



South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild

March/April 2011 – Issue 7

The South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild is a group that meets on the third Tuesday of every month. While meetings generally begin at 7 p.m. in the woodworking shop at O'Neil High School we plan on meetings outside of that location as well.

South Sask Woodturners Guild News

We had 14 members and guests in attendance at our March meeting.

Two new prospective members Bill Liskowich and Dan Fuchs were among those in attendance.

Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild AGM

The date for our AGM was discussed and it was decided that the May meeting will be our AGM. We will need to make changes to the bylaws to accommodate the Guild joining the AAW. The directors will prepare an amendment to the bylaws and have it mailed to all members 2 weeks prior to the AGM.

Memberships Are Due

Dale reported that the memberships for 2011 are now due. Mike is in charge of collecting memberships. If Mike is not around then Rick will be happy to take your money.

April Meeting Challenge

The Chairs Challenge for the April meeting was the creation of a pair of candle sticks as suggested by Neil McGregor. If you have some ideas for a challenge please get them to Dale or be prepared to bring them to a future meeting.

Regina's Largest Tool Show

JD Industrial Supplies hosted Regina's Largest Tool Show in February.

There was woodworking demo's and the vendors included Kreg, Freud, Makita, King, Milwaukee, Lenox, Fein, Norton, Gray, STIHL and more.

This show was hosted at the Evraz Turvey Centre



Len Sheldon conducts a demo at JD Tool Show

SSWG participated at the show with members of the club conducting turning demos throughout the 2 day show. There appeared to be a great deal of interest and a few new members were recruited to the Guild.



Dale, Paul and Rick supervise as John Raine turns in background

Dale reported that the presence of the Guild at JD's tool show was a huge success. He thanked those who put on demonstrations and those members who dropped by to show their support. It is JD's plan to try and have this again next year and would welcome our presence.

Classes at O'Neil High School

Paul Omilon and Rick Murton conducted classes at O'Neil for students. Rick, Paul and the students were all very pleased with the sessions as were members of the student's families who saw pictures and a story in a school newsletter.



Students look on as Paul makes a point

Tips and Hints

To increase the accuracy of tool sharpening systems, build a simple wooden protrusion (depth) jig, to insure the tool extends from the front of the jig the same distance each time before sharpening.

Use Bloxygen (an inert blend of gases that prevents premature curing of oil finishes during storage), or collapsible accordion style finish containers to eliminate oxygen in oil finish storage containers to extend the shelf life and prevent premature curing.

If you have fluorescent lighting in your studio anywhere near your lathe, you should purchase plastic tube shields for each fixture. These shields are available at home centres and slip over the outside of each fluorescent tube. Should a piece of debris fly off the lathe and hit the tube, most if not all of the shattered glass will remain inside the plastic shield instead of spraying all over you and your lathe. Money well spent!

Smooth the sharp bevel edge transition on skew chisels (long point end) with abrasive paper, or use a grinding wheel to prevent scoring wood

fibers when turning spindle projects.

Chairs Challenge

The Chairs Challenge for the April meeting was Turned Eggs. We had a table full of wooden eggs of all shapes and sizes. Great job to those who had the time to get them done. There were also several excellent pieces (bowls, candle sticks etc.)



A few of the items members brought to the meeting



John Raine had his basket of eggs on display



Peter Chernoff shows off his chick and egg.

*Lloyd Dyer and Henry Peters look on as Rick conducts one of his demos
Turnings on display by Rick, John and Henry*

Forthcoming Events

The AAW Annual Symposium is being held in Saint Paul MN. from June 24th to 26th and anyone interested should check out the website at www.woodturners.org.

Update

Wood Essence of Saskatoon has moved to 2343 1st Av N. The phone number remains the same at 306-955-8775.

GW Saw's Grand Opening

GW Saw held their grand opening on April 15 and 16 at 1056 Winnipeg St., Regina, Sk. The South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild had a chance to attend and conduct demos at the show. John Carter and Rick Murton represented the club at this show and had about 5 hours to visit with interested persons. The show was well attended and we had several people indicate an interest in participating in future meetings of the

Bob Dawson of the Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers spoke to



members about the forthcoming Wood Working Show coming up on late April

April Show and Tell



Guild.



Lloyd Dyer discusses technique behind the turning of one of several items he had on display at April's meeting





Jack Lyster's candlesticks



Members brought numerous articles for the display table.

SSWG Members Very Busy

The Guild has spent a very busy couple of months. They participated in the JD Tool Grand Opening, the O'Neil students Turning Workshop and the GW Saw Grand Opening. Thanks to members who were able to attend and/or take part in these events.

The final event in April was the Wood Carvers and Whittler's Show on April 30 and May 1. It was a well attended show and was fun to be a part of.



Members displayed a wide array of their turnings at the show.



Rick Murton had a table of his work on display



Dale Lowe discusses some of his turnings with people attending the show.

Future Newsletters

Please send in articles, ideas and web links to John Carter for inclusion in future newsletters. It makes the letter more fun and a bit easier for me if I can get your input and assistance. Thanks in advance. Thank you also for the show of

*appreciation at our March meeting.
Also please feel free to point out any errors or
omissions that appear in this, or future issues, of
the SSWG Newsletter.
John*