

Shavings



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Chairman's Welcome

By Eugene Grimley



Welcome to "Shavings" none of us could have predicted but we may be the lucky ones – we have a hobby that, hopefully, most

of us can continue to enjoy despite the lockdown. Workshop tidy-ups and machine maintenance seem to be taking place with many of you and that's not a bad thing either. The good weather has helped those who like their gardens and many of them will be in the best shape they have ever been in at this time of the year. In the last Shavings we gave the themes for the competitions. By now I would hope you are ready to post your first efforts on our Facebook page "Ulster Woodturning" The May theme of Cat1 Budvase and Cat2 a Vase This will run for the full month so you still have time to complete an entry. The plan is to judge them at our first demo after the lockdown. So, if we get back in September then the competitions for April and

September will both be judge followed by May and October and so on.

Don't forget to put a photo with details of your entry on the Ulster Woodturning Facebook page before the end of the month. If you aren't on Facebook then email or text a photo of your entry to Mark and he will put it on the page for you. Using Facebook is new to me but it is a good way for all of us to keep in contact and to share what we are getting up to.



Finally, please don't forget about the figures for the Children's Hospital. We will work out a method to gather them all together and let you know in June (see shavings 61 for background details). Meanwhile, keep social distancing and stay safe so that we can all be back together again soon.

Coping with Covid 19

We can only stick this isolation so long. Why not lift the phone and talk to a woodturning friend or send an email to a committee member asking to be contacted.

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Wood Shed -getting stuff

Please note that the Wood Shed is now open – one customer at a time - but for those who don't live close to it they still have a mail/courier service at a cost.

Contact Sam or Lynda for details.

Telephone 028 9443 3833

Email, enquiries@wood-shed.com

Facebook

At present 19 Members have registered with our group Facebook page Posts can be anything of interest to members for example, this could be videos, items you have made, turning demos or a member profile. Unlike the Web Site it will be current and can be contributed to by

everyone. The contact person for matters regarding the Facebook page is Stephen Dowie. Contact a committee member if you have problems registering. It would be good to have everyone registered and participating. If you have kit for sale why not post it on this page. Many thanks to Brendan and Paul for making great video contributions – these are well worth logging on to watch.

Competitions during Covid19

	Category 1	Category 2
May	Bud Vase	Vase
June	2 Pieces of fruit	Bowl of fruit

Post entries on the Group Facebook page “Ulster Woodturning”. Items entered should be turned according to the theme and posted in the same month. When posting entries please title it Competition Entry (month) and add text describing your work i.e. wood/finish etc.

Website

The new website is now live

www.ulsterwoodturning.co.uk

The website is changing and developing. Many thanks to Mark for his work on this. Make a point of looking it up and if you have any ideas, comments or suggestions give Mark a ring.

Resources

For many of us access to the internet provides an inexhaustible list of free woodworking advice and videos. While it is impossible to list them all here are a few that we find interesting and valuable. As an idea – when you find an interesting site why not share the link with a few

comments (if you wish) on the Ulster Woodturning Facebook page. This will help other members find the best resources.

Are You Zooming?

There is nothing like a situation like the current lockdown to force use to consider new ways of doing things. Many members have discovered the benefits of Facetime or WhatsApp to talk with friends, neighbours, children and grandchildren. Families have discovered the fantastic resource the free video conferencing facilities provided on computers, phones and ipads etc. by Zoom. It is easy to download and send a link to others to start talking. A number of members are already Zooming and the Committee is currently exploring ways to use this to provide live demos and workshop tours as we will not be meeting for some time. Some well known turners are currently doing this FOC, courtesy of the AWGB. Check out Pat Carroll's Facebook page for links and references to this.

AAW

Have you considered joining the AAW. While this is based in the USA it is, quite frankly, the best resource for woodturners and sends out brilliant magazines and provides a range of other resources (videos & PDF's) as part of the Membership – well worth checking out.

Data Protection

Some of your personal details, i.e. email address, and telephone numbers, are held in our records. We only use this data to coordinate Ulster Woodturning. If you would like to know what information we hold and how we use it, or if you wish us to remove it from our records, please contact the Secretary, Mark McGranaghan. If your information is removed, you will no longer receive any official communication (emails, telephone calls or correspondence) from Ulster Woodturning or the Irish Woodturners Guild.

If you have any bright ideas about how we can all survive lockdown woodturning style please share them on Facebook

Check out the Facebook Group page for details on Colwin Wey's from Axminster Tools free Zoom Demo on Sunday

Comments and suggestions should be forwarded to the [Shavings Editor](#)

Check out the "Daniel Collection" for woodturning inspiration on Facebook