



## CALGARY WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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

*"Instant Gallery" picture of the month*



*Elm bowl 19 " X 9" !*

*..by Ken Miller*

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## From the Editor...

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Our guild continues to grow in membership. Also I think was a new record set in the number of visitors attending the November meeting!

After an episode with a persistent swollen eye this month, which seemed to occur after working with Cedar, I did a bit of research into dust allergies. I included a couple of interesting links on

this topic that you may find interesting.

Take some time to look at the interesting courses offered at Black Forest on pages 9 and 10. I took the carving course given by Jamie Russell last year and found it most interesting.

There is still time to make tops for Spruce Meadows! Please support this effort..

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## From the Instant Gallery

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

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### Minutes of meeting – November 6, 2012



President Duncan S. Robertson called the meeting to order at 7PM and welcomed everyone. Visitors this month included Ron, Wayne, Jim, Curtis, John, Gord, Ward, Herm, David and Luke (from [www.lukeweiser.com](http://www.lukeweiser.com) fame!). It seems this set a record for visitors to the guild meeting! Carl generously offered membership to any of the new visitors who would like to join.

Duncan called on Herm Stolte to tell us about the annual SAWS/CWT joint Christmas get together. It will be held at 7PM December 19<sup>th</sup> at The Scarboro Community Centre Hall is located at:

1727 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Calgary.

Neil Proctor gave an update on the Spruce Meadows activity and asked people to sign up for booth duty. Jim Osenton cautioned that we accept only VISA and not Mastercard, and to ensure that the buyers phone number is written on the receipt. This allows us to contact the person in case of any issue with the card. Neil also mentioned that next year Spruce Meadows would be held for 3 weekends rather than 2. Early next year there will be a group discussion at the meeting as to whether or not we will choose to attend the event, as considerable more effort will be required. Don James asked about glass door display cases. Ron Gilbert may be able to get 4 of them and will work with Don on this. Also Ron Falconer has some that require minor repair. It seems like we now have about 400+ tops for Spruce Meadows this year. More are appreciated! There was some discussion as to the price we should charge as some thought that \$2 was too low. An effort will be made to price these at \$2 and possibly some at \$5. This is to be determined. This year we need to have a proper sign for the tops - not a hand written one.

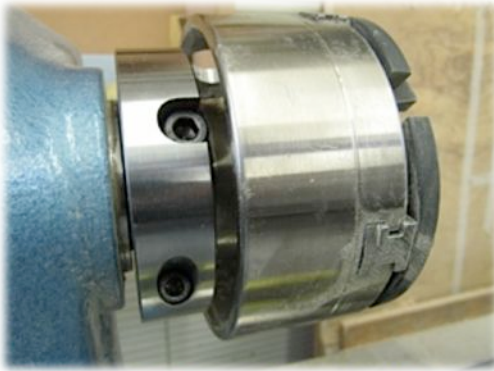
There will be a Sawdust Session at the Calgary Drop In Center on Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at the Calgary Drop-In Center.

Terry announced that Black Forest now carry cut resistant Kevlar gloves which are great for mitigating carving accidents. While not bulletproof, they do resist slicing cuts quite well. He also mentioned that Jamie Russell would be at Black Forest to present a weekend course in carving. As well, a pyrography course and skateboard making courses are imminent. (Please see the full schedule later on in this newsletter.)

Greg Dahl will work on presenting the finance statements at the next meeting.

Bert Delisle talked about a new clamp he had made by Gary's son, Craig Goddard of Corma Industries ([www.cormaindustries.com](http://www.cormaindustries.com)) for a Stronghold chuck used on the Vicmarc. This is designed to ensure that the chuck does not come loose when the lathe is used in reverse. A picture follows of the clamp and mounting on the lathe, both without and with the clamp. Please contact Bert if you are interested in finding out more about the clamp or having one made.





Mike Swendson announced that there will be a top turning event and that a spin-off will follow and prizes awarded for various categories.

A discussion took place on the merits of a mentorship program. Don West kindly offered to mentor anyone that would like to learn various aspects of turning. Please contact Don directly if you are interested. His contact information is in the latest membership list sent out by Carl. Duncan asked for a motion if the guild would look into a program of this kind in more detail and a motion

was passed to do so.

The Dave Beeman draw was held and a lot of wood was won. The 50/50 draw of \$86 went to Emile Arsenault this month.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:45PM. The next meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup>



Tops in a custom holder by Dean Sinnott



Close-up detail - by Jim Jones

### The Workshop and School of Jean-Francois Escoulen

Dean Sinnott was travelling in southern France in September and had the pleasure of visiting the new workshop and school of Jean-Francois Escoulen located in Aiguines. He sent me the following photos of the space. Jean-Francois has taught at the Black Forest probably 10 years ago. Jean-Francois welcomed Dean and allowed him to wander around the shop. It would be a great reason to visit this part of France. He has a brochure of the school and can give the information to anyone who wants it. Also there is a website: <http://www.escoulen.com>

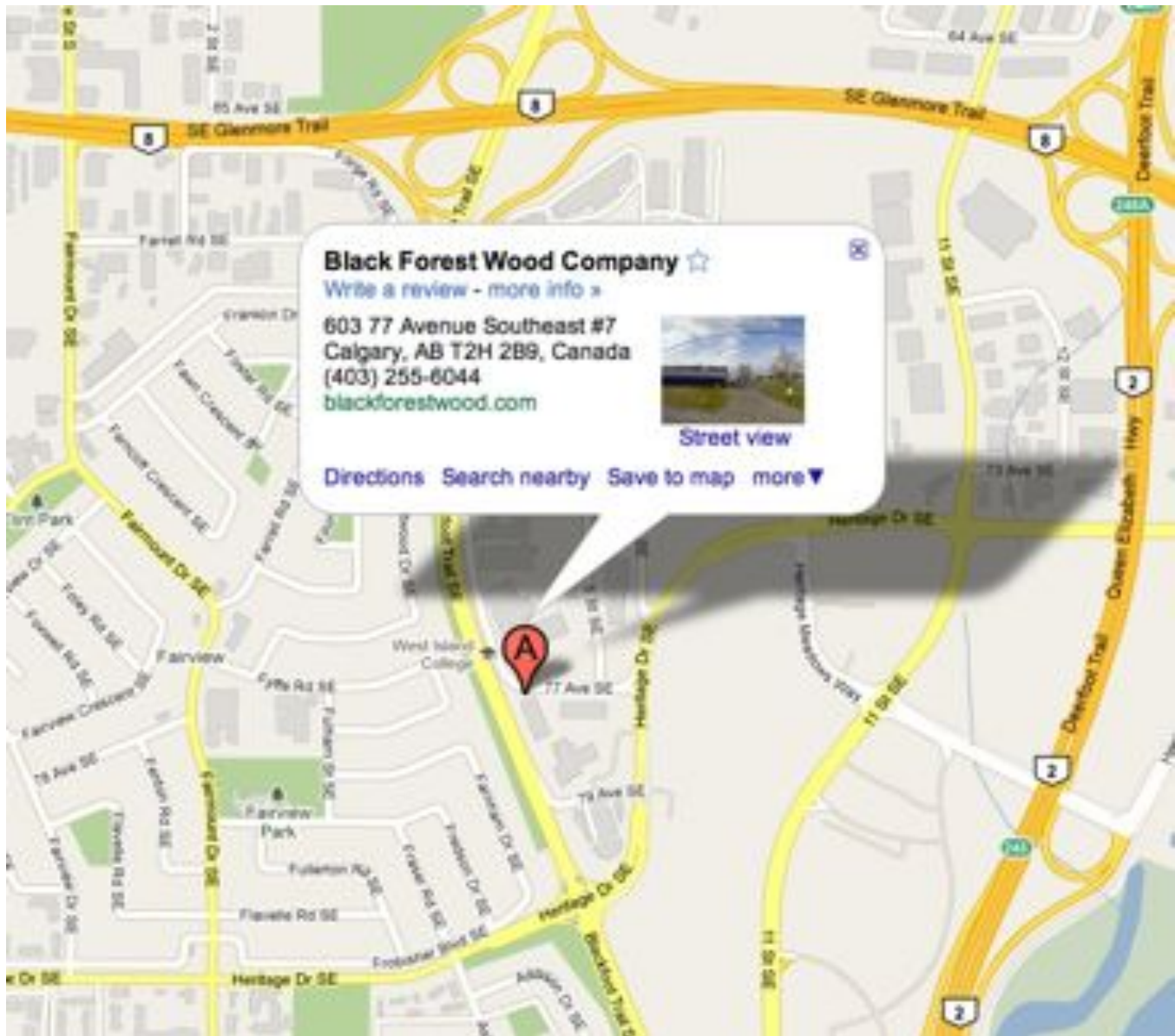
The pictures show the demonstration set-up with the overhead mirror, the spacious teaching area with Oneway lathes, and a really large bowl lathe. Especially impressive was the display of "trembleurs" each suspended in its own plastic tube.



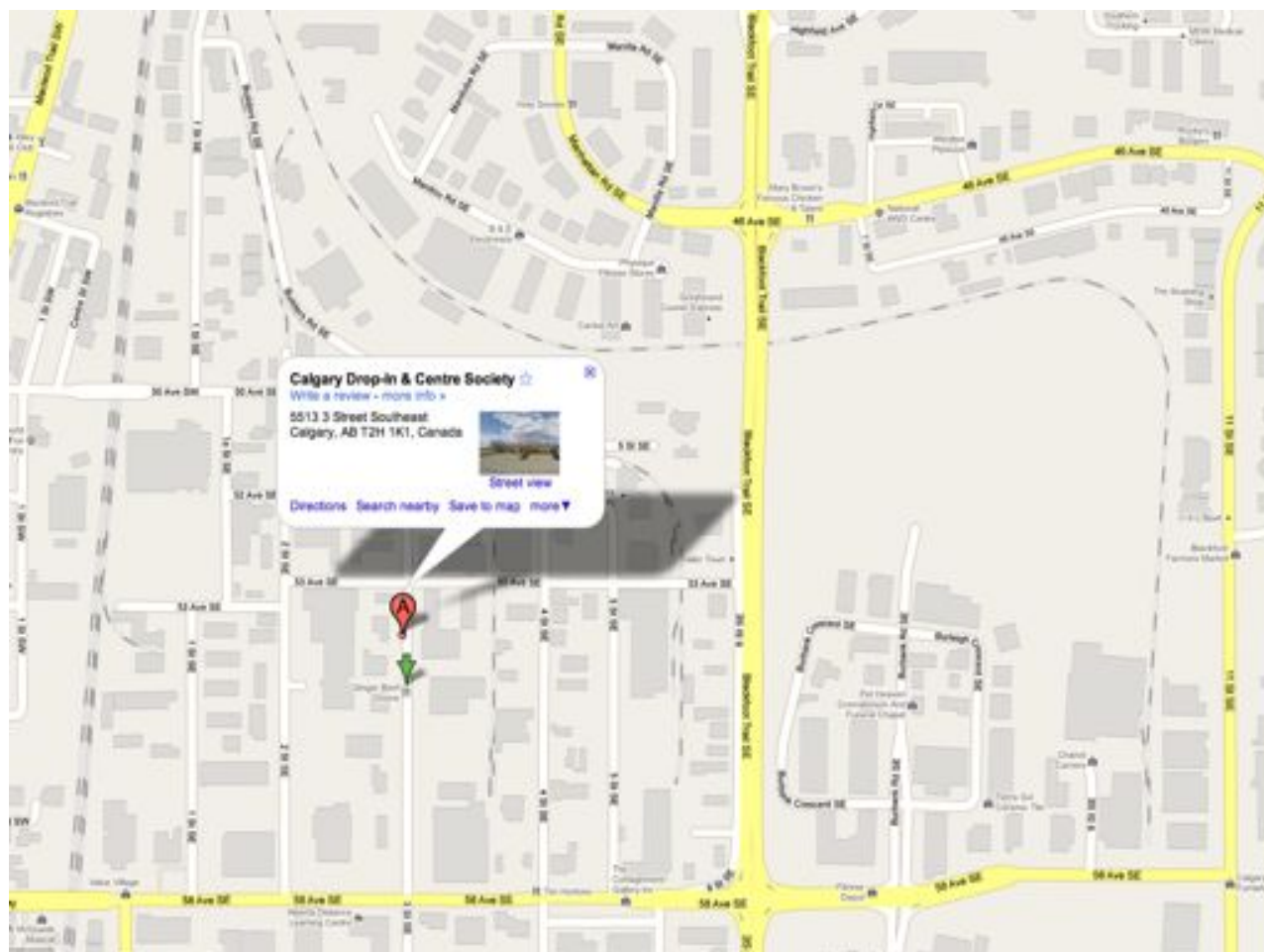


### Club Meetings

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



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



**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**



Please remember that Black Forest is now on Facebook. I'm unable to add a link since you need to be logged in to Facebook first. But if you log in to Facebook and do a search for "**Black Forest Calgary**" it will come up first. Then click on it and the page will appear. Have a visit to see what's new and "like" them while you are there. You may want to bookmark the page to be kept up to date on any updates. Events such as the annual BF Wood Expo are posted there now.

Spruce Meadows Christmas Market:

[http://www.sprucemeadows.com/christmas\\_market.jsp](http://www.sprucemeadows.com/christmas_market.jsp)

New therapy for dust allergies as related by Bud Latven:

<http://www.woodworkersinstitute.com/page.asp?p=1434>

More on dust allergies:

[http://humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/WHS-PUB\\_ch045.pdf](http://humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/WHS-PUB_ch045.pdf)

Seems like back in the late 1800's accidents didn't involve inconvenient trips to the emergency room. Here are some helpful "tips" for taking care of severe cuts in the workshop:

[http://www.toolsforworkingwood.com/store/blog/442/title/Issue No. 26 - Published September 14, 1889](http://www.toolsforworkingwood.com/store/blog/442/title/Issue%20No.%2026%20-%20Published%20September%2014,%201889)

The Calgary Woodturners site is back thanks to the efforts of Norm Olsen:

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

### **Events**

Sawdust Session December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Starts @ 9:00am and is held at the Calgary Drop-in-centre. See map elsewhere in the newsletter for directions.

### **For Sale/Wanted**



## Woodworking WORKSHOPS

For details & updates please visit  
[www.blackforestwood.com](http://www.blackforestwood.com)  
and look under Education.

# Black Forest

WOOD COMPANY

Workshop size is limited, so register early. Workshop tuition includes required consumable materials. Your registration is confirmed when paid in full. No cash refunds unless the class is cancelled or your place is filled. Tuition credits must be made one week prior to starting date. Please call 403-255-6044 or 1-877-686-6061 to register or for more information.

All Workshops are held at the:  
Black Forest Wood Co.  
Bay 7, 603-77th Ave. SE  
Calgary, Alberta, T2H 2B9  
Phone 403-255-6044 or 1-877-686-6061

Hours  
Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

**Fundamentals of Woodturning  
Weekend with Terry Golbeck \$255**  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
September 22-23 OR October 27-28  
November 17-18 OR December 15-16  
January 19-20/13

**Evenings with Peter Eddy \$255**  
6 Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Starting October 31 OR January 16/13

**Bowl Turning with Terry Golbeck \$255**  
Saturday & Sunday December 1-2  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Introduction to Air Brushing with  
Terry Golbeck \$35**  
Saturday, November 24, 9:30 AM-Noon

**Sharpening Turning Tools & Carving  
Chisels with Terry Golbeck \$35.00**  
Saturday, November 10, 9:30 AM-Noon

**Taming of the Skew  
with Terry Golbeck \$35.00**  
Saturday, November 10, 1:00 PM-4 PM



Lidded Box, Walnut

## Build Your Own Acoustic Guitar with Tyler Waddell

**Tyler** is a woodworker, builder of custom acoustic guitars and a musician.

In a series of hands on workshops, Tyler will guide you through the steps of making your own Acoustic Guitar.

Join a small group of your peers to build your first guitar in our new dedicated Guitar Studio.

Jigs and tools are provided.

We offer a large selection instrument wood for you to choose from so that you can build a unique instrument.

12 Saturdays plus the studio is available for you to use Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

For details call Brad at 403 255-6044



## Guest Instructor Workshops



**Carving with Gernot Kiefer \$255**  
6 Thursday Evenings, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Starting January 17

**Anatomy of a Chair with Doug Haslam**  
Learn how to design, prototype and build your own chair. \$275  
Saturday & Sunday, January 26-27/13  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Power Carving with Jamie Russell \$275**  
Friday, December 7, 7:00PM - 9:30PM  
December 8-9, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Pyrography (Wood Burning)  
with Deborah Kerr \$85.00**  
Saturday, Feb. 16, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

**Introduction to Scroll Sawing with  
Linda Brewer \$45.00**  
Saturday, Feb. 2, 9:00 AM to Noon

**Build Your Own Skate Board with  
Brad Thomas \$255.00**  
Saturday & Sunday, December 1 & 2  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## Jamie Russell

Jamie Russell got his first tool, an official Boy Scout pocket knife, for Christmas when he was nine. He started shaping wood with it and hasn't quit since. His education includes the Cabinet Making Program, SIAAST, Saskatoon and in the mid 80s, an apprenticeship in California, with Art Carpenter, one of the godfathers of the contemporary furniture making movement.

He is a founding member of the Furniture Society and has taught at Arrowmont in TN. His solo show at the Mendel Gallery in Saskatoon was featured in the Winter 2011 issue of "Woodwork" magazine.

"All creative people live for those moments in 'the sweet spot of time' when our hands, eyes and soul are completely synchronized."



### Workshop Learning Objectives



In this hands on workshop you will bring a project of your choosing to completion or near completion. In the process, you can try a variety of tools and you will learn about:

- ✓ finding your inspiration to create a piece,
- ✓ tool selection and sources,
- ✓ wood selection, including the use of green wood,
- ✓ safe and effective use of power carving tools especially related to grain,
- ✓ when to unplug and use hand tools,
- ✓ what makes for a successful piece.

### Workshop Schedule

Friday, December 7, 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9,  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

\$275.00 + GST, includes Wood

## Power Carving Hands on Workshop

### Workshop Overview

#### Friday Evening

Slide show of Jamie's work with an emphasis on types of projects you can best realize in the workshop such as vessels, masks, figurative or free form sculpture. Demo and discussion of the what's, why's and how's of power carving tools, materials and techniques. Examples of projects in progress. Material available for projects.

#### Saturday

Project selection and set-up for power carving. Power carve your project.

People tend to get addicted to the efficiency of power carving.

Learn when to unplug and use hand tools. Hand finishing techniques, achieving the fair curve to create a sensual piece.

#### Sunday

Work on your piece towards completion. Debrief during last hour about our learnings from inspiration to techniques. How to assess your work.



Suggested Tool list available on registration. A variety of tools are available for you to share and try.



## 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

AUDITORS: Henri Lefebvre, CGA, and Lyle Cuthbert  
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CHARITABLE CO-ORDINATOR: Dwayne Sims and Andy Lockhart  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Mike Swendsen and Don James (including sawdust sessions)  
LIBRARIAN: Carl Smith  
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MEMBERSHIP RECORDS: Carl Smith  
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