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West Island Woodturners



“Excellence is not a gift, but a skill that takes practice”

-Plato

The newsletter is a summary of the emails, general information, and show and tell. If you'd like to contribute an article, comment, or link contact WIW or Nicole directly. Volunteers are welcome.

President's message

In lieu of a meeting last week we had the live demo from Erik Loftstrom.



A lovely spalted box by Damiano.

Announcements

Next live Zoom meeting

March 23, 8pm

Notes from the last meeting

Demo by Erik Loftstrom

In lieu of a zoom meeting March 09 we joined with the Ottawa club for a remote demonstration of end grain bowl turning by Erik Loftstrom. A total of 188 people participated but we have no visibility as to how many were from our own club. We estimate that there were 20 or so, some of whom sent Nigel positive feedback.

The participants learned a great deal from Mr. Loftstrom's demo. Nigel, of course, tried to copy one of the pieces and learned the hard way that low density wood such as walnut, is not the optimal material. A hard maple is a much better selection for this job due to its close, tight grain structure.

Live Demo from Nigel's workshop

By popular consensus, WIW's first live demo via Zoom was held on Sunday Mar 14 @ 14:00 from Nigel's workshop. The selected workpiece was an off-center integral platter and egg cup. Over-all the event was successful and appreciated by those who watched it, but there were some glitches. After the event some members remained on-line with Claude and Nigel and discussed where improvements could be made. Over-all, the Executive is heartened by the number of positive responses received, because setting this event up took a lot of time and effort on their part.

Photography with Andrei

Ossie Pereira reports that Andrei Khabad spent some time with him to explain the pros and cons of different methods for photographing bowls and small crafts. As a result, Ossie purchased a kit on Amazon which came with 2 stands, 2 soft boxes with diffusers, 3 lamps and a grey background material. Total cost was \$54.00. He reports that the set up was very quick and easy, and that he is very happy with the results. It is his opinion that many of the masterpieces created by our membership could be greatly enhanced by following Andrei's photographic ideas. Those interested should contact Andrei.

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Online points of interest

7-piece Multi Spur Drive centre

Nigel has ordered and tested this set from Amazon.ca: PSI Woodworking Products LCENTSET Multi Spur Drive Center Set with A 1-Inch by 8 TPI Mount, 7-Piece. Cheaper than Sorby, runs true.

Upcoming Events

Next meeting

March 23 at 8pm, link to be emailed.

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Show and Tell

Notes

Please email a photo of your work with the phrase “WIW show and tell” in the body or as the title for easier cataloguing. If you prefer (or have an iffy video) the photo can be screen shared during the live show and tell. Otherwise you may offer the show and tell piece in your Zoom video.

Claude			
<p>The person who sent these didn't sign their name to the WIWgmail. They are too nice to not include. Please sign emails!</p>			

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