

### Presidential Mumblings January 2018



Gary Russell

Well it is January, it's frigid outdoors and the Holiday bills are coming in. So it is time to lift your spirits with a little wood turning (wine also helps). Use that new tool you got for Christmas on that piece of wood you've been saving for a special occasion. Let's see a big show and share table

this month.

The December holiday meeting was a huge success. The treats were great and Scott Grove did a fantastic demo, really too much information for a single session. Maybe we can get him back sometime. This brings us to the challenge project for this month which is an inlay turning. Choose your inlay style from any of his examples. And thanks to everyone who brought in food.

Our first meeting for the new year is on Thursday January 18, and it will begin at 6:00pm with a show and share of members work, followed by a short business meeting that will commence at 6:30pm. We have had to make some adjustments to the planned demonstrations, and our featured demonstrator is David Gilbert His topic is **Turn a Yarn Bowl from Green Wood Start to Finish**. This is a *darn* good project to learn.

We purchased a new tool chest for the club which works really well for us. The Board decided to keep the old one for now because we may need it for our outreach programs. We need a temporary home for it though. We really can't keep both at Isaac's. Can anyone store it for a while? Let us know if you can.

The Isaac United Way/Community Chest breakfast auction will soon be upon us. I am hoping for good Club donations for them. If you haven't started making something for them yet, please do so. Remember they have been very generous to us by providing free space for our meetings and events. Let's show them what we can do. Also don't forget your tops donations. We still have a ways to go to meet our goal. I know we can do it; and if you need help, a number of us can work with you.

Soon we will be setting up a workshop to teach teachers and demonstrators. We need to help our teachers do the best job the Club can sponsor. There have been six students/teachers at each of our last outreach workshops and each of us has our own style and skills. Basically six different ways of doing things. We all know there are different ways of turning, but for beginner classes we would love to have everyone at a similar level. So if you are interested and would like to join us even if you are not intending to volunteer, we would love to have you. More news on this will be coming shortly.

FLWT meetings are held from 6:30 to 9:00 PM (pre-meeting Show and Share starts at 6:00 PM) on the 3rd Thursday of the month each month. Our meetings are held at the Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning University classroom, 50 Holleder Parkway, Rochester, NY 14615. For more infor-

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We recently added some new materials to the FLWT library for loan.

**DVD's:**

- *Mastering Woodturning – Traditional Irish Bowl* by Glenn Lucas
- *Mastering Woodturning – Dublin Viking Bowl* by Glenn Lucas

**Books:**

- *Complete Illustrated Guide to Turning* by Richard Raffin
- *Turned Boxes* by Chris Stott
- *International Lathe Turned Objects* by Albert LeCoff

When checking out items from the library please be sure that a Librarian marks the item down on our tracking sheet. And don't hesitate to offer suggestions to Gary or Denis regarding library operations, or new items you would like to see in the library.

And lastly, as with anything that members borrow from the library, if you lose it or break it, you're responsible for buying another one for the club.

Gary & Denis

**TOPS UPDATE**  
by Jim Hotaling

At the beginning of the December meeting we had a total; of 585 tops. Two hundred and seventeen (217) tops were turned in at the meeting, which brings the total to 802 tops.

With our goal of 1200 tops we thus have a short fall of 398 tops. Let's all give it a little push so that we can make our goal! Our weather as of late should be a positive factor.

On Thursday December 21 Scott Grove (scottgrove.com) gave us a demo on various embellishment techniques.

First Scott showed how he uses inlaid wood to embellish a bowl. After the bowl is turned, he makes a reverse mold of the bowl area where the wood will go by using Bondo. Bondo is used in auto body repair. It is liquid that is poured into the bowl and when it hardens you have an exact reverse mold of the bowl. Then soak your veneer wood to soften it up, glue into the bowl, then put the Bondo form on top of the wood and clamp everything together until it is dry. The excess can be trimmed off with a skew chisel. You can also use inlay to embellish the outside rim of a bowl.

Next Scott covered inlay embellishment with wire. Determine what pattern you want – sometimes it helps to draw a pattern on the piece. Then chisel a slight groove into the wood. Select the metal you want to use, lay it in the groove, and hammer it in. Wet the wire with water to swell the wood, then seal with PVA glue. You can use simple copper wire, or buy other types of wire such as silver, etc.

Gold leaf is another common technique. Most "gold leaf" is actually imitation metal called dutch metal alloy. The metal can be variegated with heat or various chemicals to create an aged look.

Next up was resins. Scott uses crystal calcite to do various types of inlay. You can also use key shavings, aluminum flakes, or small diameter pipe like copper tubing.

Another option is gelled epoxy, which when dry can be turned. The glue that Scott uses has an 8-hour set time and can be heated to release the air bubbles.

UV cured resin can also be used. Scott uses Blufixx. Fill the gap, then shine the blue UV light on it and it cures in about 10 seconds.

Urethane materials such as Alumilite sets up fast. The proportions are critical – each part must be weighed to insure best results. Urethane does not work well in high humidity situations. You can mix in aluminum, brass, etc.

Next up was minerals. Turquoise, which is expensive, can be simulated with crushed polyester. You can also use mother of pearl. Small cracks in wood turnings can be filled with mother of pearl dust and CA glue. Or for a really cool effect use phosphorous dust which glows in the dark!

Members asked a lot of great questions, and all enjoyed the demo. It is great that FLWT has volunteers who arrange these demos. I always learn something from every demo I see.

## Show and Share

We did not have Show and Share because of the Annual Christmas Party

## 2017-18 SCHEDULE AND MENTOR CONTACTS

September 21	Mark Mazzo—Airbrush Embellishment
October 19	David Gilbert—Bowl Coring Systems Comparisons
November 16—19	Thomas Wirsing—National Speaker/Workshop
December 21	Scott Grove—Inlays and Surface Enhancements
January 18	David Gilbert—Yarn Bowl
February 15	David Barnett—(Rochester Folk Art Guild) Natural Edge Bowl
March 16	Jeff Cheramie—Beads of Courage
April 19	Bruce Trojan—Dealing with tearout and adding plastics
May 18—20	Alan Lacer—National Turner

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><b>1. Here's a great way for you to improve your turning skills. FLWT has award winning and expert turners who, at no cost, are willing to share their expertise one-to-one with other club members. A mentoring relationship might be as simple as getting a mentor's advice in a one time conversation. Or, it</b></p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><b>might include regular hands-on sessions over a lathe. The exact nature is up to you and your mentor. If you feel you could benefit from mentoring, organize your thoughts about your needs and contact an appropriate volunteer mentor above to determine if he or she is a match and available. ♦</b></p> </div> </div>			

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