

CALGARY WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER



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Choosing a Lathe, Lathe Accessories, Sphere Turning Jig

Norm call the meeting to order LATE! (7:00:19 PM)

We did not have any guests at the June 2019 meeting.

Steve Olson gave an AGM Financial Report. We started the year with money. We ended the year with more money. We current have approximately \$7,000 in the bank.

Carl Smith informed the guild that Black Forest had sold \$215 worth of tops. It was moved by Doug Drury, seconded by Carl Smith that the \$215 be donated to the Calgary Food Bank. The motion was carried unanimously.

Steve Olson informed the guild that the Social Media committee had held two meetings and had decided that the guild should up their social media presence. The committee will be doing more work over the summer and will make a further announcement in the fall.

Albert Daniels informed the guild that the next sawdust session will be June 15th.

Kai Mortensen informed the guild that the summer BBQ will be held on September 7th. It will be non-alcoholic but will include other beverages, food, lathes, demonstrations, and other activities. Kai asked that you let him know if you are planning on attending. Further announcements will be made closer to the date.

Kai asked that those participating in the Spruce Meadows Sale in July meet in the studio at the break.

It was announced that it was Greg Dahl's birthday. Happy Birthday Greg.

Albert informed the guild that he know someone with some Manitoba maple that was available for free to Guild members. This is green wood with some up to 14 inches in diameter (heavy). See Albert if you are interested.

Dwayne Sims informed the guild that donations for the year are \$3,285. A group from the Children's Hospital will be making a presentation at the September meeting (September 3rd)

Choosing a Lathe by Terry Golbeck

Terry led a general discussion regarding what to consider in choosing a lathe. Some of those items are:

- Horsepower (with today's pully/belt systems, 2 HP is Lots)
- Variable Speed (always a nice feature to have, saves on having to change belts/pulleys)
- Reversible (not just for sanding, but for turning on the far side on a piece when hollowing)
- Voltage (220 V will run cooler at lower amperage. Can also run higher horsepower than 120V)
- Height - the ideal spindle height is at the bottom of the elbow when standing comfortably with your arm bent. Some lathes offer height adjustable legs. If there is no height adjustment you may need to build a platform to stand on or a platform for the lathe to get the lathe the proper height for you.
- Swing and Bed Length This all depends on the type of turning you are wanting to do. If you are only looking to turn pens and small items, almost any lathe will handle your needs, but if you are looking to make large bowls or more complex geometric items, you may need a large swing, a long bed, or outboard turning capabilities.
- Index and lock spindle Once again the importance of these features depends upon the type of turning you are looking to do, but all lathes should have some sort of lock to accommodate mounting accessories such as a chuck.

B R E A K

After the break it was announced that a box of pen blanks had been brought to the meeting. Some of these pen blanks were from rare and exotic woods. The blanks would be for sale for \$2.00 a blank after the end of the meeting. (Sorry, I did not get the name of the person who brought these blanks to the meeting)

Lathe Accessories

A number of guild members brought lathe accessories to show to the guild

- Dean Sinnott brought a lathe chisel holder and a dust collector hose holder, a Gilbert Spindle Caliper, and a Tray that clamps onto the lathe to hold sandpaper, calipers, whatever.



- Greg Dahl brought a One-way Steady Rest designed for spindles up to 3 1/2". The way this Steady Rest is designed, it can also be used INSIDE a bowl or hollow form to reduce vibration



- Wilf Talbot brought home made steady rest and a tool rest with a led light strip mounted to the bottom of the tool rest to light up his turning.



- Dwayne Sims brought a Thermoforming (multi axis)Turning Jig, and a Fluting Jig that he mounts a router into to cut flutes into a bowl, and then glues in contrasting pieces of wood



- Terry Golbeck showed the guild some commercially available center savers.



Terry also showed the guild (sorry, no pictures of these) a long spindle tool rest (48"), and a drill bit extender. One trick that you can do with the drill bit extender is mount it in the headstock of the lathe, and then slide a vase over it so the drill bit extender is pressed against the inside bottom of the vase. Bring up the tailstock for support, and you can now finish the vase bottom.

Sphere Cutters

Terry Golbeck demonstrated a sphere cutter he recently acquired. Cost of this sphere cutter was about \$545.



Raffle Draw

Dave Beeman with help from friends conducted the raffle draw.

Many pieces of wood found new homes and Bill Wood won \$75 in the 50/50 draw.

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday September 3rd at Black Forest Wood Company.

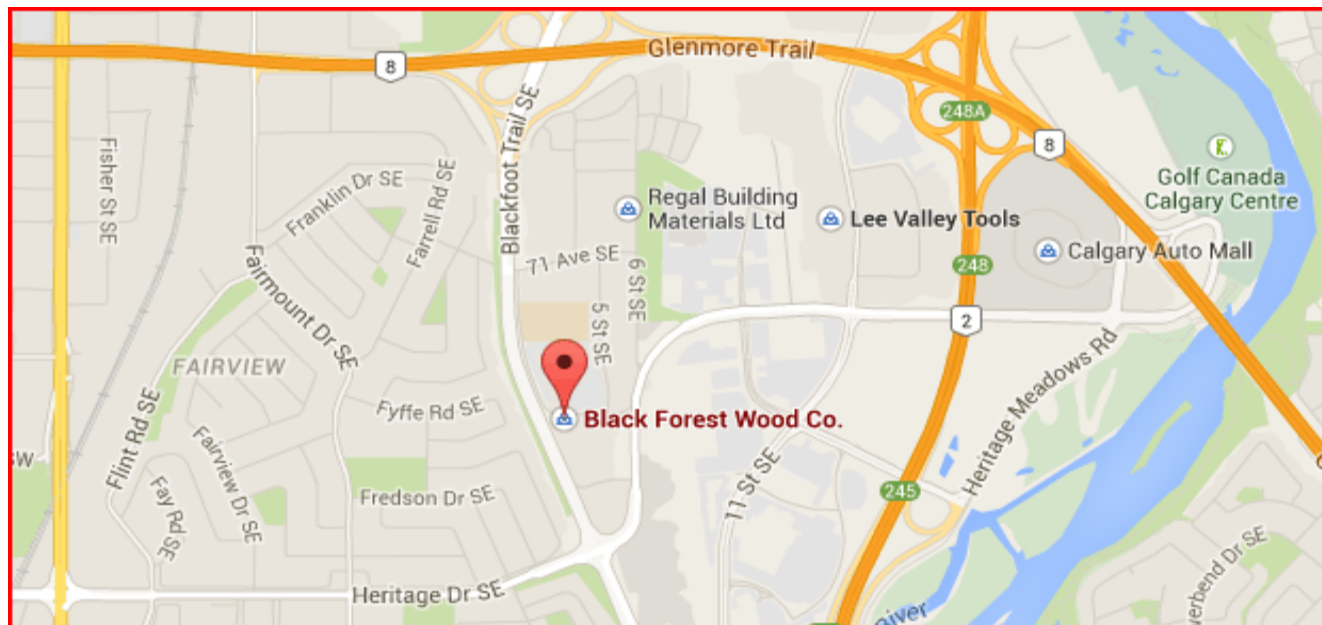
Instant Gallery





Guild Meetings

The Calgary Woodturners Guild meets at Black Forest Wood Company (603, 77 Ave SE, Calgary) the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM except for July and August. Visitors are always welcome.



Sawdust Sessions

With the closing of the Calgary Drop-In Woodwork Shop a new location will need to be found for monthly sawdust sessions. Keep watching for a new location announcement.

Sawdust sessions are where guild members come together to turn and talk wood and turning techniques, ask questions and give help, and lathes to turn projects on. Visitors are always welcome, and lunch is available for \$5.00 for those who work up an appetite and want to stay.

There are always people available to answer questions and give instruction, lathes to turn projects, practice and learn new techniques. Visitors are always welcome, including those who have never turned before.

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 & 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 Avenue SE, Calgary, AB. Visitors are welcome

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual Dues - \$30.00 with Email, otherwise \$35.00
Dues paid on a calendar year basis

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