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April 11 & 12th at Port Elgin facility

April 21 Guild Meeting
David Bell will demonstrate creative ways to deal with flaws in woodturning blanks

January Meeting

With a growing interest in the *Wig-Stands-For-Cancer* initiative within the guild, Carl Durance did a demonstration on the making of a basic wig stand. The demonstration included discussion about optional augmentations such as, rotatable top, a jewelry tray, and necklace hangers. Making a wig stand will hone your skills in bowl turning and spindle turning, as well providing a hand-crafted wig stand to someone going through cancer treatments at our local hospitals.



Carl at the lathe



Dirk as his able-bodied assistant

Show & tell brought out a full selection for everyone's enjoyment!



February Meeting

We have seen the making of a Dizzy Bowl. Now we got to learn how to miniaturize that into a Dizzy Goblet through this demonstration by Al Tamman. The construction techniques are different, but the end result looks similar.



Al Tamman Demonstrating his technique for a dizzy goblet

Show & Tell



March Meeting

Charles Jordan demonstrated his *seven steps to turning and finishing a coloured bowl*. Turns out some of us sand too fast & don't pay enough attention to finishing details.



Show & Tell



Upcoming Events

April 11, 2018



Glenn Lucas, internationally-recognized woodturner from Co Carlow, Ireland, will do an all-day demonstration/presentation at the GBWG facility in Port Elgin. The day will be comprised of at least three of his standard presentation topics, *Sharpening Made Easy*, *The Utility Bowl*, and the *Dublin Viking Bowl*. Each topic will provide a wealth of information for the novice through advanced woodturner.



This demonstration is an all-day event, starting at 9:00AM sharp and running through 4:00PM, doors open at 8:00AM. Please arrive early so that we can be well organized to start on time.

April 12, 2018

Glenn Lucas, internationally-recognized woodturner from Co Carlow, Ireland, will lead a full-day hands-on workshop at the GBWG facility in Port Elgin. The workshop will be the turning of a traditional Irish platter, covering an array of techniques from sharpening, mounting, turning, and finishing.



This demonstration is an all-day event, starting at 9:00AM sharp and running through 4:00PM, doors open at 8:00AM. Please arrive early so that we can be well organized to start on time.

Grey-Bruce Turnfest in October, 2018

Tentative Symposium Dates

Saturday, October 20th, 2018 and Sunday, October 21st, 2018

Stay Tuned!! Stay tuned for more information as we firm up presenters & dates!

Art Liestman, Vancouver has confirmed his attendance as our featured demonstrator, along with Stephen Hogbin!

Bravery Beads Program

The Bravery Bead Program allows children who wish to participate, the chance to collect a different bead for each procedure or event while visiting the Sick Kids Hospital for treatment. The goal of the program is to make a necklace with colourful beads that represent the unique and special journey of a particular child and to make something that they are proud of and want to share with family and friends. Beads are not given as a reward or something to be earned but rather to represent each child's individual story through treatment. Many of these children collect hundreds of beads, so the Guild members are making bowls to hold the beads collected by the children.

The GBWG is very proud of our participation in the Bravery Beads Program, with demonstrations and talks being given by our President, Carl Durance to other Guilds in Ontario. The membership has contributed well over 40 bowls to date, with many more coming down the pipeline.



Article from Bay Shore Broadcasting July, 2017

“Last month, we told you about a very special project being undertaken by members of the Grey-Bruce Woodturners Guild.

The Guild has been hard at work creating beautiful, hand-made wooden bowls for the Bravery Beads Program at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Well over 25 of those custom wooden bowls have arrived at their destination.

Women's Auxiliary Volunteer, Judy Hurrell, works with the Bravery Beads Program at the hospital and has been a part of the auxiliary for many years.

The Auxiliary is in the process of trying to decide who (which child/children) will receive a bravery bowl - a very tough decision to make.

"We have to be careful as well because if one child gets it and another child sees it, it could be a little uncomfortable," says Hurrell.

Hurrell says they also have Sick Kids Ambassadors, children who have been going through treatments for years whether it be cancer, transplant or other treatments, who are now better and come back to the hospital to talk to sick children and help guide them and lift their spirits.

"They'll sit with other sick children and adults, and share what they've been through, so we feel that they would be good recipients of the bowls as well," adds Hurrell.

Three members of the Grey-Bruce Woodturners Guild (Carl Durance, Ray Fenton and Garry Maguire) drove from Port Elgin to Toronto to deliver the bowls to the hospital approximately 2 weeks ago.

Hurrell says they are more than pleased with the heart and soul put into the bowls by the Grey-Bruce Woodturners Guild.

"We met those three men and they were absolutely amazing and we can't believe the work that they've done for these kids, it's going to make a difference," notes Hurrell.

The Bravery Beads Program has been going now for 15 years and has been very successful at lifting the spirits of children going through difficult procedures and treatments.

At the end of the day, it's about helping these precious little lives and that's what really matters.”

