

# Prince George Woodturners Guild

## January Newsletter

2010 started off with Mark hosting the first guild meeting of the year. Mark's shop has recently been refitted with a new dust collection system which was the focus of much attention and admiration. Powered by a Clearvue Cyclone, with blast gate switches on programable logic controls, the system is very well thought out and really sucks!



Ron Malyk has taken over management of our website. Websites apparently resemble workshops in their ability to accumulate odds and bits that no longer perform any useful function so Ron is rebuilding the site from scratch.

For those interested, Ron can create individual member photo galleries. Simply submit your images to Ron by email or on cd and he will do the magic of putting them in your gallery. There was some discussion of having self managed galleries but that approach would actually make more work for the webmaster. Members who wish to have their contact information included on a members list on the website can submit the information they want published to Ron.

Laurie reminded the group that annual memberships are due for renewal. At \$35 a year it has to be the best bargain in town. Also, in continuing business, please bring in the pieces made from the elm trees the guild received from city hall last summer. One piece from each turner will be donated back to the city for presentation gifts. Mark your piece as you normally do but also include Prince George Woodturners Guild.

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In new business the guild has been invited to participate in the artisans display at the Minerals North trade show at the Civic Center April 22, and 23. Set up will be April 21, we will be provided with a table and are welcome to bring our own shelving. Sales are allowed, breakfast and lunch will be provided to booth attendants. All they ask is the donation of one piece to their silent auction. April 22 will be a full day 9 AM to 5 PM April 23 will be a half day 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This is an excellent opportunity to promote the work of the guild and to make some contacts and maybe some sales to the mining industry.

With only 13 members present the wood raffle raised less than usual but \$23 still helps.

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Max stepped into the demonstrators shoes and produced an nicely made small rolling pin with ball handles.



Ron Clemmons has organized a wood buy of cherry from a supplier in Edmonton. I must say that this deal went very quickly and very well as the wood is here divided up and distributed. Thanks to Ron and Mark for making this happen. Now I have some beautiful wood in my shop that I'm scared to screw up.

Speaking of screw ups. They are the inspiration the monthly project for February. Call it Plan B if you like, or rescued wood, but we all have pieces that didn't go the way they were intended to and so became ..... well something else.

A reminder that West Coast Roundup will be September 10,11,12. Information is on the Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild site [www.gvwg.ca](http://www.gvwg.ca).

February meeting will be a Laurier's shop, 6955 View Place, Feb 25.  
Laurie will be demonstrating a comparison of the McNoughton vs the Oneway coring systems.

Thanks for your patience I'll try for a more timely newsletter next month.  
Ken