



Launch of Europe's largest woodturning competitions

Created for both amateur and professional woodturners, The Worshipful Company of Turners has launched its **2016 Competitions**. Entries will be judged and displayed at Carpenters' Hall in the City of London in October. Also supporting junior turners in schools and colleges, the 2016 Competitions will be the largest event of its kind in Europe.

All entries registered with the Turners' Company by Monday 12 September and received by 11.30am on Tuesday 11 October will be exhibited as part of **Wizardry in Wood**. This is expected to attract several thousand visitors between 12th and 15th October at Carpenters' Hall.

The Turners' Company competitions are held every two years and every fourth year in conjunction with Wizardry in Wood. The Wizardry in Wood exhibitions were launched by the Turners' Company in 2004 on the 400th anniversary of the granting of the Company's Royal Charter in 1604.

Nic Somers, Chairman of the Wizardry in Wood Committee of the Turners' Company said "Following the outstanding success of the 2014 competitions and the large number of marvellous entries, we look forward to providing a platform for the very best in the craft to be shown at the Wizardry in Wood exhibition in October".

Woodturners in the UK and abroad are invited to **pre-register their interest** in the 2016 Competitions through Eventbrite **to automatically receive news and information** about the Competitions. Only their name and email address are needed. There is no cost to register or commitment to enter any of the competitions.

Use one of these links to pre-register your interest in the 2016 Turning Competitions:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/turners-company-2016-competitions-tickets-20942012122>

Abbreviated link to: <http://tinyurl.com/2016TurningCompetitions>

Or click this button:



Open Competition Classes

Four competition classes are open to **all woodturners from the UK**.

(1) **Great Fire of London (350th Anniversary)**

Commemorating the 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of London, the Company's Open Competition will focus on the City's rejuvenation and transformation that followed up to the present day.

Woodturners of all skills and experience are encouraged to be creative with their entries to the 'Great Fire' and other competitions - and their interpretation of the Art, Beauty, Skill and Mystery themes of the 2016 Wizardry in Wood exhibition. For the 'Great Fire' competition there will also be a special award for junior turners.

(2) **Master's Competition for Plain Turning**

(3) **Master's Competition for Ornamental Turning**

Both Master's Competition classes are for a Pair of (non-pedestal) Lidded Bowls.

(4) **Felix Levy Open Competition**

A contemporary work of the entrant's choice.

The Top Prize in each of the four competition classes will be £1,250.

Other turning competitions

In addition to the four public competitions there are a total of nine other competitions open to members of the:

- **Association of Woodturners of Great Britain (AWGB):** Three (3) competitions
- **Society of Ornamental Turners:** Three (3) competitions
- **Association of Polelathe Turners & Greenwood Workers:** One (1) competition
- **Worshipful Company of Turners:** Two (2) competitions

Full details of the 2016 Competitions and the rules for each competition will be available on the Turners' Company website before the end of March 2016 at:

www.turnersco.com/turning-competitions-2016. They will also be sent to everyone who has pre-registered their interest in the 2016 Competitions using Eventbrite.

Competitions organised with the AWGB

Open only to members of the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain (AWGB). There are no restrictions as to subject or techniques employed.

- **The Senior Class** will have Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and cash prizes of £250, £175 and £125 plus up to 3 runner-up cash prizes of £50.
- **The Junior Class** will have Silver and Bronze medals and cash prizes of £150 and £125 and £75.
- **The Ray Key Competition** for juniors who have attended an AWGB Youth Training Day.

Competitions organised with the Society of Ornamental Turners

Open only to members of the Society of Ornamental Turners:

- **The Lady Gertrude Crawford** Gold Medal and cash prize for conventional ornamental turning.
- **The Fred Howe** Gold Medal and cash prize for a combination of ornamental and rose turning.
- **The H. E. Twentyman** Silver Medal and cash prize for mainly plain form with some ornamentation.

The Medals will be awarded for the best entry by a competitor who has not previously won.

Competition organised with the Association of Polelathe Turners

Only open to members of the Association of Polelathe Turners & Greenwood Workers.

- To produce one **decorated goblet**. There will be cash prizes of £200, £100 and £50.

Competition for members of the Turners' Company

- **Bert Marsh Senior**
- **Bert Marsh Novice**

Organisation of the Competitions

How to enter the Competitions

Planned entries to the competitions should be registered with the Clerk of the Turners' Company at the latest on **Monday 12 September**.

Entries can be delivered or posted to the Clerk to arrive no later than **Tuesday 4 October**.

Entries can also be delivered directly to Carpenters' Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am on Tuesday 11 October.

Judging and display of entries

Judging will take place on Tuesday 11 October 2016.

Entries meeting the registration and entry date requirements are guaranteed to be exhibited as part of **Wizardry in Wood**, which expects to attract several thousand visitors between 12th and 15th October.

All entries on display will be shown throughout the exhibition, which ends at 4pm on Saturday 15 October 2016.

Sale of displayed competition entries

Competition entries can be sold at the exhibition.

The price required must be notified to the Turners' Company no later than 11.30am on Tuesday 11 October. Competition items sold while on display will attract an inclusive commission fee of 15%.

Wizardry in Wood

Art • Beauty • Skill • Mystery



Wizardry in Wood is a four day exhibition 12-15 October 2016

Ticket sales will be through Eventbrite and start in March at special 'Early-Bird' prices.

Pre-register your interest in the Wizardry in Wood through Eventbrite and receive advance notice of the Early-Bird ticket sales and other news about Wizardry in Wood. There is no cost to pre-register and no commitment to buy tickets. You only need to provide your name and email address.

Use one of these links to pre-register your interest in the 2016 Turning Competitions:

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/register-your-interest-in-wizardry-in-wood-2016-tickets-13949600631>

Or click this button:

Register your interest in
Wizardry in Wood

Opening hours for the public:	Wednesday 12 – Friday 14 October: 10am to 6pm (last entry 5pm) Saturday 15 October: 10am – 4pm (last entry 3pm)
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