

# ONE GOOD TURN

Meetings: First Tuesday of the Month 6:30PM Demos: Third Saturday 12:30PM

## Beads of Courage

Thanks to all who made boxes for the Beads of Courage program. This will be an ongoing program because it is for such an important cause. Members are encouraged to make a box or boxes to donate

## Dues Are Now Due

It is that time of year again and our annual Club dues are now due. Dues are still a bargain at \$35 for the year. We hope to be able to soon have meetings in person or virtually by Zoom. The dues help pay for the Club insurance and also for a new Zoom account so that we may have unlimited time for our meetings with up to 100 participants. Please send your payment to

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## Zoom Meeting

On Nov 4, the zoom meeting was attended by 15 club members and we were treated to a demonstration on how to prepare and use turquoise in our turnings. Our esteemed president Tom, showed us several ways to create turquoise dust of various sizes using a hammer and sock or a mortar and pestle. Tom then showed us how to incorporate the dust into our turnings using CA glue or epoxy in the natural voids or areas we create. All in all, a very informative meeting.



## Next Zoom Meeting

Our next zoom meeting will be Wed Dec 2, 2020 with a demonstration by Wayne Petrini of making and using a Sanding Paste to help with finishing our projects. Also time will be set aside for a "Show

and Tell” session to show members what you have been working on. Please be ready to show your latest creations.

Members who have paid their dues will be sent the zoom meeting number and the password to join the meeting.

See you there.

### Our Members Are Busy

I received this note and pictures from member Dean Yonkovich, Lincoln, Mt.

I recently made several Christmas ornaments, a display rack and several snowmen for a couple of stores here in Lincoln who have graciously taken them in to sell. I enjoy these little projects. Size wise they are small and manageable, you get to use a little exotic wood which is fun, and it tests so many of your turning skills from hollowing to detail spindle work, Skew work, to precision fitting pieces together for friction fits or glue up. It is also a ball to just create as you go along. Ornaments with long/short finials, miniature birdhouses, bells, all kinds of different hats, scarves, etc. I also like to wood burn or paint designs on some pieces to add some character.

Likely you have made your snowmen with a hidden compartment under the removeable hat so a message or money can be inserted as a gift. I recently made some small free standing Christmas trees and the store requested I make the top removeable. Apparently some customers were trying to separate the tree like the snowmen so they could gift a message or money as a gift. Who knew? Some ornaments are Time Capsule ornaments

where the lower finial can be removed to put in a secret message such as the current boyfriend, a picture or a favorite Bible verse, etc to be opened years later is cool.

As many already know, YouTube has a myriad of videos on turning ornaments, etc. I use Pinterest often for creative ideas, from which I started making small birdhouse ornaments which are a blast. They were the first to sell.

Likely many of you are turning some cool Christmas projects, hope to see some of your projects as well.



## Nick Agar Interactive Remote Zoom Demo

Our neighbors to the North, The Chinook Woodturning Guild, kindly invited the Great Falls Woodturning Club to be their guests on a Zoom Demonstration featuring Nick Agar. Nick is originally from the UK but recently moved to just out of Savannah, Georgia. Nick is a production turner/artist who has been turning for greater than 30 years. He has done numerous live and Zoom demo's on various topics. His website is [nickagarstudios.com](http://nickagarstudios.com) for those of you who want to check out his work. This Zoom meeting had 74 people from multiple guilds in Canada and their invited guests in Montana in attendance to watch from the comfort of their own homes. It appeared that 8 of the GFWT members were in attendance. A social time was available for a half hour before the presentation to all for "bs time" and getting people on-line. The presentation went off without any difficulty. Nick's a world class turner who also comes across as a genuinely nice gentleman with a great presentation style. His presentation topic was on embellishment techniques. This involved taking a maple blank and then turning and texturing the wood for ultimate dyeing and coloring. He used chroma craft alcohol-based dyes to not raise the wood grain for the background color. He then used a green chroma craft cream put on with a toothbrush. He then wiped off the surface so that it left the green color in the textured areas on the bowl. He then used chroma craft bronze gilt cream applied with nitril gloves and his fingertips to highlight the surface giving it an antique look. He utilized an

airbrush to spray clear sealer to lock in these coloring techniques. He spent a lot of time with excellent instruction on application of these materials in addition to texturing advice. He also talked about using Rustina textured primer along with Rustina Ageing Solution to create a metal looking effect for a bowl. His work is stunning, and I encourage people to visit his gallery listed on his website. Furthermore, his exceptional suggestions about using turning tools were an additional bonus feature. The two-hour presentation just seemed to "fly by." The GFWT club shared the cost with four guilds in Canada so our cost for this event was \$80, and what a bargain it was. We again Thank our neighbors to the north for this marvelous demo and invitation to participate.

Tom Krajacich, Pres. GFWT

## Winged Bowl Challenge

The Winged Bowl Challenge invited woodturners from Edmonton, Central Alberta, Calgary and Chinook woodturners guilds and the Great Falls Woodturners to make bowls using techniques demonstrated by Craig Timmerman in his Zoom IRD of 22 October, 2020.

The winner of the Winged Bowl Challenge, chosen by random selection, is **Glen Boettger** from the Central Alberta Woodturners Guild. Congratulations Glen!!

## Great Falls Woodturners

There were 16 participants, several with more than one piece, exhibiting a wide range of artistic visions. Below are the entries in no particular order. Participants included 7 members of the Chinook Woodturning Guild, 3 from the Edmonton Woodturners Guild, 3 from the Great Falls Woodturners Club, 2 from the Calgary Woodturners and 1 from the Central Alberta Woodturners.

Thank you to all.

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Dan Michener - Chinook  
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Great Falls Woodturners



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Gail Amort-Larson - Edmonton  
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Ken Haase- Chinook Woodturners Guild



Chuck Kuether- Gt Falls Woodturners



Wayne Petrini- Gt Falls Woodturners



Glen Boettger- Central Alberta Woodturners Guild



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Remie Benoit, Chinook Woodturning Guild



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Tom Krajacich Thread Chasing Practice

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