



Cremation Urns and Future Meeting Topics

Norm Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

We had four guests – Bill, Glen, heather and Greg

It was announced that the next Sawdust session would be on February 23, 2019.

Steve Olson said he was looking to form a social/media/sales committee. The purpose of the committee would be to organize social events, explore the possibilities of social media to promote the guild and possible sale of guild member items, and sales opportunities for guild members. He wanted to have a first meeting before the end of February and a second meeting in March with the objective of bring back to the members ideas the committee came up with at the April meeting. Steve passed around a clipboard for interested volunteers to sign up. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Steve directly.

Roger Norbert has a friend looking for floor standing band saw. Please contact Roger if you know of one for sale.

It's Carl Smith's 86th Birthday tonight. Happy Birthday Carl. Wishing you many more to spend with your friends at the guild.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT NORM OLSON

Volunteers are how our Guild survives. We have always had members step up to the task when asked or needed. I see in my other volunteer situations that this is becoming a rare occurrence and the "volunteers" want to know what is in it for them or what benefits does the position include. This, to me seems to negate the actual idea of being a volunteer.

So much for the babble. Calgary Woodturners Guild is having its AGM next month and there are several positions that require filling: President, Vice President, Secretary, Programs and Sawdust Session positions are Officer or Executive positions that are up for grabs.

I have no issues staying on as President unless someone has a burning desire to take over.

Garry Goddard says he will continue to sit as VP.

Doug Drury has been asking for someone to take over his position (which entails putting the newsletter together) for some time but no one has accepted the challenge. Doug has offered to mentor or backup someone doing this job but it does require a commitment of being at the meetings. Doug has also brought his camera to the meetings to capture pictures of not only the display tables but also any worthwhile shots of the demos. He could leave my ugly mug out of the newsletter, if he is reading this.

Albert Daniels has been doing the Sawdust Session for years now, and again has asked that someone takes over this job. It does

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require a presence at the monthly meetings at the DIC but this could be a shared position of a couple of people wanted to co-chair this important position.

Terry Golbeck has been doing the monthly program agenda for a number of years and would probably continue but it would be easier if he had some help. I do my best at this but it usually falls on his shoulders.

Sherry Willetts has re-engineered our website to the current one and has done a wonderful job of it. I am not sure if she is wanting to give it up or not - if there was a volunteer with website experience.

I have been doing the AV Setup for a number of years now as there doesn't seem to be

anyone willing to take on the challenge. This is another position that requires the dedication to be present at each meeting or we end up not having the cameras and/or speaker running. This could be a shared task if there are several people interested.

Please give the above some consideration and email me or see me at the start of the March meeting.

Best Regards and please stay warm,

Norm Olsen

President

Calgary Woodturners Guild

CREMATION URNS by Greg Dahl

Cremation Urns have to fit the following parameters due to their being large enough to hold the ashes yet still small enough to fit into a normal Crypt (12" D X 12" H X 6" W)

- Size – one pound of flesh equals 1 cubic inch of ash – funeral homes want urns that hold at least 200 cubic inches
- Crypt size is 12H high by 12" deep X 6" wide
- The urn must be sealed and be able to be sealed once filled with ash (the ash is normally in a plastic bag inside the urn, so care must be taken to ensure there are no sharp edges, burs, or roughness that could puncture or rip the plastic bag)
- Opening at top for ashes must be at least 2 ½" diameter
- It is hard to get a round urn to fill the above parameters and still fit into a crypt.



Greg showed an urn that Forest Lawn Mortuary said they would sell for \$500. The mortuary normally takes ½ as their commission.

Greg makes urns by putting a log onto his lathe, turn round and chuck one end. He uses the tail stock support while shaping the outside and does all of the shaping with a roughing gouge. Once the outside is formed, a steady rest is used for hollowing the inside. Greg made a steady

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rest out of plywood. He cut a large ring out of plywood and uses plywood arms as wheel supports. For wheels you can use roller blade wheels.

To hollow the urn Greg uses forstner bits to start. He starts with a 1 ½" forstner bit. Once drilled with the 1 ½ inch bit, he takes a skew and makes a mortise to act as a guide for the next largest bit. He then uses a 2" bit, then 2 ½", then 3" and increases ½ inch at a time until he reaches the final size. Greg purchased his forstner bits at Lee Valley. Greg completes hollowing using a Hunter hock tool and a homemade hollowing tool, scrapers, and a swan neck hollower.



Sanding is one with a mop handle with a slot cut in it to hold the sandpaper. The urn is then parted off with a cup in the bottom so it will not rock.

To make sure the urn is large enough, Greg measures the inside volume with rice. Greg also seals the inside of the urn with epoxy.

The urn must have a tight fitting lid. Greg makes the lid from one piece of wood, and turns a knob into the lid with a diamond shaped carbide tool.

Donations: Dwayne Sims amounted that donations to date this year are \$1,390. Dwayne is always looking for donation items.

Future Guild Meetings: Terry Golbeck started a discussion about what to cover for the next 4 meetings before our Summer Break. Terry introduced the flip charts that were created a few meetings previous and we reviewed the items on the charts. We then took our break, and Terry asked that during the break we talk among ourselves as to what topics we would like covered.

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During the break Jim Osenton and Greg Dahl volunteered to do a demonstration on Center Saving, and Ed Auston volunteered to do a session on Basket Weave Illusion. With two sessions volunteered for during the break, it was suggested that we just take another break to fill the last two slots.

After the laughter subsided, we discussed future sessions some more, and decided that we would cover late accessories, selection and maintenance in the first part of one meeting, and finishes in the second half. The fourth meeting would be on green wood processing and drying, and microwave drying.

The order these topics will be covered will be coordinated by Terry. Watch your inbox for future meeting announcements. These are all sure to be interesting topics.

Dave Beeman did the raffle draw with help and many pieces of wood found new homes. Bill Richards won \$67.50 in the 50/50 draw.

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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 benefitting both members and also the community.

FOR THE MEMBERS:

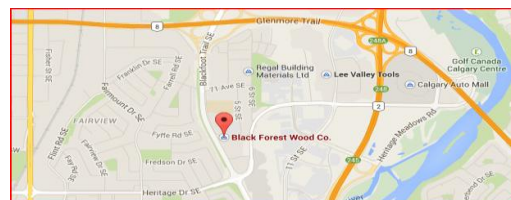
- To provide all members with a method of regularly exchanging ideas and experience in woodturning
- To promote safety in woodturning
- To benefit from group size in acquiring published resources and materials

FOR THE COMMUNITY:

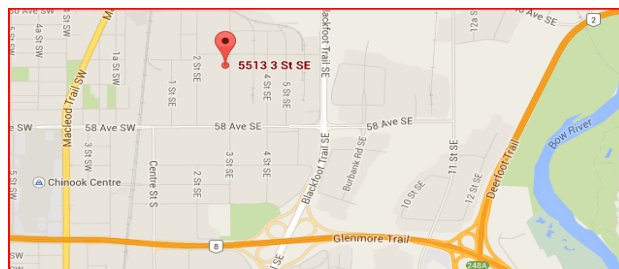
- To bring an awareness of woodturning to the general public
- To provide charitable benefits to the community

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$30.00 per calendar year (includes newsletter delivered via email)

MEETING LOCATION, TIME, AND MAILING ADDRESS: 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 Avenue SE, Calgary, AB, T2H 2B9. Visitors are always welcome.



SAWDUST SESSIONS: Sawdust sessions are held at the Calgary Drop-In Woodwork Shop (5513 3 Street SE). Come turn and talk wood with your fellow guild members, learn or try something new. There are always people available to answer questions and give help, and lathes to turn project on. Visitors are always welcome, and lunch is available for \$5.00 for those who work up an appetite and want to stay.



CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

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Vice President	Garry Goddard	Librarian	Carl Smith
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