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West Island Woodturners



*“Only those who
have the patience to
do simple things
perfectly ever
acquire the skill to
do difficult things
easily”*

-Freidrich von
Schiller

This newsletter is a summary of the emails that have gone around, general information, and show and tell. If you'd like to contribute a short article or comment contact Nicole or Nigel.

(Nicole_macdon@hotmail.com). Volunteers are welcome. Please check out the Video/Photo section below for tips to make show and tell a bit better.

President's message

Our Zoom meeting of January 26 went well and had no technical glitches. A total of 28 of our membership participated and once again, this event was organized and nicely moderated by Nicole. Without her talent and effort none of this would happen. Thank you, Nicole! Also thanks to members who sent in photos of their work - - - - keep it up.



Andrea's beautiful spalted maple bowl

Announcements

Next live Zoom meeting

Feb 9, 8pm

Other

Ken Griffiths has suffered a mild heart attack and had some surgery performed; He should be home by now and if you are a friend of Ken you are encouraged to contact him and send your good wishes.

Notes from the last meeting

Nigel's notes

1. Nigel requested a volunteer to help Nicole with producing the Newsletter but there was no immediate response from the participants. Subsequently, and against her better instincts, Janet has volunteered to help.
2. Several members sent in photos of their work for participation in the "Show and Tell". Nigel encouraged everyone to keep doing so because it provides inspirational ideas to the membership, which is one of the fundamental purposes of our club.
3. Nicole did not have time to load all the photos that arrived before the meeting. She asks that we send them a few days prior to the meeting to give her time to do the uploading.
4. Giuliano once again asks that members brush up on their email etiquette and refrain from using the "Reply to all" function when they wish to comment on photos attached to club emails. By means of the email's distribution list, please take the time to identify the individual that you wish to communicate with, and send your comments directly to that person.

Treasurers Report

1. Already 28 members have renewed their membership with others promising "the cheque is in the mail".
2. We have a new member, he bought Fred's lathe.

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Floor Discussion

1. Purchase of club Zoom room to enable longer meetings and more capability. This has been completed and will hopefully come into effect for the next meeting.
2. Remote demos from Nigel's workshop and/or with other clubs
3. Dick Pickering asked if some members would give virtual workshop tours, Janet promptly took us round her shop with her Iphone. Well done Janet! Claude has volunteered for the next one, keep it up guys!

Video and Photos

Zoom Lighting

Note that it might be your lighting giving a blurry or lagged video image, not your camera. If possible, bring some more light around you when you are in the meeting if you are doing a show and tell or speaking that week. Brighter is better, hit your face/piece with it at 45deg angle or so.

Photos for Show and Tell.

When you are taking your photos for show and tell please try to make life easier by following these steps:

- Light your work. Set up by a window during the day, cloudy days are best. (this helps with blurred photos and colours)
- Blurry photos?
 - o Take multiple shots and send the best one.
 - o Stabilize your camera on a tripod or table or pile of books. (I have to do this all the time)
 - o Make sure you're focused on your piece. (about 1/3rd into it if you're serious)
- Use a plain background when possible, put it against a wall or paper, the piece should be the main thing we get information from in the photo.
- Have the piece be in the middle and take up most of the shot by zooming or moving closer, same reason as the background suggestion.

Upcoming Events

Next meeting

Feb 23 at 8pm, link to be emailed.

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Monthly Challenge

Torus

Check for the pdf by Janet in your email.

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Show and Tell

Notes

For Show and Tell at the meetings please email a photo of your work and the photo will be screen shared. You can also show it in the video, but we have seen that sometimes it's hard to see the details and finishes depending on people's internet connection and cameras. Both the video of you showing the piece and the still photo will be displayed in the meeting.



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