

## President's Message by Linda Anderson

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As we approach the middle of March, we are in the height of the winter/spring carving season. I hope that many of you will have been able to spend some of those cold days inside working with wood.

I had the opportunity to meet with the South SK Woodturners Guild last month and to demonstrate some pyrography techniques plus a unique kind of doodle art called Zentangle. It was good to be with their group as it was the date of their annual meeting and was very well attended. Also it was good to see some familiar faces from our RWW group. I was impressed with the objects that were on display for the show and tell portion.

The RWW Executive met on February 26th and discussed a number of items that we will be bringing to the next RWW meeting on March 12th for further discussion and decision-making. Some of the items you might like to think about before the meeting are:

- Communication within and outside our club – how do we help the Newsletter editor and the Website webmaster with interesting content? We talked about having a “Meet a Member” page in each month’s Newsletter where one of our members could talk a bit about their carving and show some of their projects. Some of the information could also put on the website and reach people well beyond our club when they visit the website. We also talked about a “Favourite Tips” column each month. Even simple tips can be so helpful --for example, making a mixture of alcohol and water and spraying lightly to keep wood a bit moist and easier to work with when carving.
- Club sign – needs refurbishing and construction of a different tripod to hold the wooden sign parts. Could you be part of a crew to spend a day working on the sign?
- Identification of Club members at shows and displays – Gerald Ford sent some ideas about making vests. Bill Dearborn has an example of vests made by the Medicine Hat club. Some people might like T-shirts? Whether vests, T-shirts or some other clothing item – buying in would certainly be each person’s choice.

Please bring your ideas and be prepared to discuss these and other possibilities.

2015 Show – Last month’s Newsletter had information about the Show on May 2 & 3. This month the registration form for tables is included. This is a great time to send in your registration!!! And to make an order for banquet tickets. Remember that members who are not taking a display table as well as friends and family are all welcome at the banquet.

Hope to see you at the March meeting!

## RWW Club Happenings

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### Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings are typically held on the Second Thursday of the month at the Neil Balkwill Centre. It's a great time to gather, carve, and share. The Odd numbered months are formal business meetings.

March 12, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Meeting
April 9, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Gathering
Mar 14, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Meeting

### Carving Nights

Carving Nights are held on the Third Thursday of the month at the Neil Balkwill Centre. Project and Blank Provided Cost: \$5.00

March 19, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Carving Night \$5
April 16, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Carving Night \$5

### Wednesday Drop-In Carving

9:30 am till Noon  
Neil Balkwill Centre Woodworking Shop

### Carver's Corner

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### The Woodworking Show – May 2nd (10 to 5) and May 3rd (10 to 3)

**Tartan Curling Club, 1464 Broadway Avenue, Regina**

*A combined effort of the South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild and Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers Club. (RWW is taking the lead in organizing for 2015).*

The annual Show is our club's method of reaching the public and sharing our art form. The basic plans are in place and I hope that each and every club member will be able to take part in some way. Your participation is what can make the Show a success.

Here are some of the possibilities:

- **Book a table for the show** – you will have at least an 8 x 8 foot space with a table where you can arrange your display. Each carver will have the option of choosing their table cover and/or other means to display work e.g. stand or “bookshelf”. You also have the option selling your carvings. **Tables will cost \$25.00 for display only and \$35.00 for display and sales.** Tables will be set up on Friday evening and arranged according to a specific floor plan.
- **Share a table with another carver.** If you don't have a lot of carvings that you want to put on display, how about teaming up with someone else who only wants to show a few carvings? It is more fun to have some company and you can take turns looking after your display area.
- **Become an Earlybird.** This year there will be an incentive for “Earlybirds” who get their registration in by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Draws will be made from the Earlybird Registrations and you could win raffle tickets, Penny Parade tickets or a free registration for the 2015 Show.

Send registrations to:

Herb Klassen

1322 Lakewood Cres N

Regina, S4X 3H3

Contact may also be made by email: [hklassen@accesscomm.ca](mailto:hklassen@accesscomm.ca)

If you have questions, please call Linda at 306-539-1281

- **Penny Parade** – Herb Klassen is once again organizing the Penny Parade at the Show. Penny Parade works like this: a person buys a strip of tickets (or several strips of tickets) and then goes to the tables where items are displayed, each with a container for tickets. Choose to put all your tickets in one container if you really want a great chance to have your name drawn and receive the item. Or, spread your tickets out among several items. ***What makes Penny Parade work well is having lots of attractive items. This where we RWW members can help out.*** Please think about donating a carving or other art piece to the Parade. Or you might donate something special that carvers would like – a tool, a carrying case, a book, etc. Think of items that will be attractive to anyone who attends the Show! The Woodturners will also be contributing to Penny Parade.
- **Carving Demonstrations** – We want to do some low key carving demonstrations at scheduled times during the Show. The demonstrations would consist of having 2 or 3 carvers working on a project at a table set aside for this purpose. The idea is that people can pause at the table and watch what is happening and perhaps ask some questions about the carving. The idea is not to be teaching anyone how to carve, simply letting people see how carving happens. If you might be willing to come to the Show and take part in one of these demonstration times, please talk with Bill Dearborn, who is scheduling the demonstration times. This would be a valuable contribution to the Show without the time commitment of being present for the entire Show. Displayers would also be welcome to do these scheduled demonstrations beyond the projects often done while sitting at your table.
- **Advertising and Publicity** – The best way to draw people to the Show is through personal contact. Although we will arrange for advertising in local papers and television, each of you can help so much by talking with friends and/or putting up a poster in a place where you think it will be seen by people who could be interested in the Show. We will be giving out posters and business cards which advertise the show when they are ready. Bryan Milne from the Woodturners is working on this.
- **Banquet on Saturday evening – all members and friends of RWW** are welcome to come to the Banquet at the Tartan on Saturday evening. There will be a social time beginning at 5:30 and the meal will be served at 6:30. Plans are not entirely complete but you can expect some musical entertainment and time to visit with other carvers during the evening. If you are not displaying at the Show, you might consider coming on Saturday afternoon and enjoying the work of the carvers and woodturners. Take a chance on the woodturners' raffle and the Penny Parade and complete the day with a great meal. (The cook at your home will really appreciate this outing!) We will be selling tickets for the banquet this year and will have those printed when we get final prices from the Tartan Food Services Manager.
- **Set-up and take-down** – Some extra hands will really help out with set-up (Friday evening between 4 and 6) and take-down (3 pm on Sunday). If you are willing to drop by and help at either of these times please contact Linda.

## 2015 Wood Working Show May 2nd and 3rd Tartan Curling Club

Please fill out the following form to reserve a display table at the 2015 show. Also, please note that you may buy your Banquet tickets and include in your total payment.

### Display Tables (\$25.00/table, Max 2 displayers per table)

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Setup 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Friday May 1

### Sales & Corporate Tables (\$35.00/table, Max 2 displayers per table)

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Setup 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Friday May 1

### Banquet (Tickets \$25/person)

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, May 2 – Social Hour at 5:30 pm and Dinner at 6:30

**Items to donate for Penny Parade** It will be helpful for organizers if you are able to tell us about any items you might donate. (Donations will be received on May 2 at Set-up or as arranged with Herb Klassen.

Please sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this sheet and cheque to: Herb Klassen, 1322 Lakewood Cres., Regina, S4X 3H3

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**Master's Show**

**Douglas J. Fisher**  
Woodturner - Sculptor - Photographer  
<http://www.douglasjfisher.com>

**March 14th 2015**



**Wood Turning Seminar March 14th**  
9:00am - 4:00 pm Lunch included  
members \$75  
non members \$110  
Location Regina Skills and Trades Centre 1275 Albert Street, Regina

**Hands on workshop March 15 (Sold out)**  
members only \$100 Campbell woodshop 9:00am - 4:00pm (Limit 7)  
Tickets available from club members or contact [SSWGuild@gmail.com](mailto:SSWGuild@gmail.com)

<http://www.southsaskwoodturners.ca>



South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild

## Cathedral Art School and Studio

Woodcarving at government house - woodland fairies

Instructor - Mike Saretsky

Enjoy the beauty and heritage of The Government House while learning the time honoured hand craft of woodcarving. This workshop will take place amongst the lush greenery of the greenhouse, enjoy views of the sprawling gardens as you carve your masterpiece. In this one day workshop, learn the basics of wood carving that will get you on your way of being able to enjoy a classic craft. Learn principles of wood carving, safe cuts, stop cuts, using different gouges and knives, honing and so much more. Great class for any level, great if you have never carved before or will help the intermediate to expert carver take their faces to the next level. Get a bonus piece of wood to take home with you to start your second masterpiece. Cottonwood poplar, which we will be carving, is a very soft wood so is a great learning wood to start on.

Cost - \$100

Sunday March 15th

10:00am - 4:00pm

Maximum 12 Participants (6 spots left)

\*All materials are provided including wood and use of tools.

\*LUNCH BREAK 12pm-1pm \*Catered lunch will also be provided as part of the workshop

[www.cathedralartschool.ca/adult-workshops/](http://www.cathedralartschool.ca/adult-workshops/)

## Chris Hammack Caricature Carving class

Woodcarving class with Chris Hammack, CCA, October 17th and 18th at Neald Glass in Regina. This will be an edge tool class with either a full figured or 'Barfly' type caricature bust as the project. Chris will be bringing a variety of blanks for carvers to purchase at the class. Each person is expected to purchase one to use at the class. There may be an opportunity to buy more than one blank.

[chrishammackart.com](http://chrishammackart.com)

For more information contact [bob.dawson@sasktel.net](mailto:bob.dawson@sasktel.net)

## RWW Club Meeting Minutes

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### Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers Meeting of the Executive – February 26, 2015

#### Attendees:

Linda Anderson – President  
Samir Makar – Newsletter  
Herb Klassen – Treasurer and Programming  
Bill Dearborn – Website  
Wayne Cann – Secretary

#### Agenda:

Membership and Financial

Herb reported that at the moment with no encouragement the club has 28 members.  
It was also reported that the club's finances are good (in the \$5000.00 range)

**Secretary:** Wayne apologized for his learning curve in preparing the minutes.

We all agreed that while it is good to see the draft copy to suggest edits the minutes ultimately are Wayne's responsibility.

#### Communication:

Website – Bill reported that our website is archaic and needs to be updated with new and better software and technology. Bill has spent the last few weeks researching and inquiring into correcting this problem and for the least amount of cost to our club. Bill has suggested that the club use a new host, domainsatcost.ca . Bill will start now to build a new website to replace our old website in June when blacksun expires. This was all agreed to by those present. The new website will be Reginawoodcarvers.ca or Reginawoodcarvers.com.

Newsletter – Samir is doing a great job. Samir tries to have the newsletter ready by the first of the month. Linda stated the Feb, Mar, Apr, and May are most useful to members.

Flow of Information – It was suggest that a "Meet a Member" page and "Tip Corner" could be in the Newsletter. Linda will be communicating with the Cathedral Arts School as they are offering a Bark Carving class this weekend and around the middle of the month. We will bring the ideas to the next club meeting for discussion.



## **Programming:**

Bob Dawson has submitted to the club a cost estimate for the Chris Hammack Class for Oct 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Some costs are to be shared with the Carving Club in Medicine Hat.

Flight from Texas to Regina And Montana to Texas	\$623.00
Drive to Swift Current	\$120.00
3 Nights Motel	\$450.00
Meals	\$189.00
Total	\$1382.00

After some number crunching and discussion it was decided that the club would ask \$300.00 per person for the class which also would include two meals. If there were fewer carvers in the class, the Club has already agreed to subsidize the difference between registration fees and actual expenses.

Discussion around visits to other carvers personal work spaces at their homes.  
There is a Museum person that perhaps the club could get in or the club could go to visit.

Linda also volunteered to do a Wood Burning Demonstration in the future.  
Perhaps other members would be interested in giving demonstrations on other variations of techniques of carving...

## **Club Sign:**

Our sign needs some refurbishing. The letters need to be repainted and the easel is in need of much repair or replacement. Let's ask the club at the next meeting if they have any suggestions or volunteer to help with this project.

The club could also purchase a Window Blind Sign completed with painting of our sign on it for about \$200.00. Again let's ask the club at the next meeting.

## **Vests, T-shirts, Ball Caps:**

We got to see a vest that the Carving Club in Medicine Hat uses. It is great. Wood chips fall off easily. Could be worn for much more than a day. We need some seamstresses to volunteer their time and expertise...

## **Carousel Horse:**

At present the horse is on display at Regina Centre Crossing. Scott Nicholson is looking after the horse very well and there has been a lot of interest in it. Sale tag price \$6000.

We are still waiting to hear from the charitable organization to raffle off the horse. The club could also declare a value of \$500 and sell raffle tickets at \$2 resulting in a maximum of \$6000 if all the tickets were sold. For now we are happy to leave the horse where it is where it is well fed and cared for!

## **2015 Show:**

Banquet tickets will be \$25.00 and there will be refreshments available.

**Vice-President:**

It would be very good to have a vice-president. We need to talk it up and little and perhaps good candidates could be enticed into this much needed position.

**Directors:**

Two directors are going to be removed and perhaps replaced. With this removal we still have three directors which is mandatory. If we make changes we must to do by Dec 31, 2015.

**Meeting Schedule:**

March 12 – Meeting	May 2 & 3 - Show
March 19 – Carving \$5	May 14 – Meeting
April 9 – Meeting	May 21 – Carving \$5
April 16 – Carving \$5	

Secretary Wayne Cann