



# The Turning Point

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*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is at  
Kent Building Supplies  
Mic Mac Mall, Dartmouth, N.S.  
November 16, 2015 6:30 pm.*

The next meeting will feature

**Segmented Turning - Gord Marshall  
Shape challenge presented**

## The President's Workshop

Dianne Looker

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NWG President's report November, 2015

The really big news for this month is that we have the offer of a new place to meet! And not just any place, but **Lee Valley!** Meeting there would mean that we would have access to dust collection during any demos, as well as access to a large lathe. And – very important – no stairs!

The membership will vote on this move at our November meeting. We will also have a demo from **Gordon Marshall** on segmented turning – something to look forward to.

We had an inspiring presentation from **Don Moore** in October, showing his tricks making a holiday ornament, complete with an internal flame. Thanks, Don – much appreciated. It was great to see new members at our Oct. meeting, and good to see so many members there given that we had to change the date with not a lot of notice. Thanks to everyone for accommodating that shift.

At the end of October I was in Ottawa and attended a demo by **Mike Mocho**, who does all sorts of embellishing on the sides and ends of turnings. I finally learned how to use some of the fancy toys I have in my shop. Learning is good...

And I sold a fair number of tickets for the **Binh Pho** bowl when I was in Ottawa. So, we now have about two thirds sold – about 100 of the 150. The November meeting is one of your last chances to buy tickets. I am sure some of you have friends who'd like to buy a ticket or three... (One for \$10, three for \$25). Let's see if we can't sell them all! The draw will take place at our December social, Dec 14, at Halifax Specialty Hardwoods.

I also had some tree work done in my yard – so if anyone needs oak wood, let me know.

The executive is finalizing the plans for the meetings January to June. And speaking of June – that's the time of our Annual General Meeting, the time we elect new officers and executive members. I thought I'd give you all lots of notice that I plan to step down as president after this year. It's been a wonderful time – and – I've accomplished all the things I set out to accomplish and then some - with more than a little help from my very able and very helpful executive. So, time to start thinking about what you can do to keep our Guild active and vibrant.

Another "heads up" – the plan is that the annual competition at Lee Valley will be in April, specifically April 11-23. So, start dreaming up those designs and get the lathe turning...

Looking forward to seeing you all, November 16 at Kent.

**Dianne Looker,**  
President, NWG.

# Notice

Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 12:38 PM  
Subject: Good news about a new meeting place

Hello NWG members,

Some very exciting news. **Gary Landry** has talked with the powers that be at the Halifax **Lee Valley** store. With some caveats, they have agreed to let us hold our monthly meetings there! It even means we can use their big lathe, so we don't have to buy one. And, most important, it means there are no stairs, so those of our members who find the stairs at Kent a challenge (they are getting to be more and more of a challenge for me!) can actually come to our meetings.

Gary lists the relevant information, below:

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- 1 - No charge for use by the Guild
- 2 - Guild can have space to store two file cabinets but not in the Seminar Room as space is at a premium. The suggestion is to place them on mobile bases and roll them into the room before each use. Storage will be in warehouse by staff washrooms so this is not a really onerous point. This is necessary as L-V cannot accept liability for non-staff in the warehouse area.
- 3 - A staff member must be in attendance during the meeting as the store will be closed on Mondays at 6PM. *(This should not be a problem as I am a member of staff. My travel plans (infrequent) and possible illness (also infrequent, thank God) might get in the way with this one but there should be plenty of warning in either event. - G. L.)*
- 4 - Everyone must be out before 9PM as Kevin {Lee Valley} will have to come back to L-V from his home to lock up and secure the building. We have not had a problem with this at Kent so this should be easy to meet.
- 5 - Guild members **MUST** park out back of the building. L-V does not want to tick off customers who pass by and see cars in the lot, assume the store is open and then find out the doors are locked when they detour into the front lot. There will be one door out back designated for entry and exit to the meetings and this will be communicated to us shortly after we accept the offer from L-V.
- 6 - Guild members who come into the store before 6PM to purchase items must place their purchased in their vehicles before going into the Seminar Room. This will actually be handy in that they can then move their vehicles around back to meet item #5 above.
- 7 - After the store closes at 6PM the cashes are shut down so there will be **NO** opportunity to place orders or buy items. Do this before the meeting starts. To save time, pre-order by phone or online and pick up at Express Pick-Up before 6PM.
- 8 - Set up before and clean up after meetings are our responsibility.

9 - We will be allowed to use the large Nova lathe in the Seminar Room. This could save us big bucks as we will not need to buy a large lathe of our own. Plus there is little room for us to store a big lathe anyway.

10 - Guild members cannot use any of the power tools in the workshop. This should not be a problem as Gary Landry is checked out on the table saw, drill press and band saw and can make required cuts, etc needed to get stock prepared for any demos. In any event this is better than what we can do now at Kent.

11 - Except for the Turning Competition items, L-V cannot act as a drop off spot for Guild members. For example if someone wants to return a late library item they would have to wait for the next meeting and not expect L-V staff to take, secure and pass along items to Jim / Richard.

12 - Guild members would have to use the washrooms in the showroom not the ones in the warehouse (see #2).

13 - A current copy of Guild insurance coverage would have to be given to Theresa or Kevin {Lee Valley} each year.

Personally, I see money saved for rental, money saved in not having to buy a big lathe, no steps for our older members to have to climb, access to dust collection during demos and a symbiotic relationship between the Guild and one of the best suppliers of turning tools in the Atlantic provinces. The only up-front cost I see is buying two mobile bases for our cabinets.

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The executive supports this move. We will formally put it to you as members at our November meeting.

All the best,  
Your very excited and pleased president.  
Dianne

*{Editors Note – Some other advantages not mentioned. 6pm – 9pm provides us half an hour more meeting time than we enjoy now. The washrooms are a lot closer. Since we all go to Lee Valley anyway, less time wasted commuting to Dartmouth.}*

Meeting Notes Oct. 26, 2015

Dave Barry

President **Dianne Looker** opened up the meeting and welcomed two new members, Aston and Al. Spoke about a new schedule to be set for the new year and what would members like to see in demonstrations such as different designs, air cleaning, sanding, colours etc. Also on this evenings agenda was some new ways of selling tickets for the **Binh Pho** artistic piece which included other wood turners and wood worker groups across Canada.

The dead line for the ticket sale Ref; **Binh Pho** is December 14, 2015. An up to date on the new location was briefly touched on.



**Show And Tell**

**Stuart Taylor** was showing the members on how to make an Christmas tree ornament from an article he came across in the American Wood turners magazine. He spoke on the do's and don'ts and the best way he found to do this method of mass production of ornaments.



Stuart also spoke to experiments on a small pill box to design, one that will stay closed while in your pocket.



**Yogi Gutz** showed us the wine stopper he made using copper and cocobolo which he made recently.

# Meeting Notes continued

Dave Barry



**Richard Ford** showed the members his Ten Cent Pens and will do a demo on this in the new year.

**Bill Fisher** presented his candy dish made from a small cherry burl and **Calum Ewing** spoke about and presented his turned pen.

### Featured Demonstrator

We were treated to **Don Moore** giving instruction on how he turns one of his Christmas ornaments he calls The Friendship Lantern. Don has kindly included a brief instruction sheet to help those of us with shorter memories.



Meeting Notes continued

Dave Barry

“As you may have noticed, I do not oversand my Christmas Ornaments (other than the four drilled hole areas). By achieving good tool control, you too can drastically increase your production time, with the ability to produce finished work ,with little or no sanding.”

“I stopped giving instruction in woodturning five years ago. However, recently the desire to share my techniques has returned and I will once again be giving instruction in woodturning to anyone seeking assistance.”

Keep your Bevel Rubbing,  
**Don Moore**

Thanks Don for an entertaining and informative demonstration.



*All Photos thanks to Chris Palmer*

**Upcoming Events**

Events Committees

Submission Deadline	Event Dates	Event Details
	Dec. 14, 2015	Christmas Social, Halifax Specialty Hardwood. Bring food.
Apr. 11, 2016	Apr. 11-23, 2016	Annual Competition at Lee Valley . 5:00 pm dropoff deadline at Lee Valley. 8:00 pm dropoff at regular meeting.

## Friendship Lanterns by Don Moore

### A Christmas Ornament by Don Moore...

"I make two versions of the ornament. A small one as a Christmas Ornament and this, larger version that I sell as 'Friendship Lanterns'"

Blanks required:

Part #1 - 2 x 2 x 4 darker wood (i.e. Walnut)

Part #2 - 3/4" x 3/4" x 6 light coloured wood

Other jigs and fixtures:

A "V"-block with indexing pin, for use on a drill press.

A "Dial" consisting of a small disk marked equally in 4 with a small length of 1/2" dowel mounted on centre



The first step (part #1) requires a block of wood 2x2x4". Drill a 1/2" hole by 1 1/2" deep into the centre of one end. Place the block on a 1/2" dowel held in the 4 jaw chuck and turn to a cylinder. Place the cylinder in the "V" block on your drill press. Place the "Dial" into the 1/2" hole. Using a 3/4" Forstner bit (or smaller) drill four holes at 1 1/2" from the drilled end, each one just slightly passed the centre of the cylinder. I file a flat spot to help the drill bit start. Sand this piece by hand where the drill holes were made. Put some Double Boiled Linseed Oil on a rag and oil the drilled area, not the 1/2" hole. The dial will help keep this clean and ready for gluing. Remove the dial.

The second piece needed for this project is a piece 3/4" x 3/4" x 6". Turn the first 1 3/8" to a 1/2" diameter, this will be your candle. Check that this diameter will pass through the 1/2" hole in part #1. Turn the shape of a candle, check to be sure the candle is in the proper position in the lantern and finish with double boiled Linseed Oil, followed by L.V. Turners polish. Keep the bottom part clean for gluing. Now slide part #2 into part #1 and glue together. Allow to dry.

Grip the turning at the end of the finial (part #2) and using a roughing out gouge, or similar, shape the lantern and the lower finial to your personal taste. Sand and finish as per the flame.

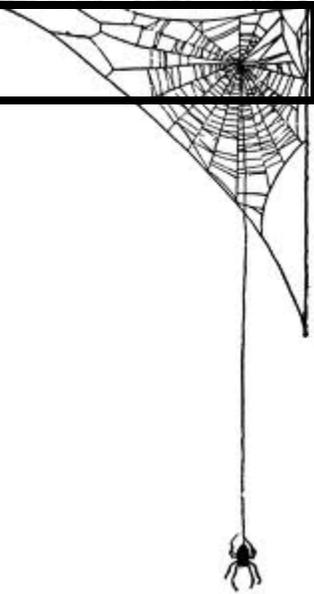
Lastly, drill a small diameter hole in the top stem to accept a looped ribbon. With a small knot tied in the end. Place a dab of glue into the hole and insert the ribbon knot with a small nail or similar.



<b>Library Report</b>	Richard Ford
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17 Feb. 2014	David Barry	50BU	Decorative Techniques for Woodturners - Hilary Bowen
17 Mar. 2014	Dave McLachlin	49BT	The Craftsman Woodturner - Peter Child New Revised Edition
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry	46BP	Carving on Turning - Chris Pye
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry	80BB	Woodturning Masterclass - Tony Boase
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry	83BE	Woodturning A Source Book Of Shapes – John hunnex
20 Apr. 2015	David Barry	99BW	Understanding Wood Finishing – Bob Flexner
2 May. 2015	Dianne Looker	90VT	Binh Pho Surface Design - Binh Pho
11 May. 2015	Lowell Jenkins	76BX	The Woodturners' Workbook - Ray Key
20 Jul. 2015	Trevor Edis	78BZ	Woodturning A Foundation Course - Keith Rowley
26 Oct. 2015	Brian Sharp	47BR	The Complete guide To Sharpening - Leonard Lee
26 Oct. 2015	Harold McLellan	100BX	Woodturning – Klaus Pracht
26 Oct. 2015	Harold McLellan	39BG	Intermediate Woodturning Projects - The Best from Woodturning Magazine
26 Oct. 2015	Leo Westhaver	44BM	Woodturning Techniques - Woodturning magazine
26 Oct. 2015	Leo Westhaver	98BV	The Creative Woodturner – Terry Martin

<b>Letters to the Editor</b>
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## Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 21, 2015	Diablo Box shape challenge (really, really!) Bring in a 'useful' item you have turned.	Kent Building Supplies Mic Mac Mall
October 19, 2015	Christmas Ornaments - Don Moore demo	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
November 16, 2015	Segmented Turning - Gord Marshall (Shape challenge presented)	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
December 14, 2015	Christmas Social	Halifax Specialty Hardwoods, 112 Bluewater Rd. Bedford
January 18, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 1 Texturing – Ted Monk	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
February 22, 2016	Using the skew and examples with kits Harold McLellan (Shape challenge result)	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
March 21, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 2 Pyrography & Branding – Ted Monk Fun Turn results	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
April 11, 2016	Accenting With Surface Techniques Part 3 Paint, Dyes and Stains – Ted Monk	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
April 23, 2016	Awards Day Lee Valley	Lee Valley Tools, 100 Susie Lake Crescent
May 16, 2016	The "10 minute pen", and various techniques – Richard Ford	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall
June 20, 2016	AGM	Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall

The Raffle Booth

Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz

**Don Moore** won, **Harold McLellan** won, and **Brian Sharp** won, but, it was **Edmond Benoit** that went away with the large bowl blank.



## Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2015/16 Executive

*Our e-mail now reflects a more consistent method of communicating with the various offices in the Nova Woodturners' Guild. The recipients will change as the need arises but a note sent to the president will go to who ever is president at that time. All the following addresses should be followed by @novawoodturnersguild.com to send mail to that person*

Position	<address>@novawoodturnersguild.com	Name	Chairperson?
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### **EXECUTIVE**

executive (sends the message to all positions on the list)

**President**

president

Dianne Looker

**Vice President**

vice-president

David McLachlan

**Secretary**

secretary

David Barry

**Treasurer**

treasurer

Brenna Swinamer

**Members at Large**

members-at-large

Gary Landry

### **COMMITTEES**

**Library**

library

Jim Diamond  
Richard Ford

**C**

**Web Site**

webmaster

Ian Scott  
Norm Jolivet

**C**

**Website Forum**

**Membership & Promotion**

Gary Landry  
Norm Jolivet

**C**

**Newsletter**

newsletter

Norm Jolivet

**C**

**Events**

events

Brian Sharp  
Dave McLachlan

**C**

**Competition**

Calum Ewing  
Edmund Benoit  
Harold McLellan

**C**

**Guild Photographer**

Chris Palmer

**Fund Raising**

Norm Jolivet (Raffles)  
Yogi Gutz

**C**

**Nominating**

**C**