the Jameswood workshops, from 6:30 till 10pm.

Dave Beeman suggested that the CWG should consider other scholarships or grants. Jim Osenton will provide an updated cash statement prior to the next meeting, to serve as a basis for discussion (see following).

Financial Statements – Year ending December 31, 2008

As of April 2nd, 2009 these were yet to be audited but expect to be so by April 7th, 2009 meeting.

Balance Sheet

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ending Dec 31, 2008				
BALANCE SHEET				
ASSETS	Cash in General Account	\$ 2,335.47		
	Cash in Visa Account	3761.58		
		6097.05		6097.05
	Fixed Assets, at cost			2756.78
	Total Assets	6097.05		8853.83
LIABILITIES				0
NET WORTH				8853.83
J B Osenton - Treasurer				

Statement of Income and Expense

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ending Dec 31, 2008						
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE						
INCOME						
	Dues received in 2008		\$2,290.00			
	Total dues		\$2,290.00		\$2,290.00	
	Bank interest		\$ 1.48		\$ 1.48	
	Raffle proceeds		\$1,061.00		\$1,061.00	
	Spruce Meadows sales	Visa drafts	\$3,173.00			
		Cash & cheques	\$2,285.14			
	Woodcarvers show sales	Visa drafts	\$ 255.00			
	Total sales proceeds		\$5,713.14		\$5,713.14	
	Total Income				\$9,065.62	
EXPENSE						
	Spruce Meadows payouts		\$4,035.75			
	Spruce Meadows booth rental		\$1,470.00			
	Spruce Meadows incidentals		\$ 109.72			
	Woodcarvers payout		\$ 191.25			
	subtotal Sale expenses		\$5,806.72		\$5,806.72	
	Library additions		\$ 348.23			

	Insurance		\$			
			775.00			
	Web fee		\$			
			31.14			
	Donations		\$			
			435.64			
	Visa fees		\$			
			291.95			
	Raffle prizes		\$			
			525.00			
	Demos		\$			
			309.48			
	BBQ		\$			
			285.20			
	subtotal otther expenses					
			\$3,001.64		\$3,001.64	
	Total expense					
					\$8,808.36	
	NET INCOME				\$	
					257.26	
	add RETAINED EARNINGS, from Dec 31, 2007					
					\$8,596.57	
	RETAINED EARNINGS at Dec 31, 2008					
					\$8,853.83	

Cash Statement as of March 29, 2009

Cash in General Account	\$5215.31
Includes Raffle account of	\$2958.08
Net cash excluding raffle account	\$2253.23
Visa account	\$377.73

We have already issued a cheque for the 2009 Spruce Meadows booth rental.

We will have obligations for insurance (estimated at \$800) and the Okotoks Symposium scholarship of \$255 later this year.

CAD review by Dennis Milbrandt

Dennis who has used a variety of Computer Assisted Drawing (CAD) software including Microsoft Paint, Woodturner Pro, Google Sketch-up, Creative Woodturning and Alibre Design. Some of these are downloadable at little or no cost from the Internet.

He reviewed the following using a laptop to project the programs onto a screen, along with his comments on their respective merits.

Microsoft Paint

Free with windows, only 2D. He demonstrated how lines can be reshaped, but noted there were no surface mapping features or working drawing options.

Woodturner Pro

Cost is about \$100 US, but a trial version is free. It incorporates 3D views which are movable, and the capability to draw Bezier curves. It is aimed at segmented turners, with quite complete calculations of the segment angles and dimensions. It does provide working drawing output.

Creative Woodturner

This program is from the UK and costs about \$80 US. It does not have any segmented calculations but is 3D and has a large selection of surface mapping textures.

Alibre Design Pro

This is the software Dennis uses in his day job and he has invested 5 years of time becoming thoroughly familiar with it while investing \$3M in the various versions he uses. This is serious software but really needs some serious computing power to take full advantage of it. A well equipped PC can handle it, but it stretched the capabilities of his laptop that he brought to use for the demo. Dennis feels that it is easier to use than Autocad that some other members (like Andy Lockhart) have used. Dennis, in keeping with his `Scotsman`s Corner` reputation, provided CDs with a trial version of Alibre` Design Pro for the members.

Thank you Dennis for the informative and entertaining review of the CAD software and the free samples.

Show & Tell

Ron Falconer asked for input about his poplar burl/ natural edged piece as to the form. He did receive a few minor curve suggestions.

Kevin Welch brought in a sculptural piece inspired by the Graham Priddle workshop he attended. He called it The Warrior and someone suggested adding a sphere to represent a head, to the amusement of the members.

Don James had a dimpled ball in a square bowl that had caught Ron`s eye, and a birch bowl on which he was carving a pattern based on Fibarnacci spirals that he had started.

Jim Edwards had a dye coloured Manitoba maple bowl that intrigued the people selecting pieces for review. It was finished with General salad bowl finish that Jim prefers.

Ken Miller had a vessel with a double lip and routered grooves, as well as a spiral spice container that used Aloewood found at Windsor Plywood.

Ron Falconer finished up with a piece he had experimented airbrushing flames on. He maintained he was only just starting to get it right but most of us thought it looked pretty hot.

Editor`s note: why don`t a few more of the members bring in their work so we can have even more variety of pieces to review.