Happy New Year to all our Wonderful Woodworkers (December 31, 2015)

The Vancouver Island Woodworkers Guild is looking forward to an exciting and productive 2016.
It has been a fun year for me and I hope we have been able to pass some of that fun along. So, January 12th at 7:15 at the Fine Furniture shop in Camosun Interurban Campus will be the place to be. See you there.
We have lined up a series of speakers and presenters for the spring, all of whom are experts in their field. Our goal is to provide educational and inspirational presentations which will hopefully kindle an adventurous spirit in all of us so that we build things of wood.
For January, we have asked Cam Russell to give us a demonstration on band saw work. He will do some breakout on a bit of twisted Arbutus that will allow him to demo the band saw for both ripping to rough width as well as resawing. He will talk about setting up the saw, blade selection and where to purchase them, too. He wants to also include a little bit of jointing and thickness planning to get the wood to final thickness & width. Hopefully he will convince Michael Harvey to team up with him to demo the Guild's tensioning jig (which he has never used) as well as a way Mick has of using the dremel with a diamond burr for blade sharpening which Cam has never tried, but sounded like something that would be of interest to members.
We also want to remind everyone of the shop tour to Michael Moore's shop to see a demo on the use of shapers.

Shaper Seminar Jan 30'16 at Michael Moore's shop in Duncan. Michael notes a minimum of 10 and maximum of 14 at a cost of $25. per person. Please send me an e-mail at brianandcarroll@shaw.ca if they want to attend. (Brian McLaurin, Shop Tour Chair).
For you Marquetry People, here is the web site for Paul Miller's marquetry school. Please contact him if you are interested. http://thecanadianschooloffrenchmarquetry.com/index.html

Here is a request from out of town. I need to know if there is Guild interest here.
Let me introduce myself - I am Vern Miller, President of the Chinook Woodturning Guild in Lethbridge, Alberta.
Our Guild is pleased to announce that we are joining the Beads of Courage family as a guild project. We will be adding a page to our Guild website devoted to this project. We would like to encourage your club or guild to consider taking on a similar project in support of the many children in Canada for whom our support can make a huge difference in their lives and their

journey to recovery.
Beads of Courage started in Canada in 2012. Presently they have programs in 9 hospitals in Canada and are continuing to look for opportunities to expand the program to more and more hospitals, perhaps to a hospital near you.
Beads of Courage is a program to help children cope with serious illness by working with clinicians, care givers and their families.

▪ Beads of Courage Canada is a Non-profit charity, committed to transforming the treatment experience for children coping with serious illness.

▪ Through the Beads of Courage Program, children tell their story as they receive colorful beads to commemorate milestones along their treatment path.

▪ On average a child enrolled in the Beads of Courage Program will accumulate over 500 beads while in treatment.

▪ Every bead stored in your beautiful woodturned bowls tells a story of strength, honor and hope. As woodturners\woodworkers we have a unique opportunity to help these children by making lidded containers in which the children can store their beads. Our Guild is pleased to do what we can to help. We also know that more can be done and encourage the woodturning community to adopt this program. If this is a project your club or guild could be interested in, please contact Rae Parry, Director - Artist Relations, Beads of Courage - Canada rae@beadsofcourage.ca Rae would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have and I am sure she would be pleased to help you set up a program. For more information about the program visit the Beads of Courage website http://www.beadsofcourage.ca/ You may also wish to view a short 2 minute video by Johnny Reed

https://vimeo.com/49419220

What a great way to use our skills and love of what we do. We hope your guild will join in this project.
Regards, Vern

Please have a safe and happy evening tonight.
Regards
Rick Lloyd, P.Eng. (retired)
President, VIWG