



April 2026 Agenda

Our next regular meeting is Tuesday April 14, 2026

**6:30 pm Social
7 pm meeting begins
Peterborough Lions Centre
347 Burnham Street**

Dinner before our meeting

I'm hoping you can make dinner this month
Let me know if you can make it as I will make reservations
It's always a great start to the evening with friends

**Ashburnham Ale House 128 Hunter Street
Time: 4:45**

Presidents Message

I'm very excited to say that we were able to purchase two beautiful Harvey Lathes for our club. I sure hope everyone gets a chance to turn on these. As a club we have been very successful this year in recruiting new members, it's an on-going task of always trying to get our name out in front of the public. Fortunately, a few members formed a committee and are very pro active and are diligently working on this. We are an extremely active club as a whole and I commend all members for this. As President I feel very fortunate to work with a great group of board members and the club as a whole. See everyone Tuesday. Jim Williams

Monthly Demonstrator

This month we have Niel Haist. Neil will be demonstrating, Bowl and Platter Rim Considerations.

Neil has been a hobby woodturner since 2009 and has experimented with many aspects of turning and embellishment. He is an active member of the Toronto Woodturners guild and is currently Vice President and membership Chair. He enjoys exploring the woodlot in cottage country, foraging for dead or windblown trees which he "turns" into one-of-a-kind creations



shared with friends and charities. I think this will be a night not to miss as I am seeing a lot of interest in embellishment at the Learn to Turns.

Mini Demo Night

Looks like we are set for the multi demo night in **May**. Peter from Woodchuckers is coming and will be bringing some tools and finishes to sell. Please everyone, please consider supporting Woodchuckers. Cash purchases appreciated. You could also order from them before the May meeting and they will bring it to the May meeting for you.

I'm asking all members to bring some nice snacks and finger foods. There will be the usual coffee, tea and water.

Our Demonstrators are: Brent: Ways to chuck pieces on to the lathe
Bruce Wells: Installing a copper or solder inlay in a bowl
Frank: Sharpening your tools
Vince: Hollow forms
Lorne Hamilton: Pens

New Board Members

As you know we are looking for a few new board members as some of the board members terms are expiring. We are always looking for fresh ideas, don't be shy. A successful club must keep evolving. This does not take much of your time, you all have different skills, so please let me know if you are interested. Our new board, will be voted in at our June meeting. Thanks

- We have been asked to demo at Adam Scott High School in Peterborough. They have eight lathes. I am going to meet Eric at the school the Friday prior to our teaching date. I want to see what equipment they have. This will make sure that our instructors will have everything they need for their demo to run smooth. We have the following members willing to help out:

Bruce Wells

Vince Way-Nee

Jim

Date: Friday May 1

- We have been asked to demo at Holy Cross high School.
Date: Thursday April 16



Time: 11:50-1:05 and 1:10 to 2:25

So far, we have Leslie, Bob Jameson, Bruce Wells and Faye Head

- We are going back to Float your Fannie again. This is Saturday April 11. This is a good place to get our name in front of the public. Claude is bringing his lathe. Again, we have members volunteering. So far, we have

Jamie Murray

Claude

Dan Lang

If anyone else wants to help out please let me know.

- We have Scott Warrington and Roger Northy helping out for our **June** awards night. We will still need volunteers counting ballets. We will need some members to try and get some donations for our auction table.
- We have been very fortunate to purchase two Harvey T-40 lathes from Woodchuckers for a great price of \$4,000.00. Peter delivered these last Wednesday. I have assembled them and they are ready to go. These are a fairly heavy-duty lathe. I had 28 members email saying they will donate \$100.00. Please I really would like to raise the entire \$4,000.00, so if you could help, **any donations** would go along way. You may pay cash, cheque or e-transfer to kwt_empt@kawarthawoodturners.ca Thank you.
- We had a very successful 2 day event with Dave Bell. We all turned Tea Pots and many did embellishment as well. I would like to thank everyone that supported this event. Sylvia killed the lunches as usual.

Membership Drive

We have finalized all the changes for our new brochure. It has been ordered and we should receive these this week. We are hoping to start handing these out in many locations ASAP.

Summer BBQ.

Brent has offered to have a summer BBQ at his place on beautiful Lake Ontario this summer. We will let you know when this is happening very soon. Sounds like in August so we can have a corn feast. Looking forward to this as Brent has a beautiful spot.



Up Coming Symposiums

I'm hoping people will support these symposiums, they are right here in our back yard. We don't have to drive to the States. Let's support our own. This is quite a task for these clubs to take on, I'm sure we will all learn from these.

1. Ottawa Valley Woodturning Guild. May 23-24 2026
<https://www.valleywoodturners.com/turnfest.html>
2. Owen Sound Wood Turning Guild. Intersections wood collaborative Oct 16-18 2026
<https://www.intersectionswoodcollaborative.org/pages/wood-symposium-2026>

June Year End Competition

I'm hoping everyone has been taking time and turning a couple very special pieces for the June competition. You still have time, lets all bring a couple pieces this year

Level Up Your Turning

Our Learn to Turn sessions focus on developing specific techniques and building on specific skills in a supportive group environment. These sessions are best suited for members who have a foundational understanding of lathe operation and tool safety.

If you are a new turner please come out and take a look at what we are doing, you will learn watching. If you are new and want to turn please let us know when you sign up and if we can get an instructor to help you, then you can turn. The instructor will be with you when you turn.

We also have members that are willing to teach you in their shop. There is absolutely no charge for these sessions so please ask, that is what this club is all about.

The Artisan Centre is a very good way to get some basic lessons as well. Look them up on their web page.

Let's all enjoy the Art of Woodturning together



Next Learn to Turn Day

Date Saturday April 25, 2026
Location 2786 Newcomb Lane, Lakefield
Time: 9am to 5pm
Cost: \$20.00, ½ goes to our club

Instructor: **Jim Williams**



Demo how to turn a no guts salt shaker, also many different salt and pepper shakers

I am also going to start having a table set up with some carvers and burners. This will be called **off lathe activities**. I'm thinking this will take some of the overflow when the lathes are all being used.

Off Lathe Activities

Embellishing
Carving
Woodburning
Dry brushing

We will have lots of different wood to turn for this project

Please bring, turning tools
If not, don't worry we will have lots of wood, and tools for everyone.



We will be having BBQ hamburgers for lunch. \$5.00 Or something different?

Thanks Jim