

# CALGARY WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER



## December 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

*"Instant Gallery" picture of the month*



*A pair of platters by Mike Swendson*

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## From the Editor...

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I know I haven't mentioned this in a while: if anyone has anything they would like to see in this newsletter please send it along to me at [galoot@shaw.ca](mailto:galoot@shaw.ca)

I'll be happy to include it.

Also, just to make sure you don't miss it,

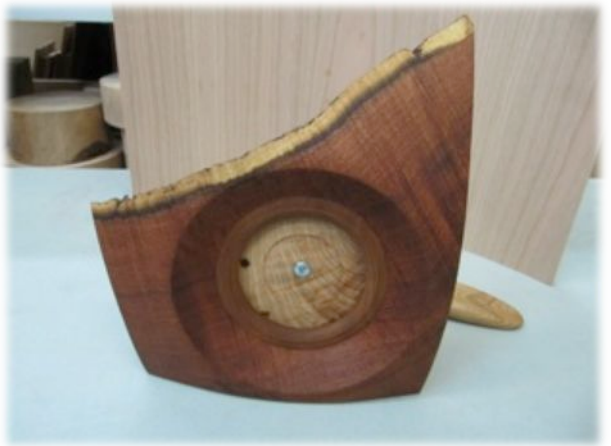
please take a minute to look at my note concerning old tools on page 5. Their preservation is something I really believe in.

Last newsletter of the year; 2012 is just around the corner!

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## From the Instant Gallery

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## December 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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### Minutes of meeting –December 6, 2011

President Duncan Robertson called the meeting to order at 7PM and welcomed everyone.

There were some visitors present; Lucas - whose dad just got a lathe, John and Larry.

SAWS are holding their annual Christmas get-together. A show of hands indicated about 16 people were planning to attend.

A request was made for someone to make a long salad bowl fork and spoon. If anyone is interested in taking this project on, please contact Ken Miller.

Our website has been dormant for about a year. Dennis Milbrandt will contact Tim Dorcas and update us with a status at the next meeting.

Neil had a report on the annual Spruce Meadows event. He expressed thanks for all who supported the effort this year. He said that over 250 hours were spent by individuals to make it a success. Peter Eddy has dispensed cheques to those who had sold items at the show. Hundreds of tops were sold and \$1781.70 was raised for the food bank. There were requests for CWT cards to hand out and Carl has offered to have some printed for the club for the next event.

Jim Osenton reported that we sold 120 pieces at an average price of \$49. We did however, lose about \$200 after the cost of the booth. Peter suggested we consider adjusting the commission charged to at least break even on the next event. He also said that at the present time, we have about \$4000.00 in the bank.

Don James offered thanks to Neil for his effort in leading the event this year, and a round of applause ensued.

Carl said that the dues cost this coming year are \$30 for email and \$35 for snail mail. Peter proposed the rate and Dennis seconded.

The December 17<sup>th</sup> Sawdust session will be at Black Forest at 9:00AM

John Beal has taken over the charitable donations from Dwayne and reported that the Peter Loughheed centre has sent a thank you card in appreciation. If anyone has anything they would like to donate, please contact John.

A presentation followed on the last "Turning Challenge" which was to turn something representing a significant event that happened in your life. Among those that presented turnings were Jim Osenton, Don James, Peter Eddy, Dwayne Sims, Terry Golbeck, Don West, Wilf Talbot, Ken Miller and Mike Swendson. The next challenge is to represent something from nature.



Following the break, Don West had a wood identification challenge for the club. He passed around more than 80 samples and cards. The idea was to match the number on the sample to the name of the wood type on the card. It was quite a challenge and a lot of fun, and with no handicap, I won't report my results!

Lastly, the Dave Beeman draw was held and much wood was won. This month's 50/50 draw of \$71.00 went to Bert Delisle.

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### **Saving our Heritage – Old Tools**

I have a soft spot for old woodworking tools and when I lived in the East and had better access to old tools, used to be a bit of a collector and trolled flea markets looking for them. I still have some, but mainly I was and still am interested in user tools as opposed to ones that sit under glass or on a shelf. And the latter is only for the simple reason that I couldn't afford them. I belong to a group – the "[OldTools list](#)" at "[Galoot Central](#)" - that is a bit of a virtual porch; a support network of like-minded individuals to discuss antique woodworking tools. Recently a sharp-eyed list member noted that Christopher Schwarz had reported on his [blog](#) that someone had taken a perfectly good Stanley #71-1/2 router plane and turned it into a coat rack. Then in the same week, it was noticed that another individual used 208 antique saws to build a "[saw clock](#)" for a museum. I somehow don't think that this is the way to preserve our heritage.

I have an old Millers Falls router plane that I received as a gift by a friend in Quebec who is a true collector. It's original in every way; the only thing I did was to sharpen the 2 cutters to perfection. Every time I use this particular plane, I think of this elderly gentleman and those that used this plane before him. The thought of it being turned into a coat rack is disturbing. The fact that I actually still use it in the way it was intended is very satisfying, and keeps me in touch with the past.

### **A New Book**

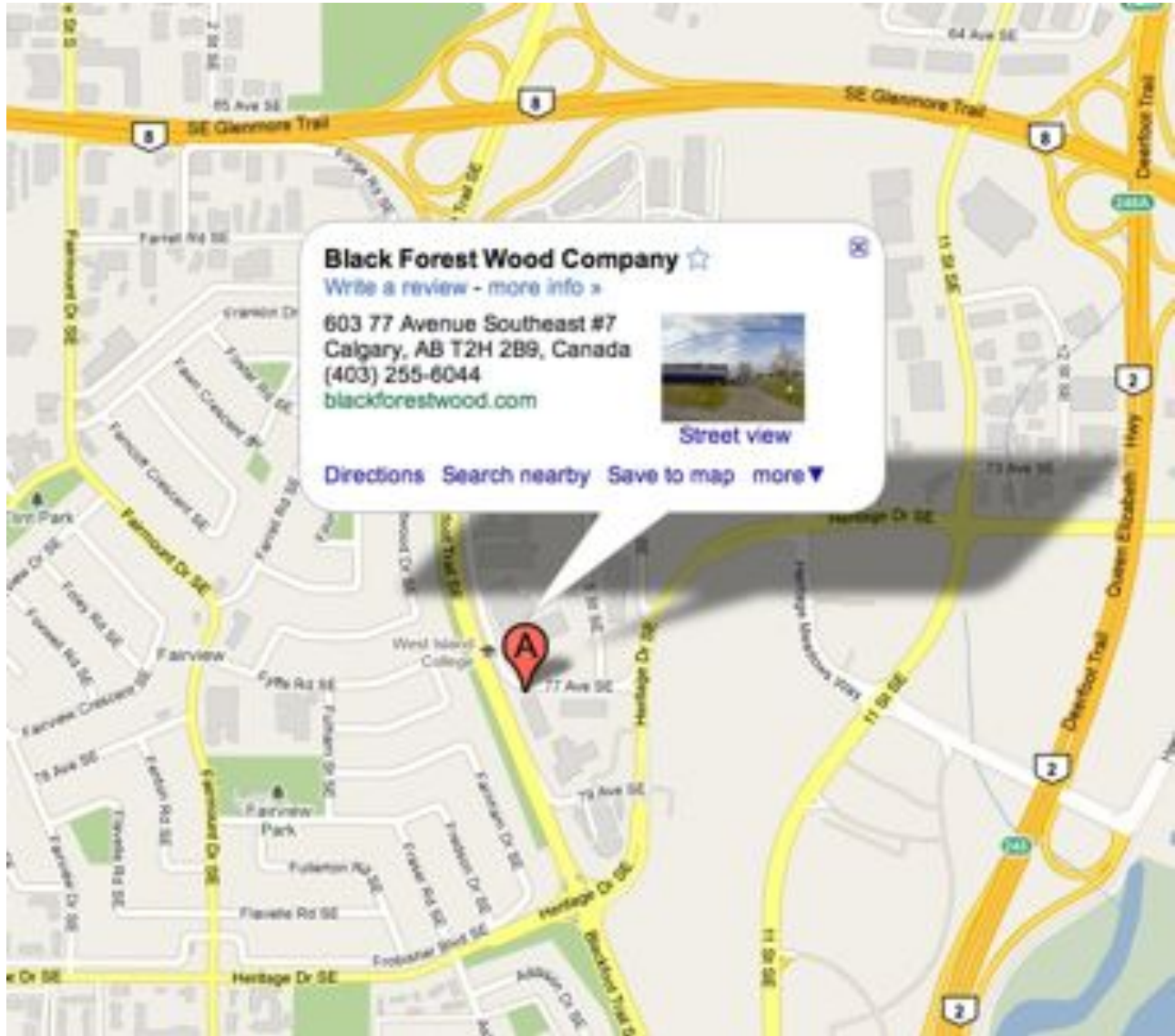
Last week, I couldn't wait for Galoota Claus to come, so I jumped the gun and bought a copy of Christopher Schwarz's book, "[The Anarchist's Tool Chest](#)". In order to avoid the re-invention of the wheel, a review of the book can be found [here](#).

At just under 500 pages it is a great read, and is literally a book that was hard to put down. So I pretty much didn't. Before buying it, I was hard pressed to make sense of the title, and was pleasantly surprised and enlightened to see the meaning behind it. The book is both very entertaining and educational, and dovetails nicely (sorry) with the above bit on old tools. After more than 10 years of pondering on what to build, I finally decided on his design for my toolbox. It's available locally.

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### Club Meetings

The Calgary Woodturners Guild meets at Black Forest Wood the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM. Visitors are welcome.



**Some new arrivals at the Black Forest this week**

Included in this shipment is African Blackwood. This species has a creamy sapwood that stays tight to the dark heartwood. This contrast can offer some nice options for making pens and other items. Alternatively the dark heartwood alone finishes near coal black for accents and finials. African Blackwood turns well.



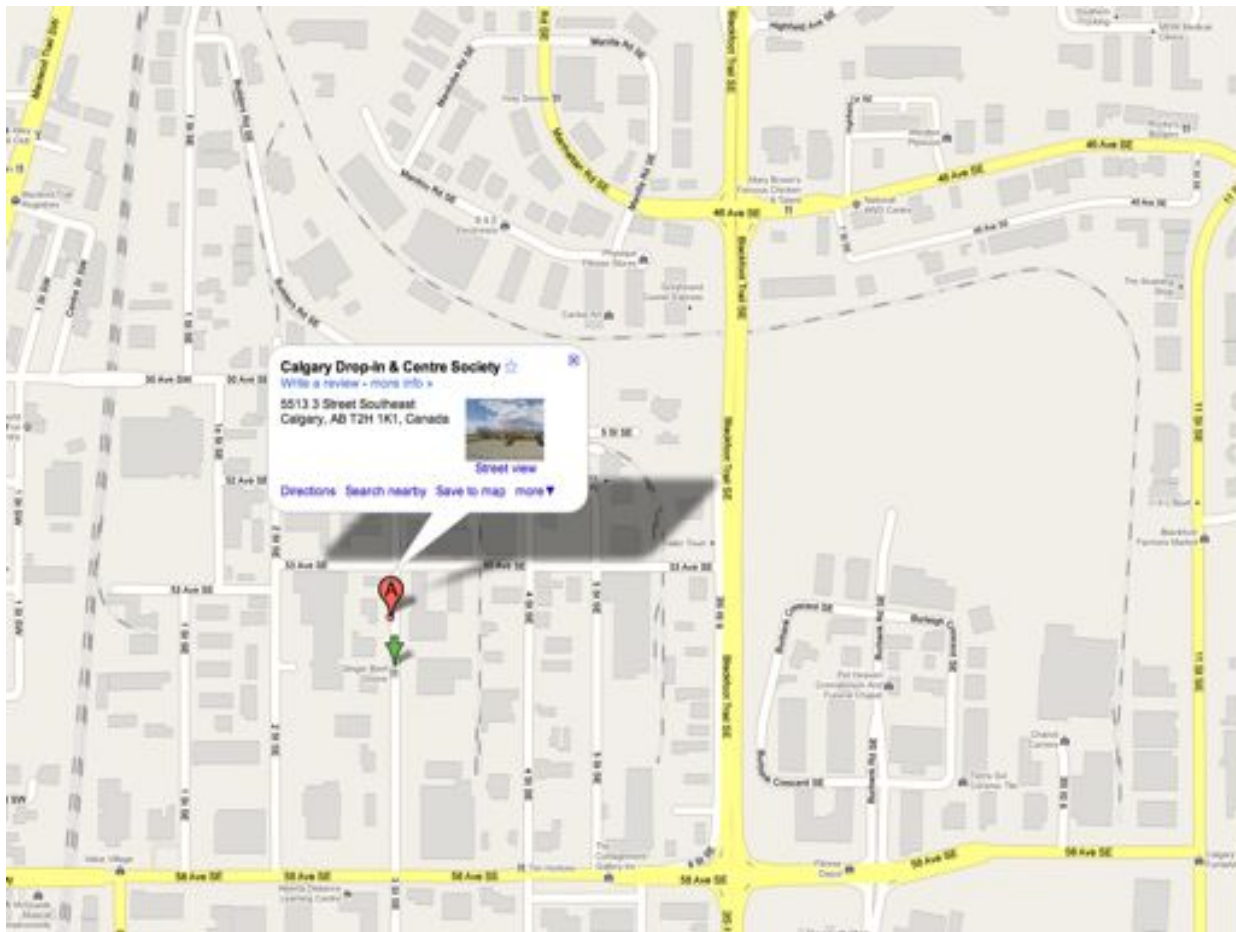
We also received some 3" and 4" Cocobolo Squares, 12" long.

Brad found two Macassar Ebony timbers that had been stored in a warehouse in Ontario for over 20 years. Most of this material will be made into instrument wood but there will be lots for turning. The wood is striped with black and light brown colour.



There is a Snakewood Log with some nice tight figure. Also there is some Santos Rosewood and Wenge Shorts.

By request - for upcoming sawdust sessions, here is the location of the Calgary Drop In Center:



**NewtUrn Studio**  
...decorative arts and design  
506 - 20 Ave NW  
Calgary Ab T2M 1C6  
(403) 605-8420

**Dennis Milbrandt**  
principal  
dennis.milbrandt@newturnstudio.com  
www.newturnstudio.com

**VJ's Turning Supplies Ltd**

Supplies for pen making, bottle stoppers, key rings etc.  
Contact Vern Steinbrecker <mailto:vernjs@shaw.ca>

Phone: 403-281-2077  
403-650-8706



### **Interesting Websites**

Some "Old Tool" websites:

<http://galootcentral.com/>

[http://homepage.mac.com/galoot\\_9/galtprog.html](http://homepage.mac.com/galoot_9/galtprog.html)

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~alf/en/tools.html>

### **Events**

Sawdust session December 17<sup>th</sup> at **Black Forest**. **\*\*Note: not at the Drop in Center for this particular session\*\*\*** See page 6 for directions.

The Saskatoon Woodturning Symposium July 27-29/2012.

<http://valleywoodturners.userworld.com/events/2012%20Woodturning%20Symposium%20brochure%20final.pdf>

### **For Sale**

Band Saw: Rockwell/Delta; Made in CANADA, 14 inch

Enclosed steel base, mounted on mobile base;

Adjustable fence;

Dust collection set-up to 4 inch output;

Extra saw blades;

Extra pair of wheels.

This is a nice made in Canada vintage saw with low mileage.

Price: \$450.00

Belt Sander: Marson;

6 X 48 Inch belt with 9 inch disc;

Steel base, mounted on mobile base.

Price: \$250.00

Dovetail Jig by Craftsman:

Easy dovetails for less!

This has been gathering dust in my shop for a long time!

Instruction book included.

Price: \$ 20.00 or a case of Newcastle Brown Ale!

Please Contact: Dean Sinnott

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## About the guild...

### GUILD PURPOSE

TO PROMOTE THE ART AND CRAFT OF WOODTURNING IN A WAY THAT EXPANDS THE KNOWLEDGE, SAFE PRACTICE, AND ENJOYMENT OF WOODTURNING THEREBY BENEFITING BOTH MEMBERS AND ALSO THE COMMUNITY.

#### FOR THE MEMBERS:

- TO PROVIDE ALL MEMBERS WITH A METHOD OF REGULARLY EXCHANGING IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE IN WOODTURNING
- TO PROMOTE SAFETY IN WOODTURNING
- TO BENEFIT FROM GROUP SIZE IN ACQUIRING PUBLISHED RESOURCES & MATERIALS

#### FOR THE COMMUNITY:

- TO BRING AN AWARENESS OF WOODTURNING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
- TO PROVIDE CHARITABLE BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

### MEETINGS

The Guild meets on the first Tuesday, each month (except July and August) at 7:00 PM at Black Forest Wood Co., Bay 7, 603 – 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Calgary. Visitors are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP/DUES      Annual Dues - \$30.00 with E-Mail, otherwise \$35.00 on a calendar year basis.

**WEBSITE**    <http://www.calgarywoodturners.com>

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### COMMITTEES

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 TOOL SWAPS: Jim Edwards  
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 MEMBERS AT LARGE: Vern Steinbrecker, Glenn Summers, Dave Beeman, Ron Gilbert, and Ken Kindjerski, Don James