

The Turning Point

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MEMBER SINCE 2012

The next meeting is the last meeting of the year
**The Annual General Meeting
(AGM)**

The next meeting of the Nova Woodturning Guild is at
Kent Building Supplies
Mic Mac Mall, Dartmouth, N.S.
June 17, 2013 6:30p.m.

The President's Workshop June 2013

Dianne Looker

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Finally spring and warm (sometimes too warm!) weather has arrived, and summer is well on its way. This means things are winding down for the formal Guild activities, but of course, not for our Guild members. I suspect many of you are happily getting out to your shop and turning up a storm.

The executive met this past month and we are continuing to work on a number of projects. One is to find a better location for our meetings, and for holding "hands on" sessions. Citadel High has expressed an interest in having a Guild member come and do a demonstration for some of their students. We are hoping that might open the door to discussion of the possibility of using their space for some of our meetings. We are also exploring other options.

The insurance saga continues. We are covered for this year through the American Association of Woodturners, but are also exploring more comprehensive coverage with other Canadian Guilds.

Having had a successful guest turner in the person of Malcolm Zander, we are planning to bring in others. At one point it looked like Ernie Conover would be here visiting the area this summer, and we had discussed having him do a demo. However, his plans changed and he does not now know when (or if) he'll be in the area. Gordon, as VP, is coordinating a guest turner for the fall, as well as one with Lee Valley as part of their events in early 2014. We are also putting things in motion to try to arrange for Binh Pho to come here in 2015.

It was agreed that we would add a line to the membership form, asking members to indicate their willingness to have their email addresses shared with other members. At times members want to send out a notice and, at the moment, the only way for this to happen is for the secretary to send out notices. That arrangement often works, but it is cumbersome.

There was a report on the funds distributed to and collected from the raffles, which created a net gain for the Guild of over \$400. We expressed our appreciation for the work Norm does to raise funds in this way.

Funds were approved for a summer barbecue, which Ted Monk has again graciously agreed to host.

As those of you who attended the last meeting know, a survey was given out to those in attendance. The results are as follows:

Virtually everyone agreed that we should bring in at least one and possibly two guest turners per year, in addition to the one with Lee Valley, so long as we can afford it.

The travel costs of guest turners should be shared by those in attendance and the Guild as a whole.

We should charge a bit more than the anticipated costs for less expensive guest turners, so we have additional funds to bring in the occasional more expensive guest.

Fees for the competition should go to the Guild, but options should be made available to encourage members to donate money to Feed Nova Scotia.

Various suggestions were made for increasing participation in the competition, including more extensive publicity to non-members, better timing of the drop off period for members, and more reminders for members.

Various suggestions were also made to increase membership. The executive is considering which of these would be useful to implement.

As for me, I've been attending more woodturning learning sessions – no, not with Jimmy Clewes this time. With J. Paul Fennell. I am hoping to find the time to write up that experience – if not for this newsletter, then for the next...

In the meantime, I hope you are enjoying the warm weather and sunshine, and the joys of getting to your shop to turn.

Nominating Committee

Don Moore

Dear Member,

As the Chair of the nominating committee I know I have asked many of you personally about becoming a member of our Directors' Team for the 2013 / 2014 NWG season.

We are still in the need of one member for our Events Committee (Complement of 6), but very much more importantly we yet need a volunteer for the Secretary and Treasurer Executive positions.

We have an obligation being a Society under the Joint Stocks of Nova Scotia to have all of the Executive positions.

There is no option on not having these positions occupied. If you are one of us who truly benefited and continues to benefit from the NWG, please honestly give this requirement your consideration.

I will be away at the timing of our AGM, so in lieu of that, please either email me or phone (902-764-2039) ASAP, I need this information to complete a report from your Nominating Committee that needs submission at the AGM...

Nominating Committee Chairperson,
Don

(Editors Note: As of publication, these positions have been filled.

Way to go, folks. Thanks for stepping up!)

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Meeting Notes May 13, 2013

Gordon Marshall

Opening:

Dianne opened the meeting at 7:00pm highlighting a few important items:

Malcolm Zander's recent discussions and hands-on was very informative and was enjoyed by all who attended.

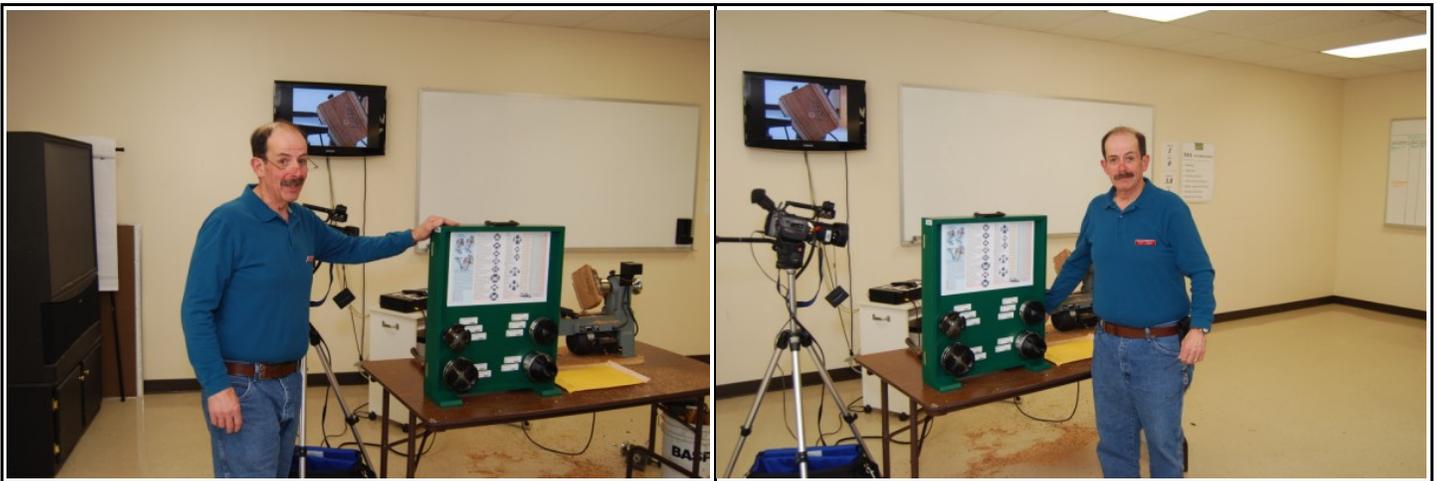
Dianne explained that the summer visit of Ernie Conover, a potential demonstrator, will be delayed due to personal circumstances.

Dianne brought up the prospect of having Binh Pho (<http://www.wondersofwood.net/>) come to NS in 2014 for a demonstration. We are hoping that it can be coordinated with Lee Valley.

Dianne also mentioned that there were still 2 executive positions that still need to be filled before the AGM.

The recent member survey highlighted that members want outside demonstrators, if affordable.

Dianne closed her comments with the announcement of the next shape challenge, a "Tea Pot", due at our September meeting.

**First Presenter:**

Next up was Gary Landry with an informative discussion the "Axminister" chucks which are now carried by Lee Valley. Lee Valley is the sole distributor in Canada of these chucks. Axminister is the largest seller of chucks in Europe.

There are 4 chuck styles, fitting from the small midi lathes up to the largest speciality lathes. The chucks are key activated, the threads are cut directly into the body (no thread inserts), which provides an extremely well balanced chuck.

When purchasing the chucks you buy the chuck body, then choose the jaws needed for the type of turning you do from the large variety of jaws styles available.

Prices should be very comparable to the competitors product.

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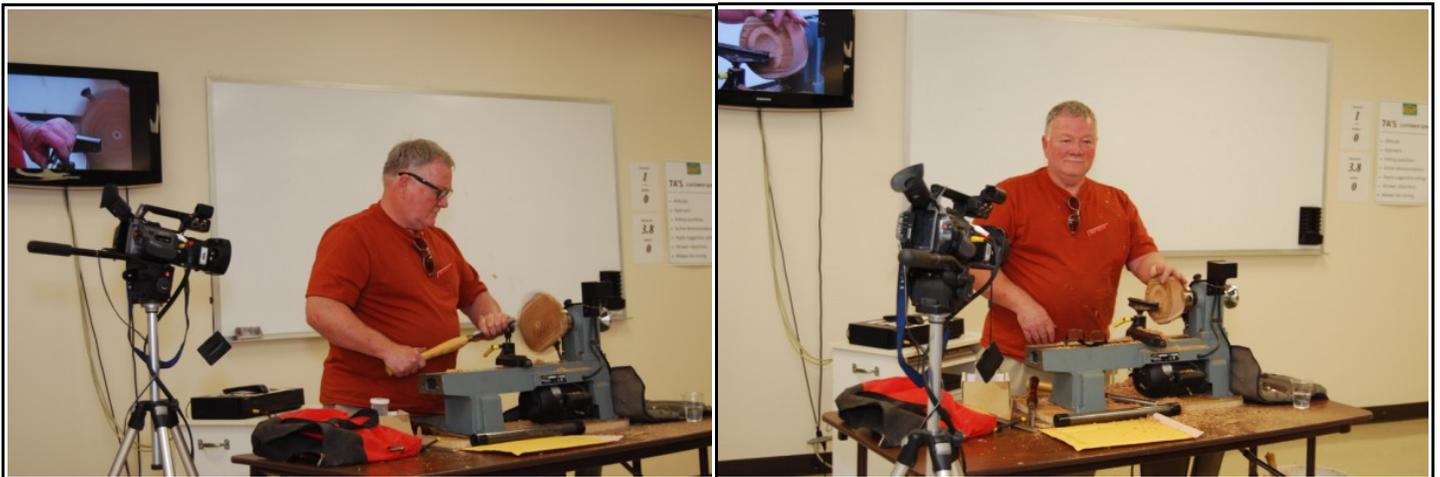
Last Presenter:

Our last presenter of the evening was Don Moore, who gave us an overview of the various turning tools available and how they are used.



Don also explained the importance of process by quoting the 6 rules of “Keith Rowley”, a highly respected woodturner.

1. Start with a slow speed, turning speed up as you get comfortable.
2. Place the tool on the rest before engaging the wood.
3. The bevel is the most important part of the gouge.
4. The part of the tool touching the wood must be supported by the rest at all times.
5. Cut down hill with the grain for a smooth finish.
6. Keep scrapers flat on the rest with the handle above center and the cutting edge below center.



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Gordon Marshall

Additional safety points to keep in mind;

- No jewelry.
- Keep oily rags in an air-tight metal container to stop fire hazard.
- Always wear a face shield, hearing protection, a turning smock or roll up your selves.
- Have good lighting.

Keep the lathe waxed (car wax or silicone) so that the rest and tail stock slide easily. Always buy the best tool steel you can afford, check out the manufacture. Round over the square edges of tools for smooth operation and prevent damage to the tool rest, Scrapers should be thick and heavy to dampen vibrations.

Show and Tell:

We had seven members show us a wide variety of well turned items.



Vases and rattles



Pens but not boxes (yet!) and inlaid coasters

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Gordon Marshall



Coloring further explored and little vessels



The 'joys' of using compromised wood.



More penturning and chucking descriptions (pin chucks and MT2 collets)

Raffle:

Edmund, Bill, Dan, Robert, Derek, + ? (I missed your name, sorry) won a block of oak. Paul A. won some grinder wheels. Plastic lab tubes(for bud vases) were also won.

NWG Barbeque and Field Day

The Nova Woodturners' Guild is pleased to announce that we will be having our 3rd Annual Summer Barbeque and Field Day for all Guild members and their spouses/partners/guests on Saturday, August 24th, 2013 (rain date Sunday August 25th).

The party will be held once again at our home in Dartmouth, which has an open concept design with a good sized patio and a large yard that can happily accommodate everyone. My wife, Debbie, and I are truly looking forward to hosting this event again (and again and again...). It has been a very successful gathering for the last two years with everyone being well fed and having a great time.

(If you missed them check out page 20 of the September 2011 newsletter - http://novawoodturnersguild.com/newsletters/nwg_newsletter_2011_09.pdf and page 9 of the September 2012 newsletter - http://novawoodturnersguild.com/newsletters/nwg_newsletter_2012_09.pdf)

Festivities will get underway around **1:00pm** and continue through the evening and end with a campfire. Though the focus of this event will be on socializing, something that we don't often get a chance to do, and eating lots of great food there are other things that have become part of this great day. They include:

- Woodturning Show & Tell
- Washer toss tournament (start practising!)
- Tool exchange and sale

Suggestions for any other 'fun and interesting' things that we could do to make this day even better are always welcomed!

The suppertime barbeque will include burgers and hotdogs supplied by the Guild. If you wish something barbequed other than burgers and hotdogs please feel free to bring along your own steak, chicken, sausage, etc.

Appetizers, salads, casseroles, main courses, sandwiches, beverages, fruit, desserts, etc. will be potluck and supplied by the attendees. We use 'potluck' in the truest sense of the word. There will be no organized list of who should bring what. Got a favourite meal item? Bring it. :) A stove, oven and microwave are available for items that require reheating.

Mark your calendars! This is the place to be on **Saturday, August 24th, 2013**

It promises to be a great time. We hope to see you all here!

I'll be sending out more information, address, RSVP, etc. as we get closer to the date.

If you have any questions, suggestions, etc. please contact me at tedmonk@gmail.com

Take care, Ted



Meeting Schedule 2012/2013		Meeting Times: 6:30-8:30pm.
Date	Subject	Location / Time
September 17, 2012	Wood and Chisel selection Show & Tell	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
October 15, 2012	Finishing (Gordon Marshall) Show & Tell Pick up wood for The Annual NWG Fun Turn	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
November 19, 2012	Home made Jigs (Don Graham) Show & Tell	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
December 10, 2012	Christmas Social & Pot Luck Show and Tell	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods 112 Bluewater Road Bedford
January 21, 2013	Eccentric Chucking Show & Tell	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
February 9, 2013	Annual Nova Woodturning Guild Competition Note: meeting starts at 1:00p.m.	Lee Valley Tools 100 Susie Lake Crescent, Halifax
March 18, 2013	The Annual NWG Fun Turn Show & Tell Competition Entries	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
April 15, 2013	Show & Tell	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
May 13, 2013	Show & Tell	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
June 17, 2013	AGM Show & Tell	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall



Library Report	Richard Ford
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ISSUE DATE	NAME	ID #	DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR
17. Sep. 2012	Chris Palmer	95BS	Fixtures and Chucks, Everything You Need to Know to Secure Wood on Your Lathe - Clarence Green	
19. Nov. 2012	Chris Palmer	72BT	Understanding Woodturning - Ann & Bob Phillips	
21. Jan. 2013	Don Graham	70BR	Turning Projects - Richard Raffan	
21. Jan. 2013	Lowell Jenkins	87BJ	Woodturning Wizardry - David Springett	
18. Mar. 2013	Bruce Moore	68VT	Turning Boxes with Chris Stott.	
18. Mar. 2013	Bruce Moore	79VG	The Capsule Box -- Turned Boxes by Ray Key	
15. Apr. 2013	Brian Sharp	22BN	The Pen Turners Bible -- Richard Kleinhenz	
15. Apr. 2013	Brian Sharp	23BP	Modified Slimline Pens -- Don Ward	
15. Apr. 2013	Dave Richards	82VK-5	The Art of Hosaluk in Woodturning --- Michael Hosuluk	
15. Apr. 2013	Ian Scott	38VH	Turn It On Vol 2-- Jimmy Clewes.	
15. Apr. 2013	Ian Scott	40VK	Turn It Up Vol 1-- Jimmy Clewes.	
15. Apr. 2013	Ian Scott	42VM	Turn It Up Vol 3-- Jimmy Clewes.	

Shavings

Halifax Specialty Hardwoods offers a 5% discount for Guild members.
Wear your badge or show your membership card and save.

Steve Mellott shows his technique of turning oval goblets from "found wood." The process involves dividing the wood and gluing onto a sacrificial core, turning the halves then using adhesive to put the two halves together into an oval form. Note that there is a skip in the middle due to a corrupted video file.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDq5oHVD294>

Is this the perfect bowl

The Ruby-Ground "Falangcai" "Double-Lotus" Bowl bearing Blue Enamel Yuzhi Mark, Kangxi period (1662 – 1722) is shown after Hong Kong Chinese ceramics dealer William Chak has bought it for HK\$74 million (**\$9.5 million US**) at Sotheby's Spring Sales in Hong Kong April 8, 2013.



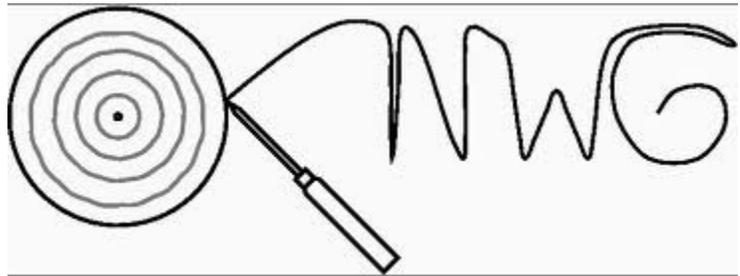
Security guards chat in front of a light box featuring a photograph of a magnificent Ruby-Ground Falangcai "Double-Lotus" Bowl

REUTERS/Bobby Yip (CHINA - Tags: BUSINESS SOCIETY)

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"We would love to see your name here! Contact any member of the Executive with your interest."

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