

Matisho Memorial

Woodturning Cancer Benefit

March 17th and 18th, 2018

Thirteen years of supporting the Canadian Cancer Society and remembering Larry

History:

Larry Matisho, a member of the Saskatchewan Woodworkers' Guild and an avid turner, was one of the original members of a turning class that started as a "get together" where turners of all levels could meet to share ideas. This congregation of turners met annually at Larry's well-equipped shop in Saskatoon. After Larry's sudden passing, after a short battle with cancer in 2005, this group of turners assembled, for a period of time, in Waldheim School's Industrial Arts Shop and now at **Menno Industries** in Waldheim to turn as a tribute to Larry and to raise money to battle a disease that has touched so many. All funds raised, are donated to the **Canadian Cancer Society**. With more people contracting cancer each year, raising capital to drive research forward is more important than ever. As turners, we can raise the profile of our craft, as well as, raise money for a very important cause. As this memorial has evolved, other artists have joined the turners in Waldheim. The 2018 version of the "Matisho Memorial" will mark our 13th Anniversary.

Our Venue:

Yes, we are still in Waldheim! I am very pleased to announce that **Menno Industries**, a vocational workshop in our community has again graciously agreed to host the 2018 version of the **Matisho Memorial: Woodturners for Cancer Research Fundraising Event on March 17th and 18th**. **Menno Industries**, the vocational programming arm of **Christian Horizons**, cares for and provides programming for special-needs adults. In many ways, the venue is superior to the school shop. There is more room for lathes and a much larger lunch area for coffee breaks and meals. Thank you to **Menno Industries** for allowing us to use their wonderful facility.

As the discussions with **Menno Industries** progressed, the issue of event insurance was raised. To assist us in this area, the **Matisho Memorial is now a Saskatchewan Woodworkers' Guild event that is open to the public**. **If you work with wood and are not already a member of the Guild, please consider joining this club**. They are a great organization and one of the longest running guilds in Canada.

Another excellent local club that you should consider joining is the **Hub City Turners'**.

Our Weekend:

Our weekend is set up like a traditional turning class or seminar. Again last year, the experienced turners in attendance graciously shared their expertise with those who have requested it. Skills demonstrated that complemented the turners' art were: inlay, gold leafing, antler turning, texturing, burning and airbrush techniques. There was a lot of collaboration and all in attendance learned something new. Having someone willing and qualified to act as an instructor is an added benefit, but not necessary to make the weekend successful. Our weekend activities are as follows:

The Silent Auction:

Two years ago, a silent auction was added to augment the capital raised for the Cancer Society. Again, this year, the hope is to connect with various suppliers to have some interesting items to entice the woodturners in attendance to augment their turning tool arsenal. Remember, items purchased in the silent auction do not qualify for a tax receipt.

Demonstrations:

There will be several demonstrations by local artists. These will be announced at a later date.

Student Turning:

On Saturday afternoon, designated lathes will be available for students from the community to come and turn. Some adult volunteers to assist in this venture would be appreciated.

The Itinerary:

March 16th, 2018

Friday: 4:00 – 8:00 PM Set-up if desired.

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Saturday:	8:30 - 9:00 AM	Coffee (provided)
	9:00 - 10:30	Turning/Demos, etc.
	10:30 - 10:45	Coffee (provided)
	10:45 - 12:00	Turning/Demos, etc.
	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch (provide your own)
	1:00 - 4:30	Turning/Demos, etc. Student Turning
	4:30 - 5:30	Supper Meal Get Together Meal is supplied
	5:30 - 6:00	Silent Auction Wrap-Up
	5:30 - 6:00	Cleanup

March 18th, 2018

Sunday:	8:30 - 9:00 AM	Coffee (provided)
	9:00 - 10:30	Turning/Demos, etc
	10:30 - 10:45	Coffee (provided)
	10:45 - 12:00	Turning/Demos, etc
	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch (Bring your own)
	1:00 - 3:00	Turning/Demos, etc
	3:00 - 3:15	Coffee (provided)
	3:15 - 6:00	Turning/Finishing up and major clean-up.

If you plan on bringing your kids, they are welcome to attend and participate, however they are your responsibility. Pen turning supplies will be on site if there is enough interest.

Admission:

Our fundraiser evolved from a turning class; therefore, we suggested that each participant attending the weekends festivities, make a cheque out to, in our case, ***The Canadian Cancer Society***, for at least **\$50.00**. ***This amount is a suggested minimum and it would be great if you would choose to donate a larger amount.***

The advantages to making cheques payable to your national or local cancer society is that there is minimal accounting for the organizers to worry about. All funds donated go to the charity and are not eaten up by overhead, enhancing accountability and the Cancer Society sends each participant a tax-deductible receipt. At our event, we collect the cheques and then one of the organizers takes the cheques to our local Canadian Cancer Society office in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. This has worked very well for all concerned and makes handling the money very easy.

Kicking the Tires:

If you would like to come out to Waldheim and see what this is all about, but are hesitant to commit to the whole weekend, please come out and see what we are doing. There will be a collection box set up and **you can make any size donation you choose**. The Cancer Society will issue a tax receipt if your address is attached to the donation.

Online Donations:

If you wish, you can support our event online. Go to www.cancer.ca, find the **Turners for Cancer Research** page and donate. It is that easy to get involved.

The direct link to this page is: [My personal page](#)

Hope to see you in Waldheim

