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Hello Everyone,

It was great to see some familiar faces on the Zoom meeting last week. I do hope that you enjoyed watching the Brighton Button being made by Louis Boucher. It does look like a fun project to make. As I had mentioned in passing, making the two sides fit was similar to making my purse, although my purse was two flats against each other as the clasp and hinge held the sides together. If anyone ventures to make this, please don't forget to send along photos!!

For those members who may have missed our first Zoom meeting of the year and would like to re-watch the video, or if you're going to undertake making a Brighton Button and want to see the video in slow motion, please reach out to me at colleensamila@gmail.com for a link to the video.

As mentioned in all my previous email letters – remember to turn some wig stands and bead bowls. They are always in need; unlike what Louis professed in the meeting with his club making hundreds of wig stands, my best request would be to get one or two from every WGO member 😊

We will be having a zooming skills night on the 23rd of September. I believe Richard Pikul will be doing a refresher course on sharpening! Yes, September is that time of year when we all pull out our gouges and typically have Richard sharpen them when we are at Dunbarton. Well not this time! If you are having an issue with the sharpening of a specific tool, or they way you are going about sharpening is in question, please send me an email and we will make sure it is brought to Richard's attention and we can hopefully find a solution! We are all here to help each other, and a sharp tool is the best way to start turning.

On Saturday September 25th we will be having our first WGO BBQ. I've heard from a few members who will be in attendance, as well as a few who are still unsure about meeting. And that's okay! I want everyone to feel comfortable with their choice, yet know that we will miss you, but completely understand your decision. If you are not already on Facebook or Instagram, maybe give those sites a look-see as we will have some photos of the BBQ going up.

Please remember the BBQ is for your family, - bring your spouse and children, grandchildren... just not the neighbours kids 😊 -- we want everyone to feel welcome and have the opportunity to talk woodturning in a group environment.

And I'll leave you with my age old adage that Christmas is around the corner! You can feel it in the air. I just came in from outside and man it's cold out there! I may have to pull out a winter coat for the upcoming race weekend. But alas, we should also start thinking of ornaments and holiday items. So here is a link to get you started:

<https://www.finewoodworking.com/2008/11/18/make-your-own-ornaments>

I've always loved the Fine Woodworking magazine, and their website is almost as good. So perusing it tonight I came upon this article for Christmas ornaments and they are a bit different than ones I have seen in the past. Give them a try, I know I will 😊

Until next week – stay safe, stay happy and keep smiling!