



The Turning Point

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May Meeting...

No meeting because of the COVID-19 problem.

President’s Message...

Here we are amid crazy times trying to maintain some sort of normalcy. For those of us that are retired and don’t have to go to a daily grind we are probably more fortunate than those that still have to go out and perform a job. It is a great time to go to the shop and do some turning. Please be safe. These times will get better.

I haven’t been doing a lot of turning as I have gotten myself into a slab table project. I thought turning made some huge chip piles. Get the router out and flatten a “cookie” and what a mess. My Mother always said “If you don’t have a mess you don’t have nothing!” I had to clean my main shop table off for a workspace so consequently I am now totally lost not just once in a while. Hopefully this project will be ending soon.

Corky Miles videotaped his program turning a large segmented vase. When I said program, I mean he did an outstanding job. Well done. I think he missed his calling. He should have been a video producer. If you haven't watched the video it is well worth the time. Here is the address for the first session <http://youtu.be/GNX0UX8Xaig> You should be able to link the other two parts from this address.

If you would like to video tape a project or technique let me know. We could use another victim for the next video. No one knows how long we will be in isolation so we may need another program.

There has been some discussion on holding a meeting using some of the meeting programs available on line. I need to dive a bit deeper into this and perhaps by next month we can all get together electronically.

Belated Happy Easter everyone, stay safe and as Pitbull said "We will win".

Jeff Albrecht

Adult Ed Classes...

All classes cancelled.

Editor's Notes...

Gene Wubben is working on setting up a spot on the web site to share pictures of our current projects. Instead of a show-and-tell at a normal meeting this would be a "virtual" version. He is thinking of using a picture of the member and then a picture of the project. Perhaps a brief description of the project as well? This is something completely new so bear with us. I have offered to be the guinea pig first submission for this project so let's see what Gene can do with it! Watch for email notifications as this project develops.

One of my favorite sites to visit is World of Woodturners. The text below is from their site and tells how to join (in red). Completely free and some wonderful projects shared. As I recall there was a prompt response from the administrator after my email requesting access. I have been using this site daily for probably five years. Highly recommended. Search for World of Woodturners for a preview.

The World of Woodturners site (WoW) originated in November, 2001. At its start it was the only interactive site where woodturners could post photos and descriptions of their work and engage in discussion about their art. WoW members think of themselves as a family. They are artists who have become friends and

who willingly share their talents and skills. This is a place where the novice freely mixes with the seasoned professional in an atmosphere of shared respect. No one is anonymous and everyone uses their own name. From this venue has arisen some incredible art, some of which can be seen in the public gallery. Enjoy this display of fine work. Access to the site itself is at no cost, by obtaining a membership invitation from an existing WoW family member or **contacting site administration at wowadmin@shaw.ca. Include your name and a brief description of your woodturning experience in the message.**

Those of you who are members of AAW can use the AAW Forum as well.

<http://www.aawforum.org/community/index.php>

Another one of my favorites is Lumberjocks. It is another totally free site that is mainly flatwork but there is an occasional turning submission. <https://www.lumberjocks.com/>

Corky's YouTube videos are excellent. Use the link in the President's Message above to check them out.

Thanks.

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