

## President's Message by Linda Anderson

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This month's message is all about the **2016 Woodworking Show** – put on in partnership with the South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild.

A planning team meeting was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> hosted by Jack Lyster, the chairperson of the 2016 Show. (Woodturners and Woodcarvers clubs take turns taking the lead in planning.) Planning team members are Jack Lyster, Mike Eberle and Greg LeClair from SSWG and Herb Klassen, Bill Dearborn and I from RWW.

If you haven't already done so, **put April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> into your datebook right now** – and plan to be there -- having a display table or sharing one, helping out with demonstrations, donating to the Penny Parade, attending the banquet with its opportunity to be in the gift exchange or simply enjoying yourself wandering through all the great displays.

### **If you want to display or sell, you can book your table now.**

Eight foot display tables cost \$25 and sales tables are \$35. I'm going to book a display table but I don't have a lot of things to display. If any of you want to share my table, please let me know. As well, if you are interested in booking half a table, please let any of the RWW planning team know and we would be glad to help carvers team up to fill a table.

If you are new to the RWW club you may not have many carvings but this is still a good time to share a table with another carver (or two) and take part in the Show. There is always time to work on carving while you are watching your table and chatting with people who come by.

The table registration form is included in this Newsletter. It is possible to buy your Banquet tickets at the same time as you send in your money for table registration

### **Banquet tickets are the same price as last year**

\$25 for a great supper plus musical entertainment by the 18 Strings group. The 18 Strings have been much appreciated last year when they play from 5:30 to 6:30 for the social hour. The Tartan will again be operating the bar this year.

You don't have to book a display table in order to come to the banquet! Please contact me if you want tickets and I will provide them (for the \$25 sale price!) Please feel free to bring family or friends to the banquet. It would be a lovely treat for people to visit the Show on Saturday afternoon and then stay for the social hour and banquet.

### **Carving demonstrations**

Bill Dearborn is organizing the carving demonstrations

This is not as difficult as it sounds! All you have to do is sit at the demo table for an hour and work on one of your projects. You don't have to teach anyone. People tend to stand and watch and oh and ah and ask things like, "How long does it take you to do a carving?" Then they say, "I could never do that." (That's when I assure them that if I can carve, so can they!) Bill will be making a schedule for those who are willing to sit for a time at the demo table. Please contact Bill to let him know if you are willing to do that.

**Bill can be reached at [dearborn@accesscomm.ca](mailto:dearborn@accesscomm.ca) or at 306-585-3780.** Remember – you don't have to be a displayer in order to be part of the demos. Bill will schedule you as you wish and you can come over to the Show, do your demo and also check out all the displays and sales.

## **Penny Parade**

Herb Klassen is organizing the Penny Parade. This is a form of silent auction where people attending the Show buy a strip of tickets and put them in containers set out for each item in the Penny Parade. Members of both clubs provide the items for the Parade and there can be all kinds of choices of attractive items to donate or to win if your ticket is drawn at the closing of the Show on Sunday.

Please consider donating a carving or other item – a tool, a carrying case, a book, a painting, a quilted piece, etc. Think of items that will be attractive to anyone who attends the Show! (Re-gifting can work just fine for the Penny Parade.)

The Penny Parade has been highly successful at previous Shows, thanks to the quality of the items donated and the willingness of people to buy tickets. Items for the Penny Parade can be brought to the Tartan on Friday evening or on Saturday morning, or you can arrange a way to give them to Herb before that.

**February 11<sup>th</sup> RWW gathering** at the Balkwill will feature sharpening instruction by Bob Dawson as well as information sharing by Dale Lowe of the Woodturners group about the big Symposium they are holding this summer. I hope to see you there.

## **Wood & Tools available in Regina** by Bob Dawson

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Windsor Plywood in Regina has Basswood and Butternut for sale. They have various thicknesses and will cut it to length at your request. It looks like fairly good wood but it's "rough sawn" not planed. Some time ago a few of our members were there looking for some and came home empty handed. They have a good supply of it now however.

In addition they now have Pfeil "Swiss Made" Tools for sale. They have a couple larger sets of Palm Tools, smaller sets of "mid-size tools" and a smaller set of larger gouges. The prices listed seemed reasonable. I gave them a list of "Beginner" Palm sized tools which he copied and said they will be ordering them in. They didn't have single tools for sale (that I saw) but it doesn't hurt to stop in to check out their wood and look at what they have for tools.

If you have any questions the staff are quite helpful so don't hesitate.

Windsor Plywood was one of the first sponsors we had in Regina for our earlier Wood Carving Shows and you might like to take a look at what they have.

## A Weekend of Carving by Doris Sheldon

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Ten eager carvers met with me at Neald Glass on Jan 23 and 24 for a Wood Spirit Carving Class. There were three totally new carvers in the group. They learned some basic cuts and in the end were amazed with what they were able to accomplish in the 2 days. I believe that everyone learned some basic face carving skills and had fun in the process. It was great to have more experienced carvers along with beginners as we could all learn from each other. We shared tools and experience and had fun while learning. It's very fulfilling for me to hear people say, "I didn't think that I could do this!"

I'd like to thank Herb for organizing the class, Tory for allowing the use of his facility and Bill and Linda for lending the class some additional tools. It was a pleasure for me to share the weekend with all who participated.



## 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 (7:00pm – 9:00pm). It's a great time to gather, carve, and share. The Odd numbered months are formal business meetings.

February 11, 2016	Meeting
March 10, 2016	Meeting
April 14, 2016	Meeting
May 12, 2016	Meeting

### Carving Nights

Carving Nights are held on the Third Thursday of the month at the Neil Balkwill Centre (7:00pm – 9:00pm). Project and Blank Provided  
Cost: \$5.00

February 18, 2016	Carving Project
March 17, 2016	Carving Project
April 21, 2016	Carving Project

### Wednesday Drop-In Carving

9:30 am till Noon  
Neil Balkwill Centre Woodworking Shop

### Carver's Corner

#### President

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## RWW Club Happening

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### **Rick Murton (SSWG Club) [murt@sasktel.net](mailto:murt@sasktel.net)**

I have a friend who has a large cedar log approximately 24" by 20'. He bought it with the thought of doing a large carving but that's not going to happen now. Would you pass this on to your members to see if anyone is interested in all or part of the log. He indicated would let it go for a couple of hundred dollars.

### **Saskatchewan Woodturning Symposium**

We have included world renown carver, Cam Merkle (Martensville SK)

I'm sure your wood carvers would be quite interested in seeing Cam demonstrate his incredible carving skills. In addition the world class turners are also carvers in their own right, so there is quite a slate of people to see doing carving as well as turning.

Registration for this event can be made directly to our SSWG here in Regina.

Please access our website for registration information and early bird offer. Our website is:  
[www.southsaskwoodturners.ca](http://www.southsaskwoodturners.ca).

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## RWW Club Meeting Minutes

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### Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers Annual Meeting January 14, 2016

**Present:** Wayne Cann, Bob and Jeannene Demencuik, Dave and Mary Hornung, Herb Klassen, Ken Smith, Alex Tivas, Dale Wenman.

#### **Introduction:**

We are required to hold an annual meeting as we are a non-profit club.  
Ken Smith kindly took the chair as our President was away attending to family.  
Minutes of the last annual meeting, January 22, 2015, were read and discussed.  
There were no questions. These minutes were accepted by the club.  
Moved: Dale Wenman                      Seconded: Bob Demencuik  
Carried

#### **Special Motion:**

Motion to donate \$100.00 to the Alzheimer's Society in lieu of rent for Tory's Shop for the Beginner's Carving Classes and other classes and events to be held in 2015.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

##### Membership:

The club finished the year with 55 members (the highest ever). 2016 fees are \$20.00 and are now due.

##### Finances:

Bank balance at the end of December was approx. \$7300.00.  
Income for the year was approx. \$1100.00. Really this is an overstatement as \$1750.00 was collected for the Doris Sheldon class on Jan 23-24 with no expenses take out yet.  
A more accurate assessment would be a loss of approx. \$600.00 for 2015. Major contributors to the loss would be:

- purchase of additional tables and chairs for approx. \$550.00.
- \$1000.00 spent on vests with only \$420.00 collected.

##### MOTION:

That the 2015 Financial Statements are accepted as presented without audit or review.  
Moved- Wayne Cann, Seconded- Alex Tivas, Motion Carried.

#### **Programmer's Report:**

- Quite a bit of activity with HUGE thanks to Bob Dawson!!!
- Jan - a 2 day Bark Carving Class with Doris Sheldon. 9 carvers attended with a profit of \$200.00.
- Feb - Emile Gaudet did a presentation on painting (club meeting).
- Apr - Watched a Desiree Hajny DVD on Carving and Painting a Fox.
- Oct - Comfort Bird Carving Bee. 10 Carvers worked on Jerry's project.
- Linda Anderson did a Woodburning Demo with support from other members.

- 2 day Caricature Carving Class with Chris Hammack. 13 carvers attended resulting in \$400.00 profit.
- Throughout the year Bill Dearborn and Bob Dawson taught Beginner Classes with 21 and 14 students taking part. Great introductions to carving and the Club. Many THANKS to Bill and Bob!!!
- Our 3rd Thursday Projects are also very popular. We sold approx. 150 blanks over the year. Good job Andre!!! That's a lot of Band Saw work.
- The club also needs to say a Huge Thank you to Tory for the use of his shop. It just makes things that much easier!!!

### Upcoming events for 2016

- **Bark Carving** class with Doris Sheldon on Jan 23/24. 10 carvers are registered with a waiting list.
- Regina will be hosting a Share Shop for the Saskatchewan Carving Clubs. A Share Shop is like our Thursday carving nights. Everyone works on the same project over a whole day/weekend. There is no cost to attend.
- Tory is working on an "Intermediate" Carving Class with Tom Parks.
- I need ideas for our club meeting nights that don't involve a formal business meeting. (Feb, Apr, Oct). Please let me know if you have something that you would like to see presented.

**Newsletter:** The club cannot express enough thanks for the good work that Samir is doing on the newsletter. **GREAT JOB** Samir.

**Website:** It was agreed that Bill is doing a great job on our "professional looking" website. Bill would like to see more photos of members' carvings. **THANKS** to Bill Dearborn.

**Library:** Dale Wenman has gone through out Library located at the Neil Balkwill Centre with a fine-tooth comb. He has generated a list of the Libraries contents and a new sign out and back in book. Many THANKS to Dale for this very tedious task!!!

### Presidents Report:

I think that the Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers had another good year in 2015. Here are some of the Club accomplishments:

- Successfully offered several classes for Introduction to Woodcarving and Beginners' Knife Carving. Thanks to Bill Dearborn and Bob Dawson for their continuing work in giving leadership. Some of the students are now members of the Club.
- Took the lead in organizing the annual Wood Show, held on the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. Many of our Club regulars took tables for displays as well as contributing to Penny Parade and taking part in the scheduled demonstrations. Attendance was not as good as in 2014 – maybe due to it being a very warm and pleasant spring weekend that enticed people to their back yards. In 2016, the dates reserved with the Tartan Club are April 23rd and 24th. This is one weekend earlier than our previous Shows and both the Woodturners and Carvers agreed to a change to support the MS Walk organizers who wanted the May 1st weekend for both Saskatoon and Regina. It may well be a better weekend for the Show as people may not be tempted to other things by warm weather. Woodturners will be taking the lead in 2016.

- Queen City Ex display was once again a very good way to reach the general public. Lots of people stopped by the display. We had a better location in the Arts and Culture arena – just inside the main entrance. Also, carvers were placed at different spaces inserted in the display tables so that people could easily see what they were doing as well as being able to ask questions. The Exhibition organizers are pleased with what our Club offers and would be happy if we display again in 2016. Given that we are not particularly interested in selling our work, it seems to me that the display at the Queen City Ex is our most effective way of reaching people.
- Chris Hammack carving class on caricature carving – I expect that we will see some “barflies” making their appearance at Show and Tell.
- Production of Comfort Birds for the Allan Blair Clinic. Thanks to Jerry Ford, Wayne Cann and others who have helped with this great project to benefit people outside our Club.
- Andre Beaudoin’s monthly project nights have been very well attended and everyone gets a chance to at least start a new project. Even better, many of the members get their project finished!
- Several members take part in the free Wednesday morning drop-in carving at the Neil Balkwill and during those mornings offer help to beginners, share ideas and have fun.

I know that there are many other ways in which our members are a positive force in our community.

**The Carousel Horse** – I have talked with a couple of non-profit organizations about the idea of their organization fronting a raffle that could benefit both the non-profit and the RWW. There was some interest from one organization but then I ran out of time to investigate further in the latter part of 2015 because of serious health problems within my family that took my time and attention. I think that I can work with the Executive and the horse carvers in 2016 to find the best way for the horse to be sold/raffled/donated so that the Club can receive some money from the project.

**Nominations:** The following people have agreed to continue offering their leadership to the Club.

President Linda Anderson

Program and Treasurer Herb Klassen

Secretary Wayne Cann

Newsletter Samir Makar

Website Bill Dearborn

Monthly projects Andre Beaudoin

Library Dale Wenman

I expect that the Executive will help to find a Vice-president during 2016 and that we might also find some people who can help out with the leadership tasks and prepare to take their turn in the future. Meanwhile – thanks to everyone for your support of the RWW.

May 2016 be a satisfying and creative one for all of us.

...Linda Anderson

Motion that all reports are accepted made by Jeannene Demencuik, seconded by Dale Wenman. Carried.

**Nominations for Executive:**

All the current executive members have agreed to stay on in their roles.

Motion was made to continue with our current executive for another 2 years was made by Bob Demencuik, Seconded by Dave Hornung, Carried.

**2016 Woodworking Show** - Woodturners will take the lead this year. The executive will pursue a club representative for this role.

**Other Business:**

Comfort Birds - The Alan Blair Clinic is out of Comfort Birds. Let's all do what we can to help out this worthwhile cause. Herb will collect the birds until Jerry can get back to regular action.

Share Shop - It is our turn to host the Share Shop. It will be sometime in the Spring. Our executive will formulate a plan of action....

Demo Nights - We need ideas or suggestions. The meeting had some good suggestions: Sharpening (hand sharpening), Finishing projects (not painting), Too Choice (when to use what tool), Woodburning. Carousel Horse was referred back to the executive.

Wayne will arrange a card for Linda and her sister.

Motion to Adjourn moved by Herb Klassen, seconded by Alex Tivas, Carried  
Meeting Adjourned.

## SASKATCHEWAN WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM JULY 22, 23, 24 - 2016

Sponsored by: South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild  
A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Featuring Master Woodturners  
and Wood Carvers

David Ellsworth, J.Paul Fennell,  
Jacques Vesery

World Carving Champion Cam Merkle

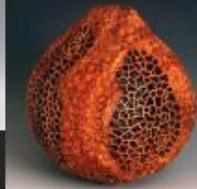
Also featuring Saskatchewan  
Woodturning Artist Bernie Boger  
and other turners

DAVID ELLSWORTH



JACQUES VESERY

J.PAUL FENNEL



CAM MERKLE

BERNIE BOGER



Location: Regina Trades and Skills Centre  
1275 Albert ST. Regina

Registration includes: All Workshops, wine & Cheese,  
2 lunches and 1 dinner, Vendors, Auction on Sunday

Instant Gallery open to the public - Bring your wood piece(s) for showing or to sell

Early bird online registration through AAW  
<http://tiny.cc/SSWG2016> \$265 US funds - Credit Card only

OR

Registration forms can be obtained from  
<http://www.southsaskwoodturners.ca/> with instructions for payment  
Send Form & cheque to: Symposium, 184 Dalglish Drive,  
Regina, Sask. S4R 7Y9 Canada

## 2016 Wood Working Show April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24th Tartan Curling Club

Please complete this form to reserve a display table at the 2016 show, *Registration Deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>*. You may include Banquet tickets in your total payment.

**Display table(s)** (\$25.00) Displayers may share a table (no more than 2 or 3, please)

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

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

Number of tables needed (\$25.00 per table) \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sales table(s) or corporate table(s)** (\$35.00) Max 2 displayers per table

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

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

Number of tables needed (\$35.00 per table) \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Setup for all display and sales tables -- 6:00 pm to 8:00pm Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Banquet: Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Social Hour at 5:30 pm and Dinner at 6:30**

**Tickets:** (\$25 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$25.00 Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

*Start preparing now for the gift exchange at the banquet – each Turner or Carver may bring one of their creations to the banquet and during the exchange will receive one of the pieces created by another “artist in wood”. Start thinking now about what you might bring to the exchange – you have time to create something new if you wish.*

With friend/assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total payment included** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please mail this sheet and cheque payable to South Saskatchewan Woodturners Guild to:  
**Jack Lyster, 177 Dalglish Dr, Regina S4R 6T3**