



# The Turning Point

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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturning Guild is at  
Kent Building Supplies  
Mic Mac Mall, Dartmouth, N.S.  
October 12, 2013 6:30 pm.*



MEMBER SINCE 2012

**Busy Bee Tools will be hosting  
a rep from Robert Sorby  
On Nov.12 (Tues.) 2013, 6:30 pm.  
Single night pricing on Sorby tools so bring your wish list!**

**The President's Workshop** Oct. 2013

Dianne Looker

Much of what I have to report was verbally reported at the September meeting, and is included with those minutes. At the September meeting we voted to join the Society of Canadian Woodworkers, an umbrella organization offering liability insurance to Canadian woodworking clubs. And we voted to purchase that insurance for a year. That is a huge step forward.

At our September executive meeting, we met with **Ted Monk**, who (with **Don Moore**) is coordinating our exhibition at the Mary Black Gallery in 2015 that will focus on wood art. Ted and Don and other executive members came up with various ways we can focus more on the wood art side of turning in our regular meetings over the next year or so. These include: asking people to talk about the design side of their pieces for show and tell, inviting someone to talk to the Guild about design issues (possibly one or more of the judges for our upcoming competition). Many of the books and DVDs emphasize design; these could be highlighted in our library offerings. There was also the suggestion of collaborations among different turners in creating pieces for the juried exhibition.

Based on the results of the survey distributed at the September meeting, it was agreed that we would contact **Binh Pho** and invite him to come to the Guild sometime in 2015. Gordon, as vice-president, is following through on that.

Wood for the fun turn (3x3x6 pieces of dry maple) will again be purchased from Stuart – thanks Stuart! Each member will get one piece to turn. Members will be able to purchase additional pieces, but only if they are preordered and prepaid. More information will be made available at the meetings. The fun turn pieces will be due in May.

**Dave Duggan** and **Gary Landry** agreed to look into places in the Halifax area that might be appropriate for a new venue for our meetings. I still have not had any volunteers to help with the brochure. I am willing to work on it, but would love some assistance, especially if someone has any expertise formatting multi-columned items. Contact me at [dianne.looker@msvu.ca](mailto:dianne.looker@msvu.ca)

The October meeting will feature making ornaments. The executive agreed that at the December meeting (in addition to the social and in addition to Gordon talking about the different types of

The President's Workshop *Continued*

Dianne Looker

wood) there would be an "ornament exchange". You bring however many ornaments, wrapped (but with a note inside saying "made by ..."). You put them in a box with the (wrapped) ornaments that others have brought. And then you get to take out as many as you put in. So, if you bring three, you get to take three (presumably not your own!); if you bring two, you take two. Like the "boomerang box" that Gordon introduced at the September meeting, it is a way of members having turnings made by other members.

And speaking of turnings – the teapot shape challenge has been postponed again – to the November meeting.

When we put on an exhibition at NSCAD (Nova Scotia College of Art and Design) a few years ago, there was discussion of the Guild members having a tour of the facilities at NSCAD. The executive is following up on that, and will keep you informed.

We are also looking at ways to increase our membership as well as our visibility to the general public. One project that we are considering is making wig stands for those with cancer who lose their hair to chemotherapy.

Given the enthusiasm shown at the September meeting for the idea, the executive has agreed that there will be a regular meeting on Feb 17, in addition to the awards ceremony meeting on Feb 8 at Lee Valley. I will not be able to attend either meeting, but it's clear you can not only cope, but have a grand time, without me. Which is how it should be...

And I hope you are all having a grand time turning, and enjoying the beautiful fall weather we are having.

**Dianne Looker**, President

The Secretary's Quill

Dave Duggan

Just a quick reminder, all meeting minutes are included in each month's newsletter if there is something that you missed or would like to check up on please check out the web site for the month you need. If you have a question about anything please feel free to drop me a line at [d.jd@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:d.jd@ns.sympatico.ca) and I'll help as best as I can.

Dave Duggan  
NWG Secretary

## Meeting Notes Sept. 17, 2013

Dave Duggan

### Introduction

President Dianne Looker got things started at 7:00 introduced and welcomed some new members to the guild Derek Deveau and H. S. Allen. Welcome aboard and thanks for coming guys. Dianne then welcomed all members as this is the first meeting of the 2013 - 2014 year.

This year we are going to try a couple new things, in keeping with our show and tell table we are going to try a no touch part of the table. These items may be destined for a gallery or may have already been purchased and the turners may rest a little easier if it was view only. You also may be happy to hear that you can bring in an item for viewing if you like but don't have to talk if you don't like, being up front can be nerve racking.

We continue to look for a new venue for our meetings, the stairs at Kent seem to get more daunting every month. If you think or hear of a place that might be suitable, please let us know so we can check it out.

Increasing membership is always on our minds. If you hear of another turner that might like to come on board please let them know we would love to have them. The guild is looking at developing a new brochure and logo as well as guest turners this year. I'm sure will attract many new members.

A special thanks goes out to Ted Monk and his wife Debbie for once again hosting the barbeque , a good time was had by all. Food, games, tools, talk, you two are going to have a hard time stopping this in the future. Thanks again.

Committee's once again prove important as we have a number of them. Library this year as in years before is Richard Ford and Jim Diamond. Web site is Ian Scott and Norm Jolivet, Norm is also our raffle and newsletter person. Membership is Gary Landry and Norm Jolivet. Nominating committee is Don Moore. Events is Edmund Benoit, Calum Ewing, Gordon Marshall, Don Moore and Peter Nicholl we are still looking for another member and a chair.

Executive members are President Dianne Looker, Vice President Gordon Marshall, Treasurer Peter Nicholl and the Secretary is Dave Duggan, and last but not least is our photographer is Chris Palmer.

Another new item this year is a Boomerang box. This was started off by Gordon Marshall who turned an item and placed it in a box, a number is drawn from the participants and the winner keeps the item, turns another and brings it back next month for the next winner. This is a great way for turners to get an item from another turner. This month's inaugural winner is Don Campbell, congratulations Don.

Nova Scotia Craft Council on Marginal Rd in Halifax is hosting a display of turned items, Sept 27 to Nov. 3. involving Stephen Zwerling a lifetime guild member. If you have some time and would like to see some beautiful work please make an effort to get there and check it out.

The Mary E. Black Gallery 2015 Exhibition,(Turn Turn Turn) is to show the artistic side or art form side of turning as opposed to the functional side. We hope to have much more on this over the next year with Ted Monk and Don Moore so THINK TURNING.

### Business meeting:

Dianne spoke on the progression of our insurance quest and how we got where we are. The following is a motion to join the Society of Canadian Woodworkers (SCW) at \$20 / year to be reviewed yearly. Motion by Dianne Looker Seconded by Gary Landry. In answer to questions, it was clarified that:

- we will remain members of AAW

**Meeting Notes** Continued

Dave Duggan

- SCW created for insurance purposes
  - umbrella group or organization will receive the dues and arrange for the insurance
- Motion Carried

The second motion was for the Nova Woodturner's Guild to participate and purchase the insurance at no more than \$550 to the Guild. Motion by Dianne Looker Seconded by Doug McGuire. Answer to questions included:

- will price go down- unlikely but it may if more guilds join
  - we approved AAW insurance but did not take it after we learned that it did not cover Canadian guilds
  - we do not need members to be AAW members as this is Canadian insurance
- Motion Carried

Papers were passed out and we were asked our opinion on bring in a guest turner, Binh Pho. Results to follow.

At the end of Lee Valley turning week each year we have had our monthly meeting combined with the awards. This year we are asking if you would like to have our regular meeting separate from the awards at Lee Valley. It was agreed the awards will be Feb 8,2014 and our regular meeting will be Feb 17,2014.

Ian Scott thanked those turners for the donations they made to the silent auction for The Northern Aids Connection. The auction made \$400. Thank you from Ian and his wife Sue Smith.

**Meeting Topic – Reverse Chucking**

Don Moore lead the discussion on Reverse Chucking. Don explained the problems with reverse chucking and why. He then went on to explain how to overcome these problems. You had better get good at making parts, improvising, using a glue gun and ***don` t take it off the chuck until it is glued***. There were lots of great ideas on reverse chucking, different glues and jumbo jaws you really have to be here to get all this good stuff. Don is going to try and clean up his notes and get them on the website. Thanks Don.

**Show and Tell:**

Don Moore showed a number of eccentric turnings he did from his courses in France where he studied with "Jean-Francois Escoulen ecole de tournage sur bois in Aiguines, and the second week with renowned woodturner Alain Mailland in Chamboriaud.

Stuart Taylor showed a birch root burl that was reverse chucked

Robert Atkinson showed a wonderful large yellow birch bowl he dried in his garage.

Gordon Marshall had a segmented vase, he added color specks by coloring and sanding between each color coat on the spald wood.

Lowell Jenkins brought in a cherry burl vase

Leo Westhaver showed a small elm burl bowl

Yogi Gutz showed a nice burl pen and a wire burner he made. I believe he may have some extra wire to bring in next month.

We had 5 draws, three blocks of wood and a couple of books. Thank you all for supporting the draw. There were 32 members in attendance.



# Show & Tell



The official stuff being dealt with.

**Don Campbell**, the first recipient of the Boomerang Box



A segmented, red oak bowl by **Gord Marshall**.

**Diane Looker** and a commercial Longworth Chuck



**Don Moore** beginning his presentation on eccentric turning and reverse mounting to turn the bottoms

# Show & Tell



Some tricks don't picked up on his trip to France. Professional Sander indeed



Everyone brought in something that provided an interesting problem in remounting and the solution



found that solved it. It was interesting that there were alternatives offered for nearly every problem!



## Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 16, 2013	Reverse Chucking Don Moore	Kent Building Supplies Mic Mac Mall
October 21, 2013	Christmas ornaments Gordon Marshall and Friends	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
November 18, 2013	Spinning tops - Richard Ford Shape challenge (tea pot)	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
December 9, 2013	Christmas Social and Pot Luck	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd Bedford
January 13th, 2014	Steven Kennard Demo	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
February 8th, 2014	Turning Week @ Lee Valley	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
February 17th, 2014	Additional Meeting?	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
March 17, 2014	Offset Pendants Ian Scott	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
April 14, 2014	Finishes Buffing Bill Luther & Ian Scott	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
May 12, 2014	Sanding - Fun Turn Gordon Marshall	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
June 16, 2014	AGM	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall

### The Raffle Booth

Norm Jolivet

We had 5 draws in the Raffle at Septembers meeting. With the donation of 3 blocks of green wood and 2 woodturning books we managed to raise \$65. With the sale of 2 more books at \$10 each, the Raffle raised a total of \$85 dollars this month.

Thanks to all who participated, and if you have something, anything, you would like to donate, bring it along. A heads-up e-mail would be appreciated.

Norm,  
 jolivetn@yahoo.ca  
 Hey, you could even phone me! 902-3545-2165



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Since **Binh Pho** may well be in our future, here is his web site <http://www.wondersofwood.net>



*“From a heavy log of timber to a light, thin vessel,  
negative spaces interlock with solid surface.  
The color, grain and natural look of the wood  
all reflect the principle of Yin and Yang.*

*My work comes from memories, culture, Zen mind and my own thoughts.  
Negative spaces inspire me, as they represent the unseen weight of the  
unknown, which I use to take the viewers into my work. “*

*Binh Pho*

Winter Dream

Box Elder, Acrylic Paint, Gold Leaf  
9”H x 6”Diam.

# Shavings Continued

Busy Bee will once again be hosting the travelling road show with **Robert Sorby**. On November 12, 2013 (Tuesday) at 6:30 pm at **Busy Bee Tools** 86 Troop Ave in the Burnside Industrial Park. Mr. **Chris Pouncy** will be our guest turner for the evening.

For the upcoming Christmas sale at Busy Bee we will be featuring A LOT of turning items. Again for this evening we will be having ONE NIGHT ONLY pricing for the show. This would be a great time for the members to get some early Christmas gifts ( just to make things easier for the loved ones who can't figure out what to get them).

Busy Bee will be sending out a giant email blast to all of it's customers in Nova Scotia, this should bring in a lot more people. More people means more members hopefully. We should make sure that we have lots of information on hand for hand outs.

Thanks looking forward to another great evening with the Robert Sorby team

**Bill Luther**

## Library Report

Richard Ford

This is the current Book & Video Issued List as of 17th Sept 2013

ISSUE DATE	NAME	ID #	DESCRIPTION - AUTHOR
19. Mar. 2012	Leo WestHaver	76BX	The Woodturners' Workbook - Ray Key
18. Jun. 2012	David McLachlan	69BP	Turning Pens and Pencils - Kip Christensen & Rex Burningham
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
18. Mar. 2013	Ted Monk	96BT	Woodturning Design: Using Shape, Proportion, and Decoration - Derek Hayes
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.
13. May. 2013	Peter Nicholl	35BC	Bert Marsh Woodturner - Bert Marsh
13. May. 2013	Peter Nicholl	50BU	Decorative Techniques for Woodturners - Hilary Bowen
13. May. 2013	Peter Nicholl	57BB	Multi-Center Woodturning - Ray Hopper
13. May. 2013	Peter Nicholl	70BR	Turning Projects - Richard Raffan
13. May. 2013	Peter Nicholl	82BD	Woodturning Projects: A Workshop Guide to Shapes - Mark Baker
13. May. 2013	Dianne Looker	41BJ	Useful Woodturning Projects - The Best from Woodturning Magazine
18. Jun. 2013	David Barry	19VK	Turned Bowls Made Easy -- Bill Grumbine.
18. Jun. 2013	Robert Atkinson	73VA	Glenn Lucas Woodturning A Bowl -- From YouTube.
18. Jun. 2013	Robert Atkinson	73VA	Glenn Lucas Woodturning A Bowl -- From YouTube.
16. Sep. 2013	Dan Graham	64BJ	Turned Boxes 50 designs - Chris Stott
16. Sep. 2013	David McLachlan	22BN	The Pen Turners Bible -- Richard Kleinhenz

# Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2013/14 Executive

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**Past President:** Don Moore



**Members At Large:**  
 Bill Luther  
 Gary Landry  
 Ian Scott



## Committees:

**Library:**  
 Jim Diamond C  
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 Chris Palmer

**Website:**  
 Ian Scott C  
 Norm Jolivet

**Fund Raising:**  
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**Membership & Promotion:**  
 Gary Landry C  
 Norm Jolivet

**Nominating:**  
 Don Moore C

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

**Newsletter:**  
 Norm Jolivet C

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 Dave Barry  
 Dave McLachlan

C - Chairperson

