



WEEKLY WOODTURNING

COMMUNICATION

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Hello Everyone,

We have started this week with a little bit of snow up here in Stouffville! In my humble opinion, being the 15th of November it is pretty good timing for our first snowfall. And we have been able to enjoy some amazing weather up until now. I do find it funny that the leaves on our trees have literally only fallen in the past week. There were not enough leaves on the ground last weekend to even look at a rake and yet this morning I am looking at bare trees! Guess we have a lot of quick mulching in store for us this week.

I'm also going to be the bearer of bad news.... Only 40 days left till Christmas! I just couldn't believe at the store on November 1, Halloween candy was half price on one side of the aisle and Christmas decorations filled the shelves on the other side. I'm one of the old fashion folk who doesn't put Christmas decorations out until December 1, and goodness knows the radio gets turned off if I hear a Christmas carol during the month of November! Does that make me a bah humbugger? Maybe so, but I'm not changing anytime soon!

Does everyone still make their Christmas gifts? Even before I got into wood turning, all, or at least most of my gifts were handmade. For me there is nothing better than a gift that has to be thought about, planned and executed (all in a timely manner) so that it may be wrapped and given on the 25th of December. My sister still has the needlework that I had made for her, oh at least 30 years ago, hanging on the dining room wall. Funny thing is I beg her to take it down, I believe it may have been one of the first things I made back in the day and when I look at it, I can see the flaws. Very similar to the bowls I have turned for her or even the very first pen I made her 12 years ago. She still carries it in her purse and uses it every day! She is forgiving with my flaws, and encouraging in that everything I have

ever made her is proudly displayed throughout her home. I have to say it makes me smile whenever I'm at her place!

Does anyone have some of their first craft items or wood turned items hanging around. Any family members hold on to them and treasure them? It honestly warms my heart.

We had Ron Katz demonstrating last Thursday. If you missed it, please reach out to me, preferably through email, and request the link. We don't post anything online! If you want past zoom meetings, please ask.

Our zooming skills night is November 25 – Richard will be continuing his handy shop tip tour. And coming in December for our general meeting, we have our own Shawn Hermans demonstrating spoons.

As a reminder, I am on the hunt for turners of the month!! I sent out a few emails last month looking for unsuspecting members and only heard back from Michael, who has you can see by the website is our turner of the month for November. December is quickly approaching; please send me a bio and some photos so that you can be our Christmas turner of the month!

With 2022 around the corner, if there is anything you would like to see demonstrated or worked through via our skills night, please reach out to us. We are here for you and need your input! Drop us a line.

Thanks..... Until next week,
Stay healthy, happy and keep smiling and turn a little 😊

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