



# CALGARY WOODTURNERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Norm called the meeting to order.

A new face was among us sorry I did not get your name.

Certainly, a good turnout standing room only, it was like a Rolling Stones concert. ☺

Couple of reminders:

A few items looking for new homes:

- a grinder (I think these items went early on)
- 1 hp dust collector c/w dust deputy (I think these items went early on)
- a light kit (Sherry looking for \$20).
- A great big burl (150lbs) (I saw some money changing hands so I am sure it went as well)

Steve was busy taking pictures with the clubs' new camera, looking forward to seeing more great content in the upcoming year.

Norm and Steve settled on a new projector, taking advantage of a Black Friday special, looking forward to seeing that in the new year as well.

Yearly dues were being collected, if you haven't paid please track down Steve at the next meeting.

Ken gave us a demo of an older version of Creative Woodturner [www.creative-woodturner.com](http://www.creative-woodturner.com)

The software allows a lot of benefits to wood turners:

- It is very straight forward to use without having any experience with CAD/CAM software. Honestly, I see this as the biggest selling point (the learning curve is steep for traditional CAD/CAM, not to mention the entry cost of those software packages), the cost for this software is less than a new tool.
- Allows users to get a good idea of form without having to turn multiple pieces to refine shape and form.
- Keep a record of those designs digitally so they can be referred to again in the future.
- Print out a profile hard copy to be transcribed to a story stick.

However, I thought there were a few missing things

- Golden Ratio overlay to easily refine the design.
- The ability to draw a biezzer (universal digital line).

Downloading the newer evaluation, they seem to have a few new features:

- Multi select tool allowing the user to select multiple components of the drawing and move it together is nice.
- Few new wood species, and example vessels, bowls, and boxes.

Some other software I have come across in my research are Sketch Up for Wood workers, and Wood Turner Pro.

Sketch Up for Wood Workers (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u80grW1zjOw>) is an excellent 3D rendering tool that is great for developing a detail design. However, the tool is much more complicated, and is better suited for furniture or structural work, and there is less applicable content for the wood turner.

Wood Turner Pro (<http://woodturnerpro.com>), is built for wood turners however they are concentrating on the Segmented Turner. If your interested in segmented turning the software planning tools is very powerful for designing the piece and calculating all of the stock necessary as well as the cut list taking into account all angles, etc. Wood Turner Pro also has a Golden Ratio calculator in it which I thought was very helpful in understanding form for original designs.

# The Gallery

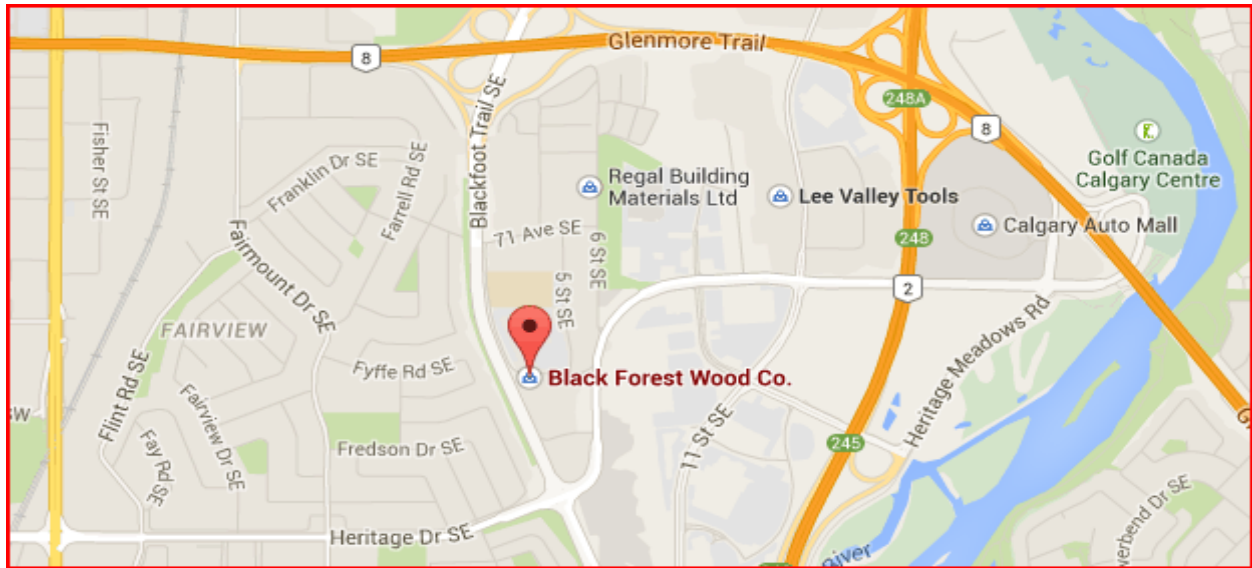






## **Guild Meetings**

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.



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

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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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