



Bravery Bead Bowl

President's Challenge

Due: May 9, 2019 WGO Annual Salon

The idea of the Bravery Bead Bowls program is to create beautifully woodturned containers for the patients of Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital who have collected Bravery Beads. How the Bravery Bead program works is children undergoing treatment at Sick Kids receive colourful beads representing the procedures they have experienced. They string the beads together to make beautiful necklaces – a form of recording their journey. Depending on the complexity of their treatments, over time, patients can collect hundreds of beads. Imagine the joy of having a beautiful bowl to keep their collection in. As well, it may be kept by the parents in the unfortunate circumstance where some children, particularly infants do not survive – a treasured memory.

Guideline for Bravery Bead Bowls with Lids:

Recommended dimensions are:

5 - 6 inches interior diameter AND 4 - 5 inches interior height

Bowls must be stable and not tip over. Each must have a lid.

Lids should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Any finials or knobs should be easy for small children to grasp and not elaborate (i.e. not pointy or dangerous) or breakable.

Finishing of Bowls and Lids:

For daily use, please finish with your choice of a food safe, penetrating oil that cures in the wood. If you are in doubt, please don't hesitate to ask one of our experienced woodturners. A polymerized tung oil finish is food safe after it is fully cured (AAW article February 2014), a finish of choice for many woodturners. Finish should be applied inside and out, and it is usual to buff the exterior to attain a high sheen.

Refrain from painting the wood but feel free to embellish with stains and/or pyrography (burning)

Please remember to put your name or initials on the bottom along with the type of wood, and the date.

Thank you,

Colleen